

## Announcements from Professional Education Programs

Dr. Bowser, Director

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### Important Dates for University Supervisors with Capstone Interns

- 1st 8-week Assignment Forms were due September 8
- Teacher Intern Seminar & PLC Training – October 11 – St. Francis River Room
- Educator Disposition Assessment Due – October 12 (should have submitted to LiveText)
- Work with Dr. Covey on edTPA submission to Pearson by October 20
- 2nd 8-week Assignment Forms due – October 27
- Last full day of Fall 2023 teaching internship – December 8
- Fall 2022 Exit Evaluation – December 11
- TESS Summative (submit to LiveText by December 12)

### NEW Licensure Assessment Changes

As a result of a review of Arkansas educator preparation and licensure requirements, the Arkansas State Board of Education has approved a standard error of measurement (SEM) adjustment on cut scores for eligible licensure tests. Beginning September 1, 2023, Arkansas's passing score will be set two SEM below the recommended study value for eligible Praxis tests. Click here for a link to the [Licensure Assessment Cut Score Chart](#).

### Licensure Assessment Ready News – Michael Rowland

DESE is sponsoring Praxis tutoring sessions for several low pass rate and/or high-volume tests. **All sessions are free**, virtual, and facilitated by an expert in the content area. The most current information can be found on the [Licensure Assessment Ready website](#)

### Last Licensure Meeting – September 5

1. By the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, all teachers employed in Elementary, Special Education, ELL (K-6), and Reading Specialists shall demonstrate proficiency in knowledge and practices of **scientific reading instruction**. All other educators shall demonstrate awareness.
2. Aspiring Teacher Permit – Karli Saracini and Melissa Jacks  
An Aspiring Teacher may be employed in a teacher of record position for the area in which they are currently completing a traditional internship through an approved Arkansas university. The Aspiring Teacher Permit should be used for a teaching vacancy, not for a temporary or long-term substitute. The MOU of support between the university and the school district must be established before proceeding with a request.
3. [ACT 732](#) (Licensure Options for Traditional/Alternative Programs)
4. Licensure Waiver - a teacher who is not licensed is no longer able to teach for more than 60 consecutive school days in the same class. This applies to Long Term Sub, Emergency Teaching Permit, and Additional Licensure Plan (ALP) & (ALCP)

### Higher Education Program Revisions for 2024

[Arkansas competencies](#) for many licensure areas have been updated in response to changes to national standards and licensure assessments. The following areas need to submit Program Revisions by **February 1, 2024**: Middle School ELA (4-8), World Languages (K-12), and English (7-12)

### CONGRATULATIONS! Revisions to Programs Approved

Coaching (K-12), Physical Education (K-12), and Social Studies (7-12).

Detailed information available is on the [Arkansas DESE website](#). The contact is Ann Crosser, Program Advisor, [ann.crosser@ade.arkansas.gov](mailto:ann.crosser@ade.arkansas.gov).

# Licensure Assessment Cut Score Updates-Effective September 1, 2023

TEST NAME	TEST CODE	Cut Score as of Sept 1, 2023	AAP SCORE
Agriculture	5701	134	N/A
American Sign Language Proficiency Interview	0634	170 (NO CHANGE)	160
Art: Content Knowledge	5134	145	N/A
Biology: Content Knowledge (Previous Test: accepted until 9/1/2028)*	5235	142 (NO CHANGE)	132
Biology: Content Knowledge	5236	142	N/A
Business Education: Content Knowledge	5101	142	N/A
Chemistry: Content Knowledge (Previous Test: accepted until 9/1/2028)*	5245	150 (NO CHANGE)	140
Chemistry: Content Knowledge	5246	133	N/A
Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	5665	152	N/A
Computer Science	5652	135	N/A
Earth and Space Science: Content Knowledge (Previous Test: accepted until 9/1/2027)*	5571	145 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Earth and Space Science: Content Knowledge	5572	141	N/A
Education of Young Children	5024	149	N/A
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	5001	N/A	N/A
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Mathematics Subtest	5003	136	N/A
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Reading Lang Arts Subtest	5002	141	N/A
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Science Subtest	5005	139	N/A
Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects Social Studies Subtest	5004	137	N/A
English Language Arts: Content and Analysis (Previous Test: accepted until 9/1/2027)*	5039	159	N/A
English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	5038	155	N/A
English to Speakers of Other Languages	5362	155 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Family and Consumer Sciences	5122	140	N/A
Foundations of Reading (FOR)	SA190	233 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
French: World Language	5174	149	N/A
Fundamental Subjects: Content Knowledge	5511	148 (NO CHANGE)	138
Geometry	5163	129	N/A
German: World Language	5183	151	N/A

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Gifted Education	5358	151	N/A
Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge	5857	149	N/A
Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education	5023	160 (NO CHANGE)	150
Japanese: World Language	5661	144	N/A
Journalism	5224	140	N/A
Latin: World Language	5601	161 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Library Media Specialist (Previous test: accepted until 9/1/2028)*	5311	148 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
School Librarian	5312	141	N/A
Marketing Education	5561	156 (NO CHANGE)	146
Mathematics	5165	143	N/A
Mathematics: Content Knowledge (Previous test: accepted until 9/1/2027)*	5161	145	N/A
Middle School English Language Arts	5047	153	N/A
Middle School Mathematics (Previous test: accepted until 9/1/2027)*	5169	148	N/A
Middle School Mathematics	5164	141	N/A
Middle School Science	5442	140	N/A
Middle School Science ( Previous test: accepted until 9/1/2025)*	5440	137	N/A
Middle School Social Studies	5089	149 (NO CHANGE)	139
Music: Content Knowledge	5113	152	N/A
Music: Instrumental and General Knowledge	5115	138	N/A
Music: Vocal and General Knowledge	5116	140	N/A
Online Education (K-12) endorsement Team Digital	-	-	N/A
ParaPro Assessment	1755	457 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Physical Education: Content Knowledge (Coaching)	5091	149 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Physics: Content Knowledge (Previous Test: accepted until 9/1/2028)*	5265	135 (NO CHANGE)	125
Physics: Content Knowledge	5266	133	N/A
Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 5-9	5623	160 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades K-6	5622	160 (NO CHANGE)	N/A

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Principles of Learning and Teaching: Early Childhood	5621	157 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Principles of Learning and Teaching: Grades 7-12	5624	157 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Reading Specialist	5302	160 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Russian: World Language	5671	119	N/A
School Counselor (Previous Test: accepted until 9/1/2028)*	5421	144	N/A
School Counselor	5422	146	N/A
School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA)	6990	151 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
School Psychologist (Previous Test: accepted until 9/1/2028)*	5402	147 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
School Psychologist	5403	155	N/A
School Superintendent Assessment (SSA)	6991	157 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Social Studies: Content and Interpretation (Previous test: accepted until 9/1/2027)*	5086	142	N/A
Social Studies: Content Knowledge	5081	155 (NO CHANGE)	145
Spanish: World Language	5195	156	N/A
Special Education: Core Knowledge Applications	5354	138	N/A
Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention	5692	146	N/A
Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	5272	160 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Special Education: Teaching Students With Visual Impairments	5282	163 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Speech Communication: Content Knowledge	5221	141 (NO CHANGE)	131
Speech-Language Pathology	5331	162 (NO CHANGE)	N/A
Technology Education	5051	147	N/A
Theatre	5641	154 (NO CHANGE)	144

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