




MEMORANDUM

To: Local District Superintendents of Education, Officials of Eligible Non-public schools, Deans of Education and All Other Education Stakeholders

From: Krystal Cormack, Bureau Director
Division of Educator Licensure 

Date: June 27, 2019

Subject: Notice of State Board of Education's Approval to Adopt New Version of Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators (Praxis Core) Mathematics Assessment

On June 13, 2019, the Mississippi State Board of Education met in its regularly scheduled meeting and approved the recommendation received from the Commission on Teacher and Administrator Education, Certification and Licensure and Development to adopt and establish a qualifying passing score of 130 for the newly revised version of the *Praxis Core* Mathematics Assessment (Test Code 5733). Please note that the required qualifying passing score of 130 does not represent an adjusted score for the current version of the *Praxis Core* Mathematics Assessment (Test Code 5732). Rather, the score of 130 represents the qualifying passing score associated with the newly adopted version of the *Praxis Core* Mathematics Assessment (Test Code 5733).

The new version of the *Praxis Core* Mathematics (Test Code 5733) will replace the current version of the *Praxis Core* Mathematics (Test Code 5732) with an effective date of September 1, 2019. The current version of the *Praxis Core* Mathematics (Test Code 5732) will be discontinued effective August 31, 2019. Adhering to the Mississippi State Board of Education's [Discontinued Test Policy](#) (p.79 of the current version of the *Guidelines for Mississippi Educator Licensure K-12*), Mississippi's qualifying passing score for the *Praxis Core* Mathematics Test Code 5732 will be accepted through August 31, 2021 if the qualifying passing score was achieved on or prior to August 31, 2019.

While the content of the *Praxis Core* Reading (Test Code 5712) and *Praxis Core* Writing (Test Code 5722) components is not changing, the test codes will change for *Praxis Core* Reading (from 5712 to 5713) and Writing (from 5722 to 5723) effective September 1, 2019. Furthermore, Mississippi's current qualifying passing score for the *Praxis Core* Reading and Writing components will remain the same and a test taker's score report will continue to report passing scores under the new test codes for current components of *Praxis Core* Reading and Writing that were taken and passed prior to September 1, 2019. The chart below has been provided for your convenience. Please remain mindful that the chart is updated as new tests are added. The most current version can be accessed in the appendix section of the *Guidelines for Mississippi Educator Licensure K-12* document at <https://www.mdek12.org/OTL/OEL/K12>.

Please assist us with disseminating and communicating the contents of this Memorandum to all prospective teachers. Please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Division of Educator Licensure team for assistance via telephone at (601) 359-3483 or email at teachersupport@mdek12.org. As always, we appreciate and value the opportunity to serve you.

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**APPENDIX B:
MISSISSIPPI DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
DISCONTINUED TEST AND/OR ADJUSTED SCORE POLICY**

Discontinued Test/Adjusted Score Policy

Effective September 1 of the year that a new version of a Mississippi-approved assessment in the Mississippi Educator Licensure Assessment Program (MELAP) is implemented, passing scores from the most recently discontinued version of the assessment will be accepted for up to two (2) years from the date the assessment was discontinued. The most recently discontinued version of the assessment shall have been taken and passed on or before August 31 of the year the new version is implemented. An applicant for Mississippi educator licensure shall successfully complete current requirements of the MELAP if official test score results are no longer valid and reportable to the Mississippi Department of Education.

The chart below serves as an illustration of the assessment implementation process for a Mississippi-approved educator licensure assessment that is currently affected by the discontinued test policy. Official score reports shall be received in the Division of Educator Licensure via electronic score transmission directly from the administering testing company as applicable.

New Test Code & Test Name	Required Score for New Test	New Test & Test Score Effective Date	Discontinued Test Code & Test Name	Required Score for Discontinued Test	Final Test Administration Date by Which Discontinued Test & Score Accepted	Expiration Date for Acceptance Discontinued Test & Score
5733 Praxis Core: Mathematics	130	9/1/2019	5732 Praxis Core: Mathematics	150	8/31/2019	8/31/2021
5723 Praxis Core: Writing	Test Code Change Only 162	9/1/2019	5722 Praxis Core: Writing	Test Code Change Only 162	8/31/2019 (Test 5723 or Test 5722 Required beginning 9/1/2019)	N/A
5713 Praxis Core: Reading	Test Code Change Only 156	9/1/2019	5712 Praxis Core: Reading	Test Code Change Only 156	8/31/2019 (Test 5713 or Test 5712 Required beginning 9/1/2019)	N/A