

**RESOLUTION TO MODIFY CERTAIN PASSING SCORES AND TO ADOPT ADDITIONAL PRAXIS SUBJECT ASSESSMENTS AS A PRECONDITION FOR INITIAL CERTIFICATION**

**WHEREAS**, by Resolutions of April 14, 2005, February 9, 2006, October 12, 2006, December 14, 2006, March 8, 2007, July 10, 2012, July 9, 2013, December 12, 2017, December 13, 2018, and other Resolutions from time to time, the Alabama State Board of Education has adopted certain Praxis subject assessments and minimum passing scores as conditions for initial educator certification in the state of Alabama; and

**WHEREAS**, earning a passing score on a Praxis subject assessment is a prerequisite for initial certification, via State-approved program and several other certification approaches, in all subjects for which there is a Praxis subject assessment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Alabama State Board of Education has followed the pattern of adopting the multi-state passing score for a Praxis subject assessment as the Alabama passing score; and

**WHEREAS**, Praxis has developed an elementary reading test that specifically assesses the content necessary to teach reading in the elementary grades; and

**WHEREAS**, certain Praxis subject assessments previously approved by the Alabama State Board of Education have recently been updated and revised; and

**WHEREAS**, the state of Alabama is experiencing a shortage in the number of educators certified in the area of secondary mathematics, grades 6-12, and is seeking alternative options to certify educators in the specific areas of algebra I and geometry, as opposed to the current option that spans all areas of secondary mathematics;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues and adopts the following new Praxis subject assessment and its multi-state passing score as a precondition for initial certification in the state of Alabama:

Discontinued Subject Assessment	Passing Score for Discontinued Subject Assessment	New Subject Assessment	Recommended Passing Score for New Subject Assessment	Effective Date
5204 Teaching Reading	159	5205 Teaching Reading: Elementary	159	September 1, 2019

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby discontinues and adopts the following replacement Praxis subject assessments and their multi-state passing scores as a precondition for initial certification in the state of Alabama:

Discontinued Subject Assessment	Passing Score for Discontinued Subject Assessment	Replacement Subject Assessment	Recommended Passing Score for Replacement Subject Assessment	Effective Date
5411 Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	149	5412 Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146	September 1, 2019
5712 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators – Reading	156	5713 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators – Reading	156	September 1, 2019
5722 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators – Writing	162	5723 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators – Writing	162	September 1, 2019
5732 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators – Mathematics	150	5733 Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators – Mathematics	150	September 1, 2019

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Board of Education hereby adopts the following new Praxis subject assessments and their multi-state passing scores as a precondition for initial certification in the state of Alabama:

New Subject Assessment	Recommended Passing Score for New Subject Assessment	Effective Date
5163 Geometry	148	September 1, 2019
5162 Algebra I	157	September 1, 2019

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED,** That the Alabama State Superintendent of Education is hereby directed to take any and all actions necessary to implement this resolution.

Done this 8th day of August 2019