

Praxis Exams for Tennessee

IMPORTANT: The educator obtained the practitioner license and endorsement by demonstrating that they hold a degree with a major aligned to a qualifying middle or secondary core academic or World Language endorsement. Qualifying endorsements and assessments are identified in bold in Table 3 and 4 of this policy.

Table 3: Praxis and National Evaluation Series (NES) Assessments			
Endorsement Area ¹	Test Code	Assessment Title	Qualifying Score
Instructional Leader License	6990	School Leader Licensure Assessment	151
Visual Arts K-12	5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
Biology 6-12	5236	Biology: Content Knowledge-	154
Chemistry 6-12	5246	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	146
Chinese (Mandarin) Pre-K-12/6-12	5665 or Alta	Chinese (mandaring): World Knowledge Alta Language Services Assessment ²	164
Early Child Education PreK-3- exp 8/2026	5024	Education of Young Children	160
	5025	Early Childhood Education	156
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
Earth Science 6-12	5572	Earth & Space Science: Cont. Knowledge	146
Economics 6-12	5911	Economics	150
Elementary Education K-5	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
	5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	
	5003	Mathematics Subtest	157
	5002	Reading and Language Arts Subtest	157
	5005	Science Subtest	159
	5004	Social Studies Subtest	155
English 6-12	5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
English as a second language pre-K-12	5362	English Speakers of Other Languages	155
French pre-K-12/6-12	5174 Or Alta	French: World Language Alta Language Services Assessment ³	160
Geography 6-12	5921	Geography	149
German pre-K-12/6-12	5183 Or Alta	German: World Language Alta: Language Services Assessment ⁴	163
Government 6-12	5931	Government/Political Science	149
History 6-12	5941	World & U.S. History: Content Knowledge	157
	5025	Early Childhood Education	156

¹ For individuals who are eligible for a 9-12 endorsement based on a T.C.A § 4-5-112. The required assessment is the same assessment required for the 6-12 endorsement in the equivalent content area.

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Integrated Early Childhood Pre-K-3	5692	Special Education: Preschool/Early Childhood Education	159
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
Latin pre-K-12/6-12	5601	Latin	148
Library Information Specialist Pre-K-12	5312	Library Media Specialist	154
Mathematics 6-12	5165	Mathematics	159
	NES 304	NES Mathematics	220
Music (Instrumental/Gen) K-12	5116	Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge	153
Music (Vocal/Gen) K-12	5116	Music: Vocal and General Knowledge	153
Other World Languages Pre-K-12/6-12	Alta	Alta Language Services Assessment ⁵	
Physical Education K-12	5091	P.E.: Content and Design	152
Physics 6-12	5266	Physics: Content Knowledge	145
Psychology 9-12	5391	Psychology	154
Reading Specialist Pre-K-12	5302	Reading Specialist	165
School Counselor Pre-K-12	5422	Professional School Counselor -	159
School Psychologist Pre-K-12	5403	School Psychologist	155
Sociology 9-12	5952	Sociology	154
Spanish Pre-K-12/6-12	5195	Spanish: World Language	163
	Or Alta	Alta Language Services Assessment ⁶	

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SPED-Comprehensive k-12	5545	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Sever to Profound Applications	158
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
SPED-Preschool ECE pre-K-3	5354	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Applications	151
	5692	Spec. Educ.: Preschool/Early Childhood	159
	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
Interventionist K-8	5543	Spec. Educ.: Core Knowledge & Mild to Moderate Applications	158
Interventionist 6-12	5205	Teaching Reading: Elementary	159
SPED-Spch/Lang Pathologist pre-K-12	5331	Speech/Language Pathology	162

1. Beginning June 1, 2023, the submission of qualifying scores on a specialty area content assessment is not required for individuals seeking a practitioner license if:
 - a) The educator has completed a State Board-approved educator preparation program; and
 - b) The educator demonstrates that they hold a degree with a major aligned to aa qualifying middle or secondary core academic or World Language endorsement. Qualifying endorsements and assessments are identified in bold in Table 3 and 4 of this policy.
2. The Department will produce and release guidance to support implementation of paragraphs (3) and (4) of this section.
3. Individuals seeking the license for postsecondary educators shall submit qualifying scores on the assessment required for the 6-12 endorsement in the equivalent specialty content area.
4. Unless exempted under paragraph (3) or (4) of this policy section, individuals seeking and pre-K-12 or 6-12 World Languages endorsement shall submit qualifying scores on either the appropriate Praxis Series assessment or the appropriate Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment, and Written Assessment, administered by the Tennessee Language Center. For individuals seeking an endorsement in World Languages for which there is not an applicable Praxis Series assessment, submission of a qualifying score on the appropriate Alta Language Services Speaking and Listening Assessment is required. Based on candidate documented proficiency, English assessments may not be required.

Alta Language Services Assessments		
Endorsement Area	Alta Assessment Title	Qualifying Scores
Arabic 6-12 or Arabic Pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Arabic and	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the

	English, and Written Assessment in Arabic and English	speaking and written tests with no scores below 7 on either test
German 6-12 or German Pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in German and English, and Written Assessment in German and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no scores below 7 on either test
Greek 6-12 or Greek Pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Greek and English, and Written Assessment in Greek and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no scores below 7 on either test
Japanese 6-12 or Japanese Pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Japanese and English, and Written Assessment in Japanese and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no scores below 7 on either test
Russian 6-12 or Russian Pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Russian and English, and Written Assessment in Russian and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no scores below 7 on either test
Spanish 6-12 or Spanish Pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in Spanish and English, and Written Assessment in Spanish and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no scores below 7 on either test
French 6-12 or French Pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in French and English, and Written Assessment in French and English	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no scores below 7 on either test
Other World Languages 6-12 or Other World Languages Pre-K-12	Speaking and Listening Assessment in the applicable language, and Written Assessment in the Other World Language	Advanced Low (i.e., 8 on a scale of 1 to 12) or an average of 8 for the speaking and written tests with no scores below 7 on either test

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