



NV COPS – ETS Update

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Agenda Item 7:

Educational Testing Service (ETS) Testing Updates

(Information/Discussion)



Praxis® Tests at Home Solution

The Praxis® tests at home are a safe and convenient option for students who are unable to test at a test center due to public health concerns.

The tests are:

- identical in content, format and on-screen experience to tests taken at a test center
- taken on personal computer at home or other secure location
- monitored by a human proctor online through ProctorU®
- available 7 a.m.–10 p.m. (PT), seven days per week.
- no additional cost

Praxis at-Home Testing Solution

- Implemented in May 2020 with 30 test titles
- Currently offer over 80 test titles
- Additional Praxis titles added in July and September 2021

State	Registrations	Tests	Tests Reported
NV	756	2082	1785

In-Person Testing Center Update

- Prometric® Testing Centers
 - Approximately 80% centers open for Praxis® testing
 - Capacity limited due to social distancing and safety protocols
 - For the latest updates, visit www.prometric.com/site-openings
- Strategic Testing Center Network
 - Approximately 90% centers open for Praxis testing
 - Sites are limited due to closures at educator preparation programs and other locations

Call Center Update

- Call Center has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 situation
 - Continues to experience large volumes of communications due to closures and openings of in-person testing centers, and the use of at-home testing
- Continuing to work on addressing response times for calls and emails
 - Staffing support personnel increased
 - Saturday coverage started on 9/12/20
 - Increased amount of information provided online
<http://ets.org/praxis>

Retest Policy

- Previous retest policy was 21 days
- Increased to 35 days in September due to expansion of continuous testing
 - More test availability
 - More exposure of tests, items creates more security concerns
- Currently policy requires 28 days between retests (effective Dec. 10, 2020)

RANDA® Digital Wallet

- Collaboration that will enable educators to store *Praxis*® test scores in the Randa digital wallet
- Wallet allows educators to securely store and conveniently access all of their educator license supports through one online platform
- Provides educators with unparalleled access to their information
- Allows for sharing with institutions and employers
- More Information:
 - Visit [Randa Solutions](#)
 - Read our [Press Release](#)

RANDA

Candidate Webinars

Core Tests

- January 19, 2021
- February 16, 2021
- March 16, 2021
- April 13, 2021
- May 11, 2021

Subject Tests

- January 26, 2021
- March 23, 2021
- May 18, 2021



All start at 10 a.m. PT

Pre-Recorded Webinar Also Available for Subject Tests

NEW – Exploring Development of Elementary Ed Webinar

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Regenerated Tests

Regenerated (2021)

Discontinued Test Title	Last Test Admin.*	Replacement Test Title	Date Available
Audiology (5342)	Aug. 31, 2021	Audiology (5343)	Sept. 1, 2019
Middle School Science (5440)	Aug. 31, 2021	Middle School Science (5442)	Sept. 1, 2019

*** Candidates will not be permitted to register for or take Praxis 5440 after August 31, 2021.**

Middle School Science 5442 (Regenerated)

- Replaces 5440 which is currently required by NV for Middle School Science (Grades 5 through 9)
- Aligned to updated standards including Next Generation Science Standards
- Added dimension of Science and Engineering Practices
- Increased measurement of science content knowledge in instructionally focused tasks.

Regenerated (2022)

Discontinued Test Title	Last Test Admin.	Replacement Test Title	Available
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)	Aug. 2022	Mathematics (5165) ^a	Sept. 2021
Middle School Mathematics (5169)	Aug. 2022	Middle School Mathematics (5164) ^a	Sept. 2021

Candidates will not be permitted to register for or take Praxis 5161 or 5169 after **August 31, 2022**.

a A multi-state standard setting study was conducted in January 2021. 1 participant from NV MSSS report available Feb. 19, 2021.

- Designed to increase granularity of reporting candidate performance in the different sub-areas of mathematics (e.g., Algebra, Geometry, etc.)
- Increased measurement of mathematics content knowledge in instructionally focused tasks.
- Increase in the amount of time per question

Redesigned *Praxis* tests for mathematics educators are now available

The new tests were created through work with practicing mathematics teachers and teacher educators to systematically re-examine the mathematical knowledge and skills critical to effective teaching.

The tests were redesigned to

- support more granular score reporting to provide more useful feedback on performance for candidates and programs (See “key changes” below: For middle school, the new test reports on five discrete categories rather than two “combination” categories, For secondary, the new test has six categories rather than two)
- reflect mathematics curricula and standards, including the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) Standards for Teacher Preparation (2020).
- allow more time per question to reduce time pressure as a potential factor in the performance of any candidate
- include questions that call for application of mathematics within the kinds of teaching scenarios or instructional tasks that candidates will encounter as they begin practice. These questions—25-30% of the test—measure mathematical knowledge and skills through application to decisions and evaluations a teacher will make in work with students, curriculum, and instruction. A list of *Tasks of Teaching Mathematics* in the Study Companion tells candidates the kinds of instructional tasks they can expect.

Middle School Mathematics 5164

Reporting categories

I. Numbers and Operations	23%
II. Algebra	23%
III. Functions	17%
IV. Geometry and Measurement	20%
V. Statistics and Probability	17%

Categories reported for 5169, the previous version

Arithmetic and Algebra (62%)

Geometry and Data (38%)

Time per question increased to 2 mins 44 secs
(2:11 per question in 5169, the previous version)

Approximately 30% of questions call for mathematics to be applied to a Task of Teaching Mathematics

Mathematics 5165 (Secondary)

Reporting categories

IA. Number and Quantity	10%
IB. Algebra	20%
IIA. Functions	20%
IIB. Calculus	10%
III. Geometry	20%
IV. Statistics and Probability	20%

Categories reported for 5161, the previous version

Number and Quantity, Algebra, Functions, and Calculus (68%)

Geometry, Probability and Statistics, and Discrete Mathematics (32%)

Time per question increased to 2 mins 44 secs
(2:30 per question in 5161, the previous version)

Approximately 25% of questions call for mathematics to be applied to a Task of Teaching Mathematics

Regeneration Impact:

To be Certified in	Current Test Required	Last Test Administration	Replacement Test	Required Score	Date Required
Audiological Services	Audiology (5342)	8.31.2021	Audiology (5343)	162	9.1.2021
Middle School Science	Middle School Science (5440)	8.31.2021	Middle School Science (5442)	152	9.1.2021
High School/ Secondary Math	Mathematics: Content Knowledge (5161)	8.31.2022	Mathematics (5165)	159	9.1.2021
Middle School Mathematics	Middle School Mathematics (5169)	8.31.2022	Middle School Mathematics (5164)	157	9.1.2021

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Agenda Item 8:

Educational Testing Service (ETS) New Tests

***(Information/Discussion/For
Possible Action)***



New Tests to Consider:

- **Japanese: World Language (5661)**
- **Physical Science (5485)** – replaces General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)
- **Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge (5115)**
replaces Music: Content and Analysis (5114)
- **Music: Vocal and General Knowledge (5116)** replaces
Music: Content and Analysis (5114)
- **Journalism (5224)**

NV Japanese Requirements

- For Primary through Grade 12 Foreign Language
 - NV currently requires the PLT **and** the Praxis World Languages tests for Chinese (Mandarin), French, German, Spanish, and Latin.
 - NV currently *only* requires the **World Languages Pedagogy (5841)** for Arabic, Filipino, Hebrew, Italian, **Japanese**, Korean, Russian, Tagalog, and Turkish.

Japanese World Language

Test Title	First Test Admin.	Required Score
Japanese: World Language (5661)	Sept. 2021	156

- Standard Setting Feb. 2021. 1 Participant from NV
- MSSS Report Available April 7, 2021.

NV Music Requirements

NV License	Test Title Currently Required	Test Number	Required Score
All Grades: Music	<u>Music: Content and Instruction</u>	5114	162
	and		
	<u>Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K–6</u>	5622	160
	or		
	<u>Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7–12</u>	5624	157
Secondary/High School: Music	<u>Music: Content and Instruction</u>	5114	162
	and		
	<u>Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7–12</u>	5624	157

Proposed Revisions (Music)

NV License	Test Currently Required	Replacement Test Title	Required Score
Instrumental Music	Music: Content and Analysis (5114) ^a	Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge (5115)	150
Vocal Music		Music: Vocal and General Knowledge (5116)	153
Instrumental and Vocal Music		Music: Content and Analysis (5114)	162

- Standard Setting Feb. 2021. MSSS Report Available April 7, 2021.
- 3 Participants from NV

^a Principles of Learning & Teaching also required as pedagogical assessment

Recommended Action: **APPROVED 4/30/21**

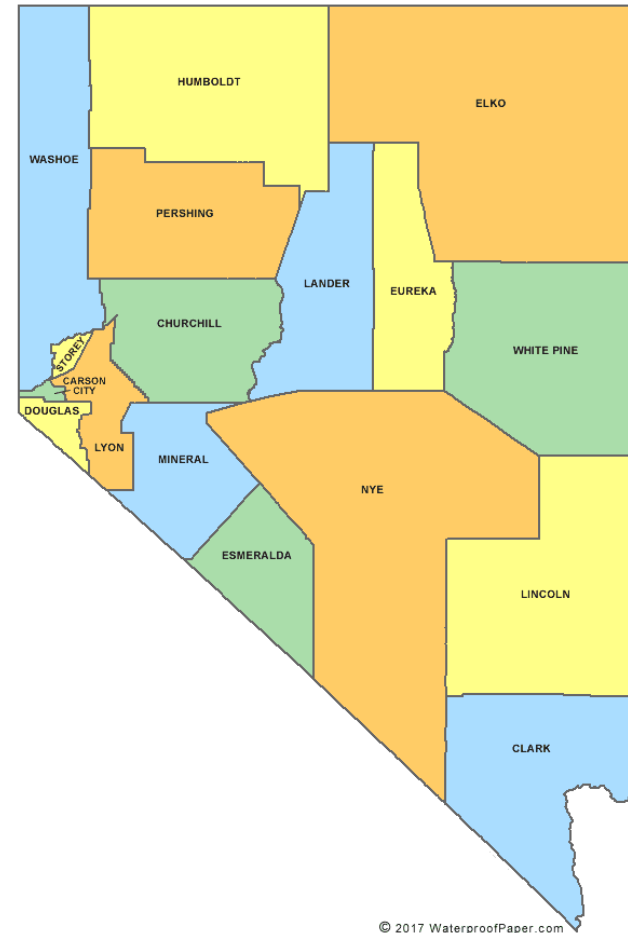
Adopt the following tests effective September 1, 2021:

NV License	Current Content Test Required	New Required Test Title	Required Score	Effective Date
Instrumental Music	Music: Content and Analysis (5114)	Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge (5115) ^a	150	9/1/2021
Vocal Music	Music: Content and Analysis (5114)	Music: Vocal and General Knowledge (5116) ^a	153	9/1/2021
Instrumental and Vocal Music	Music: Content and Analysis (5114)	Music: Content and Analysis (5114) ^a	162	9/1/2021
Journalism	5223 Discontinued in 2018	Journalism (5224) ^a	153	9/1/2021
Physical Science	General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)	Physical Science (5485) ^a	157	9/1/2021
Japanese	World Languages Pedagogy (5841)	Japanese: World Language (5661) ^a	156	9/1/2021
		And PLT 7-12 (5624)	157	9/1/2021

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Agenda Item 9:

ETS Test Review Findings and Recommendations

*(Information/Discussion/For
Possible Action)*



Timeline:

- During the September 12, 2019, NV COPS meeting, the Commission voted to postpone the adoption of the Reading Specialist (5301) test. At the time, ETS was revising the Praxis Reading Series tests.
- ETS recommended having NV participants in the MSSS process (2 NV)

NV Participation in MSSS

Participating States and Washington, D.C. and Number of Panelists

Arkansas (2 panelists)

Hawaii (1 panelist)

Idaho (3 panelists)

Kansas (2 panelists)

Kentucky (1 panelist)

Maryland (2 panelists)

Nebraska (2 panelists)

Nevada (2 panelists)

North Carolina (1 panelist)

North Dakota (2 panelists)

South Dakota (2 panelists)

Utah (1 panelist)

Washington, D.C. (2 panelists)

West Virginia (3 panelists)

Timeline (Cont.)

- ETS engaged NV K-12 educators and IHE faculty in two rounds of test reviews for the revised Reading Specialist (5302) test in Nevada:
 - August 2020 (15)
 - October 2020 (13)
- The unanimous recommendation from the test review committee was to recommend to the NV COPS the adoption of the Reading Specialist (5203) test for the **Reading Specialist Endorsement.**

- The K-12 Reading Endorsement **NAC 391.285** is not to be confused with the K-12 Reading Specialist Endorsement **NAC 391.290**. These are two separate endorsements listed in the Nevada Administrative Code with different requirements to obtain the desired endorsement.
 - The K-12 Reading Endorsement allows an educator to teach reading at any grade level.
 - The K-12 Reading Specialist Endorsement allows an educator to work as a School Reading Specialist.
- Currently there are no Praxis testing requirements for either endorsement.

Reading Specialist (5302)

Content Categories	Number of Questions	Percentage of Test
I. Curriculum and Instruction	47	37%
A. Foundations and Curriculum Design		
B. Instructional Design and Implementation		
II. Assessment	29	23%
III. Prof. Leadership and Specialized Roles	19	15%
IV. Application	2	25%

NDE Recommended Action:

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Based on the recommendation from the test review committee, the recommendation is for NV COPS to adopt the Praxis Reading Specialist (5302) test for the ***K-12 Reading Specialist Endorsement*** with a required passing score of 165, effective October 1, 2021.

NO ACTION TAKEN

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