



DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
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Test Change Notification: Middle School Science Teacher Credential

August 2, 2021

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.

Scope

This document contains guidance to individuals seeking issuance of an educator credential that authorizes the holder to provide instructional services as a Middle School Science Teacher at the grades 4 through 8 level.

Date Issued

This guidance was issued on August 2, 2021.

Guidance

This notification is to inform applicants that the currently required subject content exam needed for middle school science teacher certification is being discontinued by the test provider agency (i.e., the Educational Testing Service). Consequently, a new exam has been adopted to replace the discontinued exam.

The corresponding test changes are as follows:

Middle School Science

Name/code of the old test being discontinued	Middle School Science (5440)
Required passing score for the old test	150
What is the last test date for the old test	Aug. 31, 2021
Name/code of the NEW test	Middle School Science (5442)
Required passing score for the new test	152
What date will the new test be required	Sept. 1, 2021

Acceptance of Passing Scores

OSSE has an established passing score recognition schedule for certification exams 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 dropped/discontinued. This means that for this three-year period, applicants shall be able to present passing scores for either the discontinued Middle School Science Exam (5440) or for the new Middle School Science exam (5442) to meet the subject content testing portion of the credential requirements.

The recognition schedule for the discontinued exam, is as follows:

Test Name	Test Code	Passing Score	Date Dropped	Last Date Accepted
Middle School Science	5440	150	8/31/2021	8/31/2024

Applicants who have not previously passed the discontinued Middle School Science exam on or prior to Aug. 31, 2021 shall only be able to register for and take the new Middle School Science exam (5442) as of Sept. 1, 2021.

Questions

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