



Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

MEMORANDUM

TO: State Board of Education

FROM: Dr. John Keller, Chief Technology Officer
Risa A. Regnier, Director of Educator Licensing

DATE: June 8, 2022

RE: Adoption of New Praxis Tests and Recommended Cut 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 educator licensure tests as of September 1, 2021. Since its adoption in July 2019, ETS began working with the IDOE to establish test cut scores for the existing Praxis tests Indiana is using, and the development of several new Praxis for use in Indiana and other ETS client states. The transition to the Praxis test program was completed August 31, 2021.

At this time, ETS has completed development of three new Praxis tests that were required in the 2018 RFP or in subsequent legislation. Following the development of these tests a multi-state standard setting (cut score) study was conducted that included Indiana teachers licensed in these content areas as participants. The tests and recommended cut scores were posted for public comment for 30 days.

- There was one public comment supporting the CTE: Health Occupations test 5052 and its recommended cut score of 152.
- There were no public comments on the World Language: Russian test 5671 and its recommended cut score of 130.
- There were six public comments regarding the Elementary Education: Math Specialist test 5037 and its recommended cut score of 153. Three comments supported the recommended cut score; one comment recommended lowering the cut score; two comments recommended raising the cut score.

Action Needed

Under 511 IAC 15-7-2 the board must vote final approval of cut scores for the licensure tests after 30 days of public comment. These tests will become effective for use September 1, 2022.

DOE Recommendation

Final approval of the three new Praxis tests and their recommended cut scores: World Language: Russian 5671 (130); CTE: Heath Occupations 5052 (152); and Elementary Education: Math Specialist 5037 (153).