

**PENNSYLVANIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (PDE) BUREAU OF SCHOOL LEADERSHIP AND TEACHER QUALITY**  
**GPA - QUALIFYING TEST SCORE** (implemented 1/1/2010)

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- 4) Educational Specialist Certification Areas for which PDE does not require certification tests; and**
- 5) Composite Scoring Method for tests**

**Introductory Notes:**

A) CAUTION: The GPA Qualifying Score scale is limited to applicants for certification at the time of application, and is based on the candidate's **final** GPA. All required coursework and student teaching/practicum/internship requirements must be completed and the candidate for certification must be finished with his/her program of studies.

B) The qualifying score for a particular GPA range is based on the standard deviation of that test, which may change as more data is received. PDE's goal is to update standard deviation information for new tests after one year. Updates may occur at five year intervals for other tests. This table is current for the academic year 2012-2013.

C) GPA's may not be rounded up. We understand that there will always be someone who misses the cutoff by the smallest of margins.

D) Act 24 of 2011 removed the requirement for pre-professional skills tests, such as PPST and PAPA, for post-baccalaureate program candidates.

E) Candidates must pass all three Pre-professional Skills Tests from the same series, i.e., all PPST or all PAPA.

F) World Language candidates have the option of taking either the PRAXIS or the ACTFL tests, when both are available. If ACTFL is selected, candidates should take the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) or Oral Proficiency Interview by Computer (OPIc). Mandarin must be taken for the Chinese language exam(s). When a written ACTFL test exists, it must be taken in addition to the OPI. The minimum proficiency to qualify is Intermediate High for each ACTFL test. Go to [www.actfl.org](http://www.actfl.org). Navigate to Professional Development > Certified Proficiency Testing Programs > Proficiency Testing from the home page.

G) Tests must be sent to PDE directly from the test provider, e.g., ETS.

H) Pre-professional skills test scores are valid for life. Content area tests are usually valid for ten years except when an out-of-state candidate qualifies under the three of seven rule. Tests are only valid for five years in that case.

[ACTFL](#)

Pre-professional Skills Test	Standard Deviation	Qualifying score 2.8-2.99 GPA (+ 1 std deviation)	Qualifying Score 3.0 GPA	Qualifying Score 3.01 - 3.25 GPA ( - 0.25 std deviation)	Qualifying Score 3.26 - 3.5 GPA ( - 0.5 std deviation)	Qualifying Score 3.51 - 3.75 GPA ( - 0.75 std deviation)	Qualifying Score 3.76 - 4.0 GPA ( -1 std deviation)	Test Vendor
<i>PPST Reading (0710/5710) Replaced by PAPA - Reading (8001) for all except Vocational certifications. If candidate registered for or took the 0710/5710 before 4/02/12, it will be accepted.</i>	3	N/A**	172	171	171	170	169†	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pre-service PAPA - Module 1 Reading (8001)	*	N/A**	220	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
<i>PPST Mathematics (0730/5730) Replaced by PAPA - Mathematics (8002) for all except Vocational certifications. If candidate registered for or took the 0730/5730 before 4/02/12, it will be accepted.</i>	3	N/A**	173	172	172	171	170†	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pre-service PAPA - Module 2 Mathematics (8002)	*	N/A**	220	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
<i>PPST Writing (0720/5720) Replaced by PAPA - Writing (8003) for all except Vocational certifications. If candidate registered for or took the 0720/5720 before 4/02/12, it will be accepted.</i>	3	N/A**	173	172	172	171	170	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pre-Service PAPA - Module 3 Writing (8003)	*	N/A**	220	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>

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<i>Administrative Ed. Leadership (0410) Replaced 9/2010 by Educ Leadership (0411)</i>	28	608	<b>580</b>	573	566	559	552	
Agriculture (0780)	33	553	<b>520</b>	512	504	495	487	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Art: Content Knowledge (0133) Replaced 9/2011 by Art (0134)</i>	5	166	<b>161</b>	160	159	157†	156†	
Art: Content Knowledge (0134/5134)	6	164	<b>158</b>	157	155	154	152	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Biology: Content Knowledge (0235/5235)	5	152	<b>147</b>	146	145	143†	142†	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Business Education (0100) Replaced 9/2010 by Business (0101)</i>	20	580	<b>560</b>	555	550	545	540	
Business Education (0101/5101)	5	159	<b>154</b>	153	152	150	149	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Chemistry: Content Knowledge (0245/5245)	6	160†	<b>154</b>	153†	151	150†	148	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Chinese (Mandarin): World Language (0665/5665)	*	*	<b>164</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Citizenship Ed: Content Know. (0087/5087)	5	153	<b>148</b>	147	146	144	143	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Communication (0800)	34	564	<b>530</b>	522	513	505	496	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Cooperative Education (0810) Replaced 8/01/2012 by Cooperative Education (0811)</i>	29	799	<b>770</b>	763	756	748	741	
Cooperative Education (0811)	*	*	<b>161</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Early Childhood Education (0020) Replaced 4/2/2012 by PreK-4 Battery (8006,8007,8008)</i>	23	553	<b>530</b>	524	519	513	507	
Earth and Space Sciences: Content Knowledge (0571/5571))	5	162	<b>157</b>	156	155†	153	152	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Educ Leadership: Admin &amp; Supervision (0411/5411) Replaced 9/1/2012 for Principals, Voc Directors by SLLA (6011)</i>	6	149	<b>143</b>	142	140	139	137	
<i>Elem. Ed. Curr. Inst. &amp; Assess (0011/5011) Replaced 4/2/2012 by PreK-4 Battery (8006,8007,8008)</i>	7	175	<b>168</b>	166	165†	163	161	
English Lang. Lit. & Comp. Content (0041/5041)	5	165	<b>160</b>	159	158	156	155	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Environmental Education (0830) Replaced 8/01/2012 by Environmental Education (0831)</i>	35	635	<b>600</b>	591	583	574	565	<a href="#">ETS</a>

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Environmental Education (0831)	*	*	<b>156</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Family & Consumer Science (0121/5121)	5	167	<b>162</b>	161	160	158†	157	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>French-Foreign Lang - Content (0173) Replaced 9/2010 by French-World Lang (5174)</i>	4	174	<b>170</b>	169	168	167	166	
French-World Languages (5174)	5	167	<b>162</b>	161	160	158	157	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Fundamental Subjects Content Know. (0511/5511)	5	155	<b>150</b>	149	148†	146	145	<a href="#">ETS</a>
General Science: Content Knowledge (0435/5435)	6	152	<b>146</b>	145	143	142	140†	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>German-Foreign Lang Content (0181) Replaced 9/2010 by German-World Lang (5183)</i>	5	170	<b>165</b>	164	163	161	160	
German-World Languages (5183)	5	168	<b>163</b>	162	161	159	158	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Health & Phys. Ed. Cont. Know. (0856/5856)	5	151	<b>146</b>	145	144	142	141	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Health Education: Content (0550/5550)	29	679	<b>650</b>	643	636	628	621	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Latin-Foreign Lang Content (0600) replaced 8/01/12 by Latin (0601)</i>	33	643	<b>610</b>	602	594	585	577	
Latin (0601)	*	*	<b>152</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Library Media Specialist (0311/5311)	5	156†	<b>151</b>	150	149	147†	146†	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Marketing Education (0561)	6	150	<b>144</b>	143	141	140	138	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (0061/5061)	8	144	<b>136</b>	134	132	130	128	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Middle School English 7-9 (0049/5049) Replaced 9/1/2013 by PA Grades 4-8 Core Assess Battery (5153,5154,5155) and Concentration-English (5156)</i>	7	170	<b>163</b>	161	160†	158	156	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Middle School Math 7-9 (0069) Replaced 9/1/2013 by PA Grades 4-8 Core Assess Battery (5153,5154,5155) and Concentration-Math (5158)</i>	7	158	<b>151</b>	149	148†	146	144	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Middle School Science 7-9 (0439) Replaced 9/1/2013 by PA Grades 4-8 Core Assess Battery (5153,5154,5155) and Concentration-Science (5159)</i>	6	150	<b>144</b>	143	141	140	138	<a href="#">ETS</a>

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<i>Middle School Social Studies 7-9 (0089/5089) Replaced 9/1/2013 by PA Grades 4-8 Core Assess Battery (5153,5154,5155) and Concentration-Social Studies (5157)</i>	6	158	152	151†	149	148†	146	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Music: Content Knowledge (0113/5113)	5	163	158	157	156†	154	153	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pennsylvania Grades 4-8 - Module 1-Pedagogy (5153)	*	*	162	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pennsylvania Grades 4-8 - Module 2-English Language Arts & Social Studies (5154)	*	*	152	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pennsylvania Grades 4-8 - Module 3-Mathematics & Science (5155)	*	*	164	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pennsylvania Grades 4-8 - Subject Concentration - English Language Arts (5156)	*	*	156	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pennsylvania Grades 4-8 - Subject Concentration - Science (5159)	*	*	156	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pennsylvania Grades 4-8 - Subject Concentration - Social Studies (5157)	*	*	150	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pennsylvania Grades 4-8 - Subject Concentration - Mathematics (5158)	*	*	173	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Physics: Content Knowledge (0265/5265)	6	146	140	139†	137	136†	134	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Pre-K-4 Module 1-Child Dev, Prof (8006)	27	247	220	213	206	200	193	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
Pre-K-4 Module 2-Lang, Social Stud (8007)	24	244	220	214	208	202	196	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
Pre-K-4 Module 3-Math, Science (8008)	24	244	220	214	208	202	196	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
Professional School Counselor (0421/5421)	*	*	156	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Reading Specialist (0300) Replaced 8/01/2012 by Reading Specialist (0301/5301)</i>	27	597	570	563	557	550	543	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Reading Specialist (0301/5301)	*	*	164	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Safety/Driver Education (0860)	39	559	520	510	501	491	481	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>School Counselor (0420) Replaced 8/01/2012 by Professional School Counselor (0421/5421)</i>	24	614	590	584	578	572	566	

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School Leadership Licensure Assessment-SLLA (1011/6011)	Not Avail	*	<b>163</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
School Psychologist (0401)	4	154	<b>150</b>	149	148	147	146	<a href="#">ETS</a>
School Superintendent Assessment (SSA) (1021/6021) Effective 12/01/2012	Not Avail	*	<b>160</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Social Science: Content Knowledge (0951)	*	*	<b>160</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Social Studies: Content Know. (0081/5081)	5	162	<b>157</b>	156	155	153	152	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Spanish-Foreign Lang Content (0191) Replaced 9/2010 by Spanish-World Lang (5195)</i>	5	171	<b>166</b>	165	164	162	161	
Spanish-World Languages (5195)	5	173	<b>168</b>	167	166	164	163	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Spec Ed - Core Knowledge &amp; Applications (0354/5354) Replaced 4/2/2012 by Spec Educ Pre-K-8 Battery (8011, 8012) or Spec Educ 7-12 Battery (8015, 8016)</i>	5	156	<b>151</b>	150	149	147	146	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Spec Ed - PreK-8 Module 1 (8011)	23	243	<b>220</b>	214	208	202	197	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
Spec Ed - PreK-8 Module 2 (8012)	23	243	<b>220</b>	214	208	202	197	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
Spec Ed - 7-12 Module 1 (8015)	22	242	<b>220</b>	215	209	204	198	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
Spec Ed - 7-12 Module 2 (8016)	19	239	<b>220</b>	215	210	206	201	<a href="#">ES Pearson</a>
<i>Spec Ed - Ed. Deaf &amp; Hard of Hearing (0271) Replaced 8/01/12 by Spec Ed: Educ of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (0272)</i>	7	171	<b>164</b>	162	161	159	157	
Spec Ed: Educ of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (0272)	*	*	<b>160</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Spec Ed - Ed. of Exceptional Students (0353) Replaced 9/2010 by Spec Ed-Core (0354)</i>	7	143	<b>136</b>	134	133†	131	129	
<i>Spec Ed -Teach. Speech to Std w/LI (0880) Replaced 9/2010 by Spec Ed-Teach.Speech (0881)</i>	39	629	<b>590</b>	580	571	561	551	
Spec Ed -Teach. Speech to Std w/LI (0881)	6	165	<b>159</b>	158	156	155	153	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Special Ed. - Teach. Student w/VI (0280) Replaced 9/2010 by Spec Ed-VI (0281)</i>	32	652	<b>620</b>	612	604	596	588	

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<i>Spec Ed - Teach Student w/Visual Imp (0281) Replaced 8/01/2012 by Spec Ed: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (0282)</i>	5	152	<b>147</b>	146	145	143	142	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Spec Ed: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (0282)	*	*	<b>163</b>	*	*	*	*	<a href="#">ETS</a>
Speech Language Pathology (0330)	26	626	<b>600</b>	594	587	581	574	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Supervisory - Ed Leadership (0410) Replaced 9/2010 by Educ Leadership (0411)</i>	28	608	<b>580</b>	573	566	559	552	
<i>Technology Education (0050) Replaced 9/2011 by Technology Ed (0051)</i>	16	636	<b>620</b>	616	612	608	604	
Technology Education (0051)	5	164	<b>159</b>	158	157	155	154	<a href="#">ETS</a>
<i>Vocational General Knowledge (0890) Replaced 9/2008 by PPST Math(0730 or 5730)</i>	36	596	<b>560</b>	551	542	533	524	

**Certification Areas with no Qualifying Test**

Dental Hygienist (No Specialty Test)

Home & School Visitor (No Specialty Test)

Instructional Technology Specialist (No Specialty Test)

School Nurse (No Specialty Test)

**I. Composite Score Option for PAPA:**

The Composite Scoring Option for PAPA was initiated to enable a candidate who may excel in one area such as mathematics, but who is not strong in another PAPA area, to receive a passing score on the PAPA series. In order to qualify, a candidate must meet a minimum score in each test area (Mathematics, Reading, and Writing) **and** then exceed the passing score by an amount equal to the Standard Error of Measurement in one or two of the other test areas. The candidate's test scores are added together, and if the scores total 686, the candidate has passed the PAPA series. The Minimum Scores required for the Composite Scoring Option are shown below.

Test Name	Test #	PAPA Qualifying Score	Minimum Composite Score
PAPA Reading	8001	220	<b>193</b>
PAPA Mathematics	8002	220	<b>197</b>
PAPA Writing	8003	220	<b>192</b>

**Minimum Composite Score Total: 686**

Sum of the 3 PAPA tests must total or exceed 686. This total does not represent the sum of the 3 minimum scores. Candidates must achieve the PAPA Qualifying Score (220) in at least 1 (one) area **and** also reach the Minimum Composite Score Total.

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**II. Composite Score Method for Vocational Level I Certificate Candidates:**

This method is used to assist a Vocational I candidate who scores high in one PPST area, but scores below the qualifying score in another PPST area. An average of the two scores must be equal or exceed 172.5. Note there are no minimum qualifying scores required for use of the Vocational I Composite Score Method.

Vocational I Composite Score Method Example:

An individual took the PPST Reading and Writing tests and scored as follows: PPST Reading score: 175 PPST Writing score: 170

When this individual's scores are averaged, they total 172.5 ( $175 + 170 \div 2 = 172.5$ ). Therefore, this person qualifies for certification under the Vocational I Composite Score Method.

**III. Composite Score Option for those who took/registered for the PPST (Praxis I) tests prior to 4/02/2012:**

Instructional I candidates may use the PPST composite score method to meet the requirements for certification if they took or registered for the PPST (Praxis I) tests prior to 4/02/2012. The composite score method may assist a candidate who may excel in one area such as mathematics, but is not strong in another area. Two conditions must be met to use the composite score method: (1) the Minimum Composite Score on each Pre-Professional Skills Test (PPST) is achieved or surpassed; and (2) the sum of the three test scores must be at least 521 to qualify for PA certification. If any test is below the minimum shown below, the composite score may not be used.

Test Name	Test #	Praxis Qualifying Score	Minimum Composite Score
PPST Reading or Computerized PPST Reading	0710 or 5710	172	169
PPST Writing or Computerized PPST Writing	0720 or 5720	173	170
PPST Mathematics or Computerized PPST Mathematics	0730 or 5730	173	170
<b>Minimum Composite Score Total: 521</b> <b>(Sum of the three PPST Scores must total or exceed this number)</b>		Total does not represent the sum of the 3 minimum scores. Candidates must achieve the Praxis Qualifying Score in at least 1 area <b>and also</b> reach the Minimum Composite Score Total.	

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