



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 tests and passing scores

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 Indiana's 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 developed updated replacement tests for several Praxis tests currently in use in Indiana. Following the development of these tests, multistate standard-setting studies were conducted to determine a recommended passing score. These tests, as noted below, will be in effect for licensure applicants and prospective educators beginning September 1, 2023.

On February 16, 2023, the technical reports of the multistate standard-setting studies, including the recommended passing scores, were posted for public comment for 30 days. Information about these seven updated tests, their recommended passing scores, and public comments submitted follow:

● **Praxis test #5547 *Special Education: Severe to Profound*** will replace the current Praxis test #5545 for licensure in Intense Interventions. Twenty-three panelists from nine states participated in the multistate standard-setting study in January 2023; three panelists represented Indiana. The recommended passing score is 70 out of 110 raw-score points. The associated scale score is **156** on a 100-200 scale. No public comments were submitted.

● **Praxis test #5522 *School Counselor*** will replace the current Praxis test #5421 for licensure as a School Counselor. Sixteen panelists representing 11 states and the American School Counseling Association (ASCA) participated in the multistate standard-setting study in September 2021. The recommended passing score is 66 out of a possible 100 raw-score points. The associated scale score is **159** on a 100-200 scale. No public comments were submitted.

Praxis test #5266 *Physics* will replace the current Praxis test #5265 for licensure in Physics. Nineteen panelists representing 11 states and Western Governors University (WGU) participated in the multistate standard-setting study; two panelists represented Indiana. The recommended passing score is 56 out of a possible 100 raw-score points. The associated scale score is **145** on a 100-200 scale. No public comments were submitted.



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● **Praxis test #5312 *School Librarian*** will replace the current Praxis test #5311 for licensure in School Library/Media. Eleven panelists representing eight states participated in the multistate standard-setting study; two panelists represented Indiana. The recommended passing score is 63 out of a possible 100 raw-score points. The associated scale score is **154** on a 100-200 scale. Public comment was submitted by one individual who recommended a higher passing score and required hands-on library work experience for licensure as a school librarian.

● **Praxis test #5572 *Earth and Space Sciences*** will replace the current Praxis test #5571 for licensure in Earth/Space Science. Twenty-one panelists representing 10 states participated in the multistate standard-setting study; five panelists represented Indiana. The recommended passing score is 62 out of a possible 100 raw-score points. The associated scale score is **154** on a 100-200 scale. No public comments were submitted.

● **Praxis test #5236 *Biology*** will replace the current Praxis test #5235 for licensure in Life Science. Twenty-one panelists representing 14 states participated in the multistate standard-setting study; two panelists represented Indiana. The recommended passing score is 75 out of a possible 120 raw-score points. The associated scale score is **154** on a 100-200 scale. No public comments were submitted.

● **Praxis test #5246 *Chemistry*** will replace the current Praxis test #5245 for licensure in Chemistry. Twenty-five panelists representing 15 states and Washington, D.C., participated in the multistate standard-setting study; five panelists represented Indiana. The recommended passing score is 56 out of a possible 100 raw-score points. The associated scale score is **146** on a 100-200 scale. No public comments were submitted.

Action Needed

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

DOE Recommendation

Final approval of seven updated Praxis tests and their recommended passing scores:

- **Praxis test #5547 *Special Education: Severe to Profound***; recommended passing score 156.
- **Praxis test #5522 *School Counselor***; recommended passing score 159.
- **Praxis test #5266 *Physics***; recommended passing score 145.
- **Praxis test #5312 *School Librarian***; recommended passing score 154.
- **Praxis test #5572 *Earth and Space Sciences***; recommended passing score 154.
- **Praxis test #5236 *Biology***; recommended passing score 154.
- **Praxis test #5246 *Chemistry***; recommended passing score 146.