

edTPA Handbook and New Jersey Certification Alignment

On August 3, 2016 the State Board of Education voted to set the cut score on the Commissioner- approved performance assessment, edTPA. In June of 2014, regulations requiring teacher candidates to pass a performance assessment in order to gain licensure were adopted and in December of 2015 edTPA was selected as the Commissioner-approved assessment.

As adopted by the New Jersey State Board, the implementation timeline for edTPA is designed to enable a gradual ramp-up to full implementation and is as follows:

Table 1 edTPA Implementation Requirement Timeline

School Year	Requirement
2016-2017	Optional pilot
2017-2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All Certificate of Eligibility with Advanced Standing (CEAS) candidates complete the assessment for certification but do not need to meet a specific cut score - All Certificate of Eligibility (CE) holders¹ complete the assessment but do not need to meet a specific cut score if the assessment is taken during this school year
2018-2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - All CEAS candidates complete the assessment for certification but do not need to meet a specific cut score - All CE holders complete the assessment but do not need to meet a specific cut score if the assessment is taken during this school year
2019-2020	Cut score set at one standard error of measurement below the national recommendation <i>13-rubric handbooks (32), 15-rubric handbooks (37), 18-rubric handbooks (44)</i>
2020-2021	Cut score set at one standard error of measurement below the national recommendation <i>13-rubric handbooks (32), 15-rubric handbooks (37), 18-rubric handbooks (44)</i>
2021-2022	Cut score determined by New Jersey standard setting process

Candidates seeking an initial certificate of eligibility with advanced standing must pass the Commissioner-approved performance assessment prior to earning certification. Certificate of eligibility holders must pass the performance assessment prior to earning standard certification. Candidates need only complete and pass one edTPA handbook for licensure in one of the certification areas sought.

Note: candidates seeking multiple endorsements concurrently for initial licensure should select the edTPA handbook that aligns with the clinical practice (student teaching) or CE hiring placement. For example: a candidate seeking K–6 and Middle School Math concurrently who is completing clinical practice in a middle school math classroom should complete the Middle Childhood Mathematics handbook.

¹ CE holders that began teaching provisionally and completed a preparation program prior to 9/1/17 are exempt from the performance assessment requirement