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**Basic Skills Assessment Options**

**Basic Skills Assessments – Composite Score Option**

You may combine reading, writing and mathematics module scores from different test providers to meet the basic skills requirements.  
 You may use the composite score method to meet the requirement when you do well in one or two areas to compensate for a lower score in the other area.  
 The composite score is the sum of the passing scores. Use the Composite Score Calculator when mixing tests. Note When using the composite score, each test must meet or exceed the minimum score listed.

**I. ACT** *Test Registration Link:* [ACT](#)

Test Name	Section	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
ACT – September 1, 2015 to August 31, 2016	Reading	22	20
	Writing	21	17
	Mathematics*	21	19
	<b>Composite ACT Test Score:</b>	<b>64</b>	
ACT – after August 31, 2016	Reading	22	20
	Writing after Sept. 2016	8	7
	Mathematics*	21	19
	<b>Composite ACT Test Score:</b>	<b>51</b>	

\* The PDE accepted ACT Mathematics score has always been 21

**II. CORE Academic** *Test Registration Link:* [ETS](#)

CORE Test Option Effective 6/1/2014 for non-vocational certifications	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	5712	156	148
Mathematics	5732	142	132
Writing	5722	162	158
<b>Composite CORE Test Score:</b>		<b>460</b>	

**III. PAPA** *Test Registration Link:* [ES Pearson](#)

Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	8001	220	193
Mathematics	8002	193	176*
Writing	8003	220	192
<b>Composite PAPA Test Score:</b>		<b>633</b>	

\*We will accept 174 from candidates accepted into an educator certification program prior to 8/31/2016

**IV. SAT** *Test Registration Link:* [College Board](#)

Test Date	Test	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
SAT – prior to March 1, 2016	Critical Reading	500	
	Mathematics	500	
	Writing	500	
	<b>Composite SAT Test Score:</b>	<b>1500</b>	
SAT - after February 29, 2016	Reading	27	25
	Mathematics	26	24
	Writing and Language	28	26
	<b>Composite SAT Test Score:</b>	<b>81</b>	

**V. PPST (Praxis I)\***

Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
PPST or Computerized PPST Reading	0710 or 5710	172	169
PPST or Computerized PPST Writing	0720 or 5720	173	170
PPST or Computerized PPST Mathematics	0730 or 5730	173	170
<b>Composite PPST Test Score:</b>		<b>518</b>	

\*Test Series Must be Started Prior to 12/31/2012

Note: When mixing test scores, please contact Mrs. Angela McCabe at 570-389-5128 or McCormick 3103A to determine if you pass all tests.