

**Educator Licensure Testing Requirements**  
**(as of July 1, 2017)**  
**for candidates seeking **initial or new licensure** in a subject area.**

**Licensure tests and qualifying scores listed in the following charts are subject to change by the State Board of Education of Ohio. These charts are not for currently licensed teachers retesting in content areas they instruct.**

**Update:**

- All new educator licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017 for Early Childhood (grades PK-3), Middle Childhood (Grades 4-9), Early Childhood Intervention Specialist (PK-3) and Intervention Specialist: Mild/Moderate Needs (grades K-12) Moderate/Intensive Needs (grades K-12), Gifted (grades K-12), Hearing Impaired (grades PK-12), Visually Impaired (grades PK-12) shall require the applicant to attain a passing score on an examination of reading instruction (OAE 090).
- Middle Childhood Assessment for Social Studies is being modified to include Ohio 4<sup>th</sup> Grade History. Tentative changes effective January 2018 pending State Board of Education approval.
- American Sign Language test has been developed for Multi-Age World Languages. Test availability beginning January 2018 pending State Board of Education approval.

**Introduction**

The implementation of educator testing in Ohio is in response to standards adopted by the State Board of Education (see Ohio Administrative Code). The State Board of Education has adopted examinations for licensure that are provided by (1) Evaluation Systems group of Pearson (Pearson), (2) Educational Testing Service (ETS) and (3) the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL). Successful completion of required tests is designed to ensure that candidates for licensure have acquired the minimal knowledge necessary for entry-level positions.

Licensure tests provided by ACTFL/LTI are required of all modern world language candidates. These assessments ensure the spoken and written language proficiency of candidates for licensure to teach modern world languages.

The ODE requires only **ONE** Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment test be successfully completed in an educator's career. However, new content or licensure areas require additional Pearson, ACTFL or ETS Praxis II subject tests to establish minimum competency in that subject area. Any applicant interested in specific test requirements of an educator preparation program **MUST** contact the school, college, or department of education of an approved institution. Any person holding licensure in another state and interested in obtaining Ohio licensure should contact the Ohio Department of Education (ODE), Center for the Teaching Profession, Office of Educator Licensure, 25 S. Front Street, MS 504, Columbus, Ohio 43215-4183, (614) 466-3593 or (Toll free) 877-644-6338. Email: [educator.licensure@education.ohio.gov](mailto:educator.licensure@education.ohio.gov)

### **What tests are required?**

- ❑ Ohio Assessments for Educators (OAE) are provided by **Evaluation Systems group of Pearson**. These assessments include Professional Knowledge Assessments and content tests.
- ❑ Where specified, Praxis II subject assessments provided by **Educational Testing Service** are required.
- ❑ Tests in World Languages are provided by **ACTFL/LTI (Language Testing International)** and include two components: the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI or OPIc) and the Writing Proficiency Test (WPT). Refer to the chart for required languages assessments.

### **What are the registration procedures?**

- ❑ **Evaluation Systems group of Pearson:** Online registration for these computer-delivered tests is available 24 hours per day, 7 days a week. The option is available to register up to 24 hours before testing. Access the following website for information. <http://www.oh.nesinc.com/>
- ❑ **Educational Testing Service:** Praxis II content tests are required as indicated. Computer delivered tests are available as specified. Registration for computer-delivered tests is available at: <http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/>
- ❑ Registration for **ACTFL/LTI** tests is available on the LTI website, [www.languageTesting.com](http://www.languageTesting.com)

### **When and where are the tests administered?**

- ❑ All Pearson OAE assessments are computer-delivered and offered on demand. In Ohio, testing is available at Pearson Professional Centers or Educator preparation program sites. Out-of-state centers are also available. Follow the registration directions indicated at the website. <http://www.oh.nesinc.com/>

- ❑ ETS Praxis II computer-delivered tests are given year-round by appointment at designated sites. Follow the registration directions indicated at the website: [www.ets.org/praxis/register/computer](http://www.ets.org/praxis/register/computer)
  
- ❑ ACTFL/LTI language tests are administered at a date and time agreed upon between the examinee and LTI. The specifics are available on the LTI website: [www.languagetesting.com](http://www.languagetesting.com)

### **Where should test results be reported for out-of-state applicants?**

- ❑ **Evaluation Systems group of Pearson/OAE**  
Out-of-state applicants are responsible for accessing their account and clicking on the link “Request a Copy of Your Test Results.” The individual uses this link to request an additional score report which then accompanies his/her application for licensure. There is a fee associated with this request. Assessment results for candidates taking the OAE assessments are reported to ODE regardless of whether they are in-state or out-of-state candidates.
  
- ❑ **ACTFL/LTI**  
Individuals who have previously completed the LTI OPI and/or WPT in another state, or in Ohio prior to February 2009 and would like that rating to apply to their licensure application, will need to arrange for test results to be electronically reported to the Ohio Department of Education. In order to do this, email: [processing@languagetesting.com](mailto:processing@languagetesting.com) and ask for a *Request for an Official Certificate* form, which can then be sent via email, fax or mail. An additional fee is required to obtain a certified copy. Amount of the fee is available on the LTI website. Payment should be included when the form is submitted.
  
- ❑ **ETS/PRAXIS**  
Out-of-state applicants are responsible for authorizing ETS to release the test results to the Ohio Department of Education (**recipient number 7945**).

<http://education.ohio.gov> (Search Keyword: Educator Licensure)

### **What is the procedure for in-state applicants?**

In-state applicants are responsible for authorizing testing companies to release test results to the college or university where the applicant is enrolled.

### **May a candidate retake failed tests?**

- ❑ Yes, a candidate for licensure may retake any or all required tests. Access the Pearson, ETS and ACTFL/LTI websites for details regarding the retest policies of each test provider.

**How may a candidate qualify for accommodations?**

- ❑ All accommodations for extra time or special needs are determined by the test providers.

For Pearson test accommodations see the Pearson website:

<http://www.oh.nesinc.com>

For ACTFL test accommodations policy see the ACTFL website:

[www.languagetesting.com](http://www.languagetesting.com)

For Praxis test accommodations see the ETS website:

[www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)

## Test Requirements by Ohio Educator Licensure Area

### Early Childhood (Grades PK -3)

Tests and qualifying scores listed in the following charts are subject to change by the State Board of Education of Ohio.

<b>Early Childhood PK-3 (71-no code)</b>	<b>Licensure Area/OAE Required Assessment/Code Number</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	Assessment of Prof. Knowledge: Early Childhood (PK-3) / 001	220
<b>Content Assessments</b>	Early Childhood Education / 012	220
	<b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220

**Middle Childhood** (Grades 4-9)

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<b>Middle Childhood (Grades 4-9)</b>	<b>Licensure Area/OAE Required Assessment /Code Number</b>		<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Middle Childhood (4-9) / 002		220
<b>Content Knowledge Assessments Middle Childhood</b>  <b>License specifies areas of concentration in at least two of the following</b>	<b>Area of Licensure (Type and Code)</b>	<b>OAE Assessment/Code Number</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
	Language Arts And Reading (62-050150)	Middle Grades English Language Arts/028 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220  220
	Mathematics (62-110100)	Middle Grades Mathematics/ 030 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220  220
	Science (62-130102)	Middle Grades Science / 029 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220  220
	Social Studies (62-150003)	Middle Grades Social Studies / 031 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220  220

**Adolescence to Young Adult (Grades 7-12)**

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<b>Adolescence to Young Adult (Grades 7-12 Integrated Areas)</b>	<b>Licensure Areas/OAE Required Assessment /Code Number</b>		<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	Assessment of Professional Knowledge: Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12) / 003		220
<b>Content Knowledge Assessments</b>	<b>Area of Licensure (Type and Code)</b>	<b>OAE Assessment/Code Number</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
	Integrated Language Arts (63-050145)	English Language Arts / 020	220
	Integrated Mathematics (63-110094)	Mathematics /027	220
	Integrated Science (63-132010)	Integrated Science / 024	220
	Integrated Social Studies (63-150004)	Integrated Social Studies / 025	220
	Life Science (63-132030)	Biology / 007	220
	Earth Sciences (63-132040)	Earth and Space Science / 014	220
	Physical Sciences: Chemistry (63-132150)	Chemistry / 009	220
	Physical Sciences: Physics (63-132160)	Physics / 035	220
	Physical Sciences: Chemistry and Physics (63-132020)	Chemistry / 009 <b>and</b> Physics / 035	220

	Life Sciences/ Earth Sciences (63-132034)	Biology / 007 <b>and</b> Earth and Space Science / 014	220 220
	Life Sciences/Physics (63-132035)	Biology / 007 <b>and</b> Physics / 035	220 220
	Life Sciences/Chemistry (63-132036)	Biology / 007 <b>and</b> Chemistry / 009	220 220
	Earth Sciences/Physics (63-132045)	Earth and Space Science / 014 <b>and</b> Physics 035	220 220
	Earth Sciences/Chemistry (63-132046)	Earth and Space Science / 014 <b>and</b> Chemistry / 009	220 220



### Multi-Age (PK-12)

**Tests and qualifying scores listed in the following charts are subject to change by the State Board of Education of Ohio.**

Multi-Age (PK12)	Licensure Area/OAE/ACTFL Required Assessment/Code Number		Qualifying Score
<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	Assessment of Prof. Knowledge: Multi-Age (PK -12) 004		220
<b>Content Knowledge Assessments</b>	Area of Licensure (Type and Code)	OAE/ACTFL Content Test Name/Code Number	Qualifying Score
	Computer Information Science (64-111780)	OAE Computer Information Science / 010	220
	Dance (64-080302)	OAE Dance/011	220
	Drama Theater (64-050338)	OAE Theater / 048	220
	Modern Language – American Sign Language (64-050090)	No subject assessment required at this time	
	Modern Language – French (64-060230)	<b>ACTFL/LTI</b> Oral Proficiency Interview or Oral Proficiency Interview computer <b>and</b> Writing Proficiency Test or Interactive Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate-High
	Modern Language - German (64-060235)	<b>ACTFL/LTI</b> Oral Proficiency Interview or Oral Proficiency Interview computer <b>and</b> Writing Proficiency Test or Interactive Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate-High

	Modern Language-Spanish (64-060265)	<b>ACTFL/LTI</b> Oral Proficiency Interview or Oral Proficiency Interview computer <b>and</b> Writing Proficiency Test or Interactive Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate-High
	Modern and Classical Language – Other (64-xxxxxx) Contact ODE Office of Licensure for codes	<b>ACTFL/LTI</b> Oral Proficiency Interview or Oral Proficiency Interview computer <b>and</b> Writing Proficiency Test or Interactive Writing Proficiency Test  (Access the ACTFL/LTI website for list of languages. At this time there are no tests for Classical Latin & Classical Greek.)	Intermediate-High
	Health (64-080115)	OAE Health / 023	220
	Library/Media (64-050675)	OAE School Library Media Specialist / 041	220
	Music (64-120050)	OAE Music / 032	220
	Physical Education (64-080305)	OAE Physical Education / 034	220
	TESOL (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages) (64-050250)	OAE English to Speakers of Other Languages / 021	220
	Visual Arts (64-020012)	OAE Art / 006	220

**Intervention Specialist (Grade bands as indicated)**

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<b>Intervention Specialist</b>	<b>Licensure Area/OAE Required Assessment/Code Number</b>		<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	Assessment of Prof. Knowledge: Early Childhood (PK-3) / 001		220
	<b>Area of Licensure (Type and Code)</b>	<b>OAE Content Test Name/Code Number</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Content Knowledge Assessment</b>	Early Childhood Intervention Specialist (PK-3) (72- no code)	Early Childhood Special Education / 013 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220
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<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	Assessment of Prof. Knowledge: Multi-Age (PK-12) / 004		220
<b>Content Knowledge Assessment</b>	<b>Area of Licensure (Type and Code)</b>	<b>OAE Content Test Name/Code Number</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
	Gifted (K-12) (65-196212)	Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220

	Hearing Impaired (PK-12) (65-196116)	Special Education Specialist: Deaf/Hard of Hearing / 044 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220  220
	Mild-Moderate Needs (K-12) (65-196140)	Special Education / 043 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220  220
	Moderate/Intensive Needs (K-12) (65-196142)	Special Education / 043 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220  220
	Visually Impaired (PK -12) (65-196109)	Special Education Specialist: Visually Impaired / 045 <b>and</b> Foundations of Reading/090 (For licenses issued on or after July 1, 2017)	220  220

**Career-Technical Baccalaureate (Grades 4-12 and beyond)**

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Career-Technical Baccalaureate (Grades 4-12 and beyond)	Licensure Area/OAE Required Assessment/Code Number		Qualifying Score
<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	OAE Assessment of Professional Knowledge Middle Childhood (4-9) / 002		220
	<b>OR</b> OAE Assessment of Professional Knowledge Adolescence to Young Adult (7-12) /003		220
<b>Content Knowledge Assessment</b>	Area of Licensure (Type and Code)	OAE Required Assessment/ Code Number	Qualifying Score
	Agriscience (66-010100)	Agriscience / 005	220
	Family and Consumer Sciences (66-090120)	Family and Consumer Science / 022	220
	Integrated Business (66-140550)	Business Education/ 008	220
	Marketing (66-040800)	Marketing / 026	220
	Technology Education (66-160610)	Technology Education (Subtest I) /046	220
		<b>and</b> Technology Education (Subtest II) /047	220

### Endorsements

(Endorsements may be added to any standard teaching license unless limited by age or grade as noted below.)

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Area of Licensure (Type and Code)	OAE Required Assessment/Code Number	Qualifying Score
Adapted Physical Education (PK-12) (limited to Physical Education License) (xx-080505)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
Bilingual Education (PK-12) (xx-180500)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
Career Based Intervention (7-12) (xx-600100)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
Computer Technology (xx-111770)	Computer/Technology (Subtest I) / 016	220
	<b>and</b> Computer/Technology (Subtest II) /017	220
Early Childhood (4-5) Generalist (Limited to Early Childhood (PK-3) license holders to meet additional requirements to teach grades four and five) (xx-185000)	Elementary Education (Subtest I) / 018	220
	<b>and</b> Elementary Education (Subtest II) 019	220
Gifted Intervention Specialist (K-12) (xx-196210)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
Literacy Specialist (candidates applying for this endorsement must have at least 3 years of successful experience in the teaching of reading under a standard license and have previously obtained the Reading Endorsement) (xx-050315)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____

<p>Mathematics Specialist (PK-6) (Limited to PK, elementary or early childhood license or middle childhood, high school, or AYA mathematics license) (xx-110315)</p>	<p>No subject assessment required at this time</p>	<p>_____</p>
<p>Middle Childhood Generalist (4-6) (Limited to Middle Childhood License with two areas)</p> <p>Language Arts and Reading (4-6) (xx-050155)</p> <p>Science (4-6) (xx-130155)</p> <p>Mathematics (4-6) (xx-110155)</p> <p>Social Studies (4-6) (xx-150155)</p>	<p>Choose <b>one</b> option:</p> <p><u>Option 1:</u> 1A. Elementary Education (Subtest 1) /018 220 1B. Elementary Education (Subtest II) / 019 220</p> <p><u>Option 2:</u> <i>The content test(s) for each content area being added to the MC License.</i></p> <p>2A. Middle School English Language Arts / 028 220</p> <p>2B. Middle School Science / 029 220</p> <p>2C. Middle School Mathematics / 030 220</p> <p>2D. Middle Grades Social Studies / 031 220</p>	
<p>Pre-kindergarten (Limited to ages 3-5) (Limited to kindergarten-primary, elementary, family and consumer sciences [home economics], or special certificates for education of the handicapped) (xx180108)</p>	<p>Prekindergarten I / 036 <b>and</b> Prekindergarten II / 037</p>	<p>220</p> <p>220</p>
<p>Pre-kindergarten Special Needs (Limited to pre-kindergarten, special education, or the early childhood education teaching licenses and valid for teaching learners in pre-kindergarten, ages 3-5 only). (xx196097)</p>	<p>Early Childhood Special Education / 013</p>	<p>220</p>
<p>Reading (K-12) (xx059902)</p>	<p>Reading (Subtest I) / 038 <b>and</b> Reading Subtest II) /039</p>	<p>220</p> <p>220</p>

School Nurse Wellness Coordinator (Limited to professional school nurse license or professional or permanent school nurse certificate)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
Science Specialist (PK-9) (Limited to kindergarten-primary, elementary or early childhood license or middle-childhood, high school or AYA science license) (xx-130160)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) (PK-12) (xx050275)	English to Speakers of Other Languages / 021	220
Teacher Leader (Limited to a professional teaching license or permanent teaching certificate) (xx-550100)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
Transition to Work (limited to intervention specialist or career- technical vocational license) (xx-600010)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____



## Administrator

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Area of Licensure (Type and Code)	OAE Professional Knowledge Assessment	OAE Content Assessment/Code Number	Qualifying Score
Principal (grades PK-6) (limited to an Early Childhood, Middle Childhood, Multi-Age, or Intervention Specialist license) (73-280100)			
Principal (grades 4-9) (limited to a Middle Childhood, Multi-Age, Adolescence to Young Adult or Intervention Specialist license) (73-280200)			
Principal (grades 5-12) limited to a Middle Childhood, Multi-Age, Intervention Specialist, Adolescence to Young Adult or Vocational/Career-Technical license) (73-280300)			
Superintendent (limited to a Principal or Administrative Specialist license) (68-no code)			
Curriculum Instruction and Prof. Development (limited to a valid professional teacher license or professional pupil services license) (80-281300)	No Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment Required	Educational Leadership/015	220
Educational Research (limited to a valid professional teacher license or professional pupil services license) (80-281100)			
Educational Staff Personnel Administration (limited to a valid professional teacher license or professional pupil services license) (80-281200)			
Pupil Services Administration (limited to a professional pupil services license) (80-281400)			
School-Community Relations			

<p>(limited to a valid professional teacher license or professional pupil services license) (80-281500)</p> <p><b>Career-Technical (Vocational) Education Administration</b></p> <p>(limited to a valid professional teacher license or professional pupil services license) (80-281600)</p>			
<p>Endorsement: Urban Principal (Limited to a principal license) (xx-280400)</p>	<p>No subject assessment required at this time</p>		

**Professional Pupil Services** (Grades – all)

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<b>Professional Pupil Services</b>	<b>Licensure Area/OAE/ PRAXIS II Required Assessment/Code Number</b>		<b>Qualifying Score</b>
<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	No pedagogical knowledge assessment required		_____
<b>Content Knowledge Assessment</b>	<b>Area of Licensure (Type and Code)</b>	<b>OAE/ PRAXIS II Required Assessment /Code Number</b>	
	School Audiologist (74-270100)	<b>PRAXIS II</b> Audiology / 5342	170
	School Counselor (74270200)	OAE School Counselor / 040	220
	School Nurse (74270800)	No subject assessment required at this time	
	School Psychologist (74-270700)	OAE School Psychologist / 042	220
		<b>PRAXIS II</b> School Psychologist / 5402	147
	School Speech-Language Pathologist (74-270400)	<b>PRAXIS II</b> School Speech-Language Pathology / 5331	162
	School Social Worker (74-270300)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
	Orientation and Mobility Specialist (74-270900)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
	Occupational Therapist (74-270500)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
Physical Therapist (74-270600)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____	

## Associate

**Tests and qualifying scores listed in the following charts are subject to change by the State Board of Education of Ohio.**

Associate	Licensure Area/ Required Assessment/Code Number		Qualifying Score
<b>Pedagogical Knowledge Assessment</b>	No professional knowledge assessment required		
<b>Content Knowledge Assessment</b>	<b>Area of Licensure (Type and Code)</b>	<b>OAE Content Test Name/Code Number</b>	<b>Qualifying Score</b>
	Education Paraprofessional (67-282100)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
	Interpreter for the Hearing Impaired (67-282200)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
	Occupational Therapy Assistant (67-270550)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
	Physical Therapy Assistant (67-270650)	No subject assessment required at this time	_____
	Prekindergarten (67-180109)	Prekindergarten I / 036 <b>and</b> Prekindergarten II / 037	220  220