



State of New Jersey

STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

Discussion Resolution  
August 19, 2020

**A Resolution to Extend The edTPA Qualifying Scores and Adopt The Special Education Handbook for The edTPA Performance Assessment for Novice Teachers to Receive Certification**

**Whereas**, the State Board of Education adopted resolutions on August 3, 2016 and April 11, 2018, that established and extended the initial cut scores and handbook alignment for the Commissioner-approved performance assessment edTPA in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9B-8.7(a)4i; and

**Whereas**, the August 3, 2016, State Board of Education resolution also permitted the Department to study flexibility options for candidates completing the Commissioner-approved performance assessment; and

**Whereas**, the Department’s plan to convene a panel of New Jersey stakeholders in spring 2020 to participate in a standard setting study to review and analyze New Jersey-specific data and to recommend a cut score to the State Board for the 2020-2021 school year and beyond has been impeded by the COVID-19 state of emergency; and

**Whereas**, the Department has studied flexibility for the alignment of allowable edTPA handbooks for New Jersey certification areas and has determined that the Special Education edTPA handbook should also be deemed allowable for the Teacher of Students with Disabilities Endorsement; now therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that a cut score of 44 on the combined elementary assessment, a cut score of 32 on the world and classical languages assessment, and a cut score of 37 on all other assessments remain acceptable from September 1, 2020, through August 31, 2021, to satisfy all relevant regulatory requirements; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the State Board of Education hereby supports allowing New Jersey-specific standard setting to be conducted on or before June 1, 2021, to determine an appropriate cut score for September 1, 2021, and beyond to recommend to the State Board; and be it further

**Resolved**, that the State Board of Education hereby supports that the edTPA handbooks described in the table below be allowable for the endorsement area listed effective immediately.

Code	Endorsement Area	Allowable edTPA Handbook(s)
2475	Teacher of Students with Disabilities	1. Candidate completes assessment in initial content area or 2. Special Education

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