

Pennsylvania Department of Education
Certification Test and Score Requirements

Basic Skills Assessment Options

Basic Skills Assessments – Mixed Score Option

You may combine reading, writing and mathematics module scores from different test providers to meet the basic skills requirements. You must meet the passing score listed for each module. A composite score is not available when scores are mixed.

I. ACT		<i>Test Registration Link:</i> ACT
Test Name	Minimum Score per Section	Minimum Combined Score
ACT English/Writing and Mathematics – prior to September 1, 2015	English/Writing 22; Mathematics 21	23
ACT English/Writing and Mathematics – after September 1, 2015	Reading 22 ; Writing 21; Mathematics 21	

II. CORE Academic		<i>Test Registration Link:</i> ETS	
CORE Test Option Effective 6/1/2014 for non-vocational certifications	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	5712	156	148
Mathematics	5732	142	132
Writing	5722	162	158
Composite Score Method for CORE Tests:			
If the sum of your reading, mathematics and writing modules total 467 or higher AND each module's score meets the minimum composite score above you meet the basic skills requirement.			

III. PAPA		<i>Test Registration Link:</i> ES Pearson	
Test Name	Test Number	Passing Score	Minimum Composite Score
Reading	8001	220	193
Mathematics	8002	193	176*
Writing	8003	220	192
Composite Score Method for PAPA Tests:			
If the sum of your reading, mathematics and writing modules total 657 or higher AND each module's score meets the minimum composite score above you meet the basic skills requirement.			
*We will accept 174 from candidates accepted into an educator certification program prior to 8/31/2016			

IV. SAT		<i>Test Registration Link:</i> College Board
Test Name	Minimum Score per Section	Minimum Combined Score
SAT Critical Reading, Mathematics and Writing – prior to March 1, 2016	Critical Reading 500 Mathematics 500 Writing 500	1500