

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action Item:

16 KAR 6:010. Assessment Prerequisites for Teacher Certification, Adoption of New Tests

Staff Recommendation:

The Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) should adopt the new assessments and scores to meet the requirements of 16 KAR 6:010.

Rationale:

The proposed action reflects the new Praxis II assessments developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Some of the assessments currently listed in 16 KAR 6:010 will be discontinued in August 2026.

Action Question:

Should the EPSB adopt the new assessments and scores to meet the requirements of 16 KAR 6:010?

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

KRS 161.020, KRS 161.028, KRS 161.030, 16 KAR 6:010

History/Background:

Existing Policy: KRS 161.028(1)(a) authorizes the EPSB to establish standards and requirements for obtaining and maintaining a teaching certificate. KRS 161.030(3) and (4) require the EPSB to select the appropriate assessments required prior to teacher certification. 16 KAR 6:010 establishes the examination prerequisites for teacher certification.

Summary: The proposed action updates certain Praxis II assessments to the new version. Below is a summary of the recommended changes. Cut scores are listed next to the new assessments with the -1 Standard Error of Measure (SEM) score listed next to the cut score in italics.

Revised Tests Currently Available:

- Middle School Social Studies (5589) – 149, *143*
 - Replaces Middle School Social Studies (5089) – 149, *143*
- Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge (5533) – 156, *150*
 - Replaces Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education (5023) – 166, *162*

Staff requests that the EPSB approve the above listed assessments and scores to meet the requirements of 16 KAR 6:010 for issuance of the corresponding certificate. If approved, staff will work to revise the regulation.

Budget Impact: There is no budgetary impact.

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