

RESOLUTION TO MODIFY CERTAIN PASSING SCORES AS A PRECONDITION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION AND PROGRAM ADMISSION

WHEREAS, by Resolutions of April 14, 2005, February 9, 2006, October 12, 2006, December 14, 2006, March 8, 2007, July 10, 2012, July 9, 2013, December 14, 2017, December 13, 2018, August 8, 2019, March 12, 2020, March 24, 2021, June 9, 2022, and other Resolutions from time to time, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted certain Praxis subject assessments and minimum passing scores as a condition for initial educator certification in the State of Alabama; and

WHEREAS, earning a passing score on a Praxis subject assessment is a prerequisite for initial certification, via state-approved program and several other certification approaches, in all subjects for which there is a Praxis subject assessment; and

WHEREAS, the Alabama State Board of Education has followed the pattern of adopting the multi-state passing score from Educational Testing Service as the Alabama passing score; and

WHEREAS, certain Praxis subject assessments previously approved by the Alabama State Board of Education have recently been updated and revised:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues the following current Praxis subject assessments and adopts the following replacement Praxis subject assessments and their multi-state passing scores as a precondition for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama:

Discontinued Subject Assessment	Passing Score for Discontinued Subject Assessment	Replacement Subject Assessment	Recommended Passing Score for Replacement Subject Assessment	Effective Date
5235 Biology	150	5236 Biology	154	September 1, 2023
5245 Chemistry	150	5246 Chemistry	146	September 1, 2023
5571 Earth and Space Science	150	5572 Earth and Space Science	154	September 1, 2023
5265 Physics	138	5266 Physics	145	September 1, 2023
5435 General Science	152	5436 General Science	141	September 1, 2023
5311 Library Media Specialist	148	5312 School Librarian	154	September 1, 2023
5421 School Counselor	156	5422 School Counselor	159	September 1, 2023
5402 School Psychologist	147	5403 School Psychologist	155	September 1, 2023

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Alabama State Superintendent of Education is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Done this 11th day of May 2023