



STATE OF NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Grade Point Average (GPA) and Praxis Flexibility Requirements for Instructional Certificates

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New Jersey requires that candidates for certification achieve a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 when a GPA of 4.00 equals an A grade for students graduating on or after September 1, 2016 (2.75 for students graduating before September 1, 2016) in a baccalaureate degree program, higher degree program or a state-approved post-baccalaureate certification program with a minimum of 13 semester-hour credits.

The tables below outline the GPA and Praxis flexibility for instructional certificate candidates who have not met the current passing score(s). A high Praxis score or a high GPA may qualify under current flexibility rules.

Passing Score Plus 10%

For degrees conferred on or after September 1, 2016, where the GPA is less than 3.0, but equal to or higher than 2.75, the GPA requirement will be met if the passing score meets or exceeds the scores in the “Passing Score + 10% column” below.

Passing Score Minus 5%

Where the GPA is 3.50 or higher, and the passing score is no less than the scores in the “Passing Score – 5% column” below, the test requirement will be met.

Praxis Test Requirements

Table I: Current Praxis Test Requirements

Code	Test	Current Passing Score	Passing Score + 10% Per Above	Passing Score – 5% Per Above
5134	Art: Content Knowledge	158	174	150
5101	Business Education	154	169	146
5025	Early Childhood Education	156	172	148
5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	n/a	n/a	n/a
5002	Reading and Language Arts Subtest	157	173	149
5003	Mathematics Subtest	157	173	149
5004	Social Studies Subtest	155	171	147
5005	Science Subtest	159	175	151
5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164	180	156

Code	Test	Current Passing Score	Passing Score + 10% Per Above	Passing Score – 5% Per Above
5164	Middle School Mathematics	157	173	149
5089	Middle School Social Studies	158	174	150
5442	Middle School Science	152	167	144
5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167	184	159
5122	Family and Consumer Sciences	153	168	145
5174	French: World Language	162	178	154
5183	German: World Language	163	179	155
5195	Spanish: World Language	168	185	160
5857	Health & Physical Education: Content Knowledge	160	176	152
0561	Marketing Education	158	174	150
5165	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	159	175	151
5113	Music: Content Knowledge	153	168	145
5091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	148	163	141
5206	Introduction to the Teaching of Reading	159	175	151
5435	General Science: Content Knowledge	152	167	144
5235	Biology: Content Knowledge	152	167	144
5245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	152	167	144
5571	Earth Science: Content Knowledge	153	168	145
5265	Physics: Content Knowledge	141	155	134
5081	Social Studies: Content Knowledge	157	173	149
5221	Speech Communication	143	157	136
5641	Theatre	153	168	145
5051	Technology Education	159	175	151

Table II: Former Praxis Tests

Code	Test	Current Passing Score	Passing Score + 10%	Passing Score – 5%
5022	Early Childhood: Content Knowledge	159	175	151
0014 or 5014	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	141	155	134
5031	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects	n/a	n/a	n/a
5032	Reading and Language Arts Subtest	165	182	157
5033	Mathematics Subtest	164	180	156
5034	Social Studies Subtest	155	171	147
5035	Science Subtest	159	175	151
0049 or 5049	Middle School English Language Arts	156	172	148
0069 or 5069	Middle School Mathematics	152	167	144
5169	Middle School Mathematics	165	182	157
0439	Middle School Science	145	160	138
5440	Middle School Science	150	165	143
5041	English Language, Literature, & Composition: Content Knowledge	162	178	154
5121	Family and Consumer Sciences	150	165	143
5856	Health & Physical Education: Content Knowledge	151	166	143
0061 or 5061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	137	151	130
5161	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	160	176	152
5204	Introduction to the Teaching of Reading	156	172	148