



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: State Board of Education

From: John Keller, Chief Technology Officer
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Re: Final approval of updated Praxis licensure test and cut score

Background

In October 2018, the IDOE released an RFP for a new licensure test vendor and program as required by the 2018 General Assembly. In July 2019, in accordance with the results of the RFP and action by the 2019 General Assembly, Educational Testing Service (ETS)--with its nationally available Praxis test program--was adopted by the SBOE to provide educator licensure tests as of September 1, 2021.

As a component of its normal and usual work to update and replace Praxis tests periodically, ETS is replacing the existing test #5543 Special Education: Core Knowledge and Mild to Moderate Applications with an updated test #5355 Special Education: Foundational Knowledge. This new test will be used for licensure in Special Education: Mild Intervention by applicants and prospective educators effective September 1, 2023.

In December 2022 a multistate standard-setting study was conducted over a three-day period by 29 panelists from 14 ETS client states. The panel's resulting passing score recommendation is 62 out of a possible 110 raw-score points. The scale score associated with a raw score of 62 is 145 on a 100-200 scale.

The full multistate standard-setting technical report with the recommended cut score was posted on the DOE Educator Testing website for public comment for 30 days. Two public comments were submitted, both from teacher preparation programs in higher education institutions. Both comments supported adoption of the test and its recommended passing score.

Action Needed

Under 511 IAC 15-7-2 the board must vote final approval of licensure tests and cut scores after 30 days of public comment.

DOE Recommendation

Final approval of the updated Praxis special education test #5355 Special Education: Foundational Knowledge and its recommended passing scale score of 145.