

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action Item:

Praxis Elementary Education: Multi-Subject Test (7001)

Staff Recommendation:

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should approve the Praxis Elementary Education: Multi-Subject Test (7001) with the listed -1 Standard Error of Measure (SEM) on the corresponding assessment sections to meet the content assessment requirements of 16 KAR 6:010, the literacy assessment requirements of KRS 164.306 and the numeracy assessment requirements of KRS 164.3061 for elementary certification.

Rationale:

At the December 2024 meeting, the EPSB approved the recommendation of the Early Literacy and Numeracy Cohorts to move to the Praxis Elementary Education: Multi-Subject Test (7001). The initial recommendation was for the transition to take place September 1, 2025, but since the - 1 SEM is now available, approving the test to meet certification requirements immediately while staff works to update the regulation will provide candidates with flexibility and still meet the statutory requirements.

Action Question:

Should the EPSB approve the Praxis Elementary Education: Multi-Subject Test (7001) with the -1 SEM to meet the assessment requirements for elementary certification?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.030, KRS 164.306, KRS 164.3061, 16 KAR 6:010

History/Background:

Existing Policy: The passage of the Read to Succeed Act in 2022, and the Numeracy Counts Act in 2024 placed additional requirements on the EPSB regarding preparation tests for early literacy and numeracy educators. Specifically, the Read to Succeed Act established KRS 164.306 which includes the following:

- (2) By January 1, 2024, the Education Professional Standards Board shall develop and maintain a list of approved teacher preparation tests that are determined by the board to be an effective evaluation of reading instruction knowledge and skills.
- (3) Beginning in the 2024-2025 school year, all new teachers seeking certification in interdisciplinary early childhood education or elementary education shall successfully pass an approved teacher preparation test that includes an evaluation of reading instruction knowledge and skills.

At the December 2023 meeting, the EPSB approved the recommendations of the Early Literacy Cohort to retain the Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (5001) and add the Elementary Reading (5205) for applicants for elementary certification.

The Numeracy Counts Act established KRS 164.3061. (3)(a) of that statute requires the EPSB to “Develop and maintain a list of approved teacher preparation assessments that are determined by the board to be an effective evaluation of mathematics instruction, content and practice standards, and skills.”

At the December 2024 meeting, the EPSB approved the recommendations of the Early Literacy Cohort and the Numeracy Cohort to replace the Praxis Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (5001) and the Elementary Reading (5205) with the Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (7001) beginning September 1, 2025, and utilize the multi-state standard setting study’s cut score adopting the -1 Standard Error of Measure (SEM).

Summary: The -1 SEM from the multi-state standard setting study is now available for the Praxis Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (7001). This assessment has the following -1SEM on the corresponding assessment sections:

- Elementary Education: Teaching Reading (7002)- 136;
- Elementary Education: Mathematics (7003)- 148;
- Elementary Education: Social Studies (7004)- 148; and
- Elementary Education: Science (7005)- 152.

Approving the Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (7001) with the noted -1 SEM scores to meet the content, literacy, and numeracy assessment requirements for elementary certification while staff works to update 16 KAR 6:010 would allow candidates to begin utilizing this assessment for issuance of elementary certification.

Though the initial recommendation of the Early Literacy and Numeracy Cohorts was to only accept the current testing requirements [Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (5001) and the Elementary Reading (5205)] for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, setting September 1, 2025, as the start date for the Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (7001), the Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (5001) and the Elementary Reading (5205) will continue to be accepted to meet the content, literacy, and numeracy assessment requirements until the amendments to 16 KAR 6:010 are final. This will provide additional time for those candidates that have been preparing to take the Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (5001) and the Elementary Reading (5205) while still providing the option for candidates to take the Elementary Education: Multi-Subjects Test (7001).

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact at this time.

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