

Professional Standards Commission Approval of New Praxis II Middle School Certification Tests

Effective July 1, 2001, individuals seeking certification in Middle Grades Education will be required to take the following certification tests in their area(s) of concentration or study:

0049 Middle School English Language Arts;
0069 Middle School Mathematics;
0439 Middle School Science;
0089 Middle School Social Studies.

Scores will be “phased in” over a five-year period. Scores will be raised from the lowest panel-recommended scores to the highest panel-recommended scores over a five-year period for each of the four tests.

	<i>July 1, 2001</i>	<i>July 1, 2004</i>	<i>July 1, 2006</i>
0049 Middle School English Language Arts	144	151	156
0069 Middle School Mathematics	139	145	154
0439 Middle School Science	141	148	153
0089 Middle School Social Studies	138	144	149

Effective July 1, 2001, the following tests will no longer be required for Middle Grades certification, but will be accepted until July 1, 2002, allowing a one-year transition period:

0146 Middle School: Content Knowledge
0523 Principles of Learning and Teaching (5-9)

In January of 2001, the Professional Standards Commission (PSC) convened four panels of practicing Georgia Middle School teachers and teacher-educators for the purpose of reviewing and setting scores for new Middle School Praxis II certification tests. Educational Testing Service (ETS) led the panels in a validation study of each of the four Middle School tests. These panels selected, validated and set standards (recommended passing scores) for each of the new tests. The Middle School panels made the above recommendations. On May 3, 2001, our Commission approved the above recommendations for implementation beginning July 1, 2001.

Study materials, Test at a Glance booklets (TAAGs), for the new tests are available at Educational Testing Service (ETS) and PSC. You can download the TAAGs from the PSC website at www.gapsc.com or ETS website at www.teachingandlearning.org.

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