

## KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

### STAFF NOTE

#### **Information Item:**

Amendment to 16 KAR 5:020. Standards for admission to educator preparation.

#### **Rationale:**

The proposed amendment primarily updates the regulation to allow consideration of SAT scores when determining admission to an approved undergraduate initial certification educator preparation program.

#### **Applicable Statute or Regulation:**

KRS 13A, KRS 161.028, 161.030

#### **History/Background:**

***Existing Policy:*** This administrative regulation establishes the standards for admission to an educator preparation program that is required for certification.

***Summary:*** The amendment to 16 KAR 5:020 allows for the consideration of SAT scores when determining admission to an approved undergraduate initial certification educator preparation program. Specifically, in addition to utilizing ACT and/or Core Academic Skills for Educators scores, a student seeking admission to an educator preparation program can show “[s]uccessful completion” of a basic knowledge assessment by possessing a composite SAT score of at least 1110 or by possessing the following corresponding minimum scores: 490 on the Reading and Writing portion and 510 in Math. These scores are in alignment with the current admissions benchmarks established by the Council on Postsecondary Education. This amendment is appropriate since, starting in the spring of 2026, the SAT will be administered as the required, state-provided college admissions exam for 11th-grade students in the Commonwealth of Kentucky.

The amendment also allows a passing score on an assessment to be valid for a period of ten (10) years, which is an increase from the current regulation language of five (5) years. This change reflects increased capacity by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) to now store this data for ten (10) years.

Finally, the amendment deletes “Section 4. Annual Report.” Those reporting requirements have been incorporated with revisions in the amendment to 16 KAR 5:010, specifically in the renumbered Section 7.

A copy of the draft amendment is included for EPSB review.

***Budget Impact:*** There is no budgetary impact.

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