



Test Change Notification: Teacher and School Service Provider Certification

August 1, 2023

Background

The Office of the State Superintendent of Education (OSSE) is offering this guidance document to notify applicants of changes to required exams needed to obtain a DC educator credential(s).

Scope

This document contains guidance for individuals seeking issuance of an educator credential that authorizes the holder to provide instructional services and support as classroom teachers and student/pupil services providers.

Date Issued

This guidance was issued on August 1, 2023.

Guidance

This notification is to inform applicants that the currently required subject content exams needed to earn OSSE educator certification in the areas listed below are being discontinued by the test provider agency (i.e., Educational Testing Service [ETS]). Consequently, new exams have been adopted to replace the expiring exam(s).

The corresponding test changes are as follows:

New exam name and code	Grades	Required new score	Date the new exam will be required	Old exam name and code	Required old score	Last available registration date for the old exam
Biology (5236)	7 to 12	154	9/1/2023	Biology: Content Knowledge (5235)	150	8/31/2023
Chemistry (5246)	7 to 12	146	9/1/2023	Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245)	152	8/31/2023
General Science (5436)	7 to 12	141	9/1/2023	Gen. Science: Content Knowledge (5435)	157	8/31/2023
Physics (5266)	7 to 12	145	9/1/2023	Physics: Content Knowledge (5265)	143	8/31/2023

New exam name and code	Grades	Required new score	Date the new exam will be required	Old exam name and code	Required old score	Last available registration date for the old exam
Special Ed. Early Childhood/Early Intervention (5692)	Pre-K to 3	159	9/1/2023	Special Ed: Preschool/Early Childhood (5691)	159	8/31/2023
Special Ed. Foundational Knowledge (5355)	Pre-K to 12	145	9/1/2023	Special Ed. Core Knowledge (5354)	151	8/31/2024
School Counselor (5422)	Pre-K to 12	159	9/1/2023	Professional School Counselor	156	8/31/2023
School Librarian (5312)	Pre-K to 12	154	9/1/2023	Librarian Media Specialist (5311)	151	8/31/2023
School Psychologist (5403)	Pre-K to 12	155	9/1/2023	School Psychologist (5402)	147	8/31/2023

Acceptance of Passing Scores

OSSE has an established passing score(s) recognition schedule for certification exams/tests that have been changed. Test scores for exams previously taken and passed shall be accepted for a period not to exceed three years after the date the previous exam has been discontinued. During this three-year period, applicants shall be permitted to present passing scores for either the new exam or the old exam to meet the testing provisions of OSSE’s educator credential requirements.

The recognition schedule for the expiring exams is as follows:

Exam name and code	Required score	Date Dropped	Last Date Accepted
Biology: Content Knowledge (5235)	150	8/31/2023	8/31/2026
Chemistry: Content Knowledge (5245)	152	8/31/2023	8/31/2026
General Science: Content Knowledge (5435)	157	8/31/2023	8/31/2026
Physics: Content Knowledge (5265)	143	8/31/2023	8/31/2026
Special Ed.: Preschool/Early Childhood (5691)	159	8/31/2023	8/31/2026
Special Ed.: Core Knowledge (5354)	151	8/31/2024	8/31/2027
Professional School Counselor	156	8/31/2023	8/31/2026
Librarian Media Specialist (5311)	151	8/31/2023	8/31/2026
School Psychologist (5402)	147	8/31/2023	8/31/2026

Applicants who have not registered for an exam that is due to expire prior to its last date of available registration by the Educational Testing Service (ETS) will only be allowed to register and take the new exams.

Questions

If you have questions relating to this notification, contact Tony Graham at anthonys.graham@dc.gov.