



State of New Jersey
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Discussion Resolution
August 4, 2021

A Resolution Adopting New Praxis Tests and Qualifying Scores for Praxis Mathematics, Middle School Mathematics, and Middle School Science and a New Qualifying Scores for edTPA

Whereas, the State Board of Education has required that teacher certification candidates pass assessments in specified disciplines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.1, effective January 5, 2009, and with N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.7(a)4i, effective September 1, 2017; and

Whereas, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has recently established new tests in the subject areas of Praxis Mathematics, Middle School Mathematics, and Middle School Science to replace the current tests used by the Department of Education (Department); and

Whereas, State Board of Education approval is necessary for the adoption of the respective Praxis tests, edTPA and qualifying scores for the corresponding certificates; and

Whereas, New Jersey stakeholders have participated in a national standard-setting study for the Praxis tests; and

Whereas, the Department also convened a panel of New Jersey stakeholders on April 28, 2021, to participate in an edTPA standard setting study to review and analyze New Jersey-specific data and determine valid and theoretically appropriate qualifying scores to recommend to the State Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year and beyond; now therefore be it

Resolved, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the findings of the edTPA standard setting study process to maintain a qualifying score of a 44 on the combined elementary assessment, a qualifying score of 32 on the world and classical languages assessments, and a qualifying score of 37 on all other assessments, effective September 8, 2021, to satisfy all applicable regulatory requirements; and be it further

Resolved, that the State Board of Education hereby approves the selection of the specified Praxis assessments and accepts the establishment of the following qualifying scores, effective September 8, 2021:

Mathematics	159
Middle School Mathematics	157
Middle School Science	152

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