

Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests

On June 13, 2017, the State Board of Education (SBE) approved the South Carolina Department of Education's recommendations to adjust required scores on two of the three subtests of the Praxis® Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests. This examination is required of all candidates for admission into an educator preparation program unless candidates meet SAT or ACT exemption criteria listed below.

The SBE approved to adjust the Praxis® Core subtest exams for Writing and Mathematics.

The required score for the **Writing subtest** was adjusted from **162 to 158**.

The required score for the **Mathematics subtest** was adjusted from **150 to 142**.

The required scores for the two subtests were adjusted by one conditional standard error of measurement as determined by the Educational Testing Service.

The required score for the **Reading subtest of the Praxis® Core exam remains unchanged at 156**. Candidate performance on the Reading subtest did not warrant a recommended adjustment to the required score.

The effective date of the newly adjusted scores is September 1, 2016.

SAT® and ACT® Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests Exemptions

OR

Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Tests Exemptions due to Revised SAT® and ACT® Scores

New SAT® exemption scores

The SBE also approved **new SAT® exemption scores** for candidates who have taken the redesigned SAT® exam administered by The College Board **effective March 5, 2016**.

- Candidates who earned a total score of at least 1100 (Evidence-based Reading and Writing and Math) on the redesigned SAT® may exempt all three subtests of the Praxis® Core exam requirement.
A candidate with a score of 550 on the Evidence-based Reading and Writing portion of the SAT® may exempt the Reading and Writing subtests of Praxis® Core.
A candidate who earned at least 550 on the Math portion of the SAT® may exempt the Mathematics subtest of Praxis® Core.
Candidates who earned a total score of at least 1650 (Math, Reading, and Writing) on the SAT® administered between 2005 and 2015, may exempt all three subtests of Praxis® Core.

New ACT® exemption scores

The ACT® exemption score has been adjusted to **22**, the score that is aligned to the 1100 on the redesigned SAT® based on the concordance tables released by College Board in May 2016.

- A candidate who earned a composite score of 22 on the ACT® may exempt all three subtests of Praxis® Core.
A candidate who earned a score of at least 22 on the English Test may exempt the Reading and Writing subtests of Praxis® Core.
A candidate who earned a score of at least 22 on the Math Test may exempt the Mathematics subtest of Praxis® Core.