

MINNESOTA TEACHER LICENSURE TESTING INFORMATION

[Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/) (<http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/>)

Minnesota Testing Requirements:

Teachers in the Minnesota are required to demonstrate competency on a series of tests in reading, writing, math, pedagogy, and licensure field specific content knowledge.

Passing Scores on Required Tests:

The Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board (PELSB) is responsible for overseeing the teacher testing requirements set forth in Minnesota statute and is continually monitoring and analyzing the testing program. Below are the passing scores for each of the exams as adopted by the [Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board](http://mn.gov/pelsb) (<http://mn.gov/pelsb>)

1. MTLE Pedagogy and Content Exams:

Passing Scores are ≥ 240 for all subtests.

2. Basic Skills (Reading, Writing, and Math):

Options for demonstration of proficiency and passing scores are shown below.

Multi-state NES Essential Academic Skills

Reading:	205
Writing:	214
Math:	213

Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills

Reading:	≥ 520
Writing:	≥ 520
Math:	≥ 520

MTLE Basic Skills Test (*this test was discontinued June 8, 2016*)

Reading:	240
Writing:	240
Math:	240

ACT Plus Writing

Taken February 2005 to present

Combined Score: 22

Combined English/Writing or ELA: 21

1600 SAT (New Version)

Taken March 1, 2016 to present

Reading + Writing: 550

Math: 570

2400 SAT (Old version)

Taken March 12, 2005 – February 28, 2016

Reading: 510

Writing: 510

Math: 520

GRE

Taken 2001 to August 11, 2011

Verbal Reasoning: 450

Analytical Writing: 3

Quantitative Reasoning: 540

Taken after August 11, 2011

Verbal reasoning: 150

Analytical Writing: 3

Quantitative Reasoning: 145

Praxis I

Taken prior to September 1, 2014

Reading: 173

Writing: 172

Math: 171

Praxis CORE

Taken September 1, 2014 to present

Reading: 156

Writing: 162

Math: 150

For more information on specific tests visit the [MTLE Testing Website](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/MTLE_Testing_Website):

(http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=GEN_Tests.html)

Testing Accommodations:

[Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.09, Subdivision 4\(b\)](#)

(<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/statutes/?id=122A.09>) allows an individual to produce documentation of a disability in the form of an evaluation, 504 plan, or an individual education program (IEP) in order to receive the same testing accommodations on the teacher licensing examinations that were received during their secondary or post-secondary education.

To request accommodations for any of the exams, please visit the [Alternative Testing Arrangements](#) webpage.

(https://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_AlternativeArrangements.html)

The following licensure fields are not subject to teacher testing requirements:

- School Social Workers
- School Nurses
- School Psychologists
- School Administrators
- School Counselors
- Speech-Language Pathologists

Nonnative Speaker Exemption

Nonnative English speakers may be exempt from taking the MTLE Basic Skills test required for licensure in Minnesota if they have a job offer from a Minnesota school district or charter school or if they are a graduate of a Minnesota college or university and they obtain verification stating they meet the criteria of being a nonnative English speaker. Beginning January 1, 2015, passing scores on the ACT Plus Writing or SAT exams may also be submitted to meet the requirement for a “skills exam in reading, writing and math.”

The exemption only applies to candidates for licensure who are teaching in immersion programs in which they provide direct instruction in their native language or are world language teachers. Candidates teaching English as a Second Language, in bilingual/bicultural education, or regular secondary or elementary programs are not eligible for the exemption. Teachers whose primary language is American Sign Language and are teaching in an ASL setting also qualify for this exemption.

Generally, a “nonnative” speaker is defined as an individual whose first language is not English.

Information for Applicants Who Are Deaf

[Minnesota Rule 8710.0500](https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.0500) (<https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/?id=8710.0500>) states that applicants of a first professional teaching license must provide evidence of completing the skills examinations in reading, writing, and mathematics using the examinations adopted by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

Subpart 1(a) also states that an applicant who is deaf must complete the skills examination in mathematics adopted by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board. The reading and writing skills requirements can be completed by either passing the examinations adopted by the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board or by an evaluation completed by board approved colleges and universities of demonstrated proficiency in the expressive and receptive use of alternative communication systems, including sign language and finger spelling as measured by the Sign Communications Proficiency Inventory (SCPI).

The SCPI is now the Sign Language Proficiency Inventory (SLPI).

If you would like to request that the reading and writing examinations be waived, please submit evidence of deafness (a copy of your audiogram) and a copy of the SLPI at the Intermediate Plus or higher (if the SLPI is not already in your licensure file). These documents should be submitted as soon as possible to Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board for review.

ACT/SAT Tests

The ACT Plus Writing must be taken as a complete exam. Those who have previously taken the standard version of the ACT must take the new ACT Plus Writing in its entirety, should they choose this option.

ACT Plus Writing Information

[Register for the ACT Plus Writing](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/) (http://www.actstudent.org/regist/)

[Request a score report for the ACT Plus Writing](http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/) (http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/)

[Access ACT Frequently Asked Questions](http://www.actstudent.org/faq/) (http://www.actstudent.org/faq/)

SAT Information

[Register for the SAT](http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-us-dates) (http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-us-dates)

[Request a score report for the SAT](http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/us-services-fees) (http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/us-services-fees)

[Access SAT Frequently Asked Questions](http://sat.collegeboard.org/about-tests/sat/faq) (http://sat.collegeboard.org/about-tests/sat/faq)

What if I haven't passed the Basic Skills Tests?

- For a teacher applying for a first license in Minnesota **who has completed a Minnesota licensure program**, a one-year license may be granted if the board-adopted Basic Skills tests have been attempted but not passed. *Note: Pedagogy and Content testing must also be attempted, if required for your licensure area.*
- For a teacher applying for a first license in Minnesota **who completed an out-of-state licensure program**, a one-year license may be granted to allow time to attempt to pass the board-adopted Basic Skills tests.
- For a teacher who has already been issued a one-year license in Minnesota, up to three subsequent one-year licenses can be issued provided an attempt at the required test(s) has been made since the issuance of the last license, for each one-year renewal.
- For a teacher who has already been issued four one-year licenses in Minnesota, to attempt to pass the board-adopted Basic Skills test, the Board may issue an additional one-year license at the request of the employing Minnesota school district or charter school. The license would be limited to the current subject or content matter the teacher is employed to teach, and limited to the Minnesota district or charter school requesting the restricted license.

What if one or more of the Content or Pedagogy tests are not yet passed?

- For a teacher applying for a first license in Minnesota **who has completed a Minnesota licensure program** a one-year license may be granted if the content or pedagogy tests have been attempted but not passed. *Note: An attempt at board-adopted basic skills is also required.*

- For a teacher applying for a first license in Minnesota **coming from an out-of-state licensure program**, a one-year license may be granted to allow time to attempt to pass these tests.
- For a teacher who has already been issued a one-year license in Minnesota, up to three subsequent one-year licenses can be issued provided an attempt at the required test(s) has been made since the issuance of the last license, for each one-year renewal.

How should the score reports be submitted?

Praxis: Official Praxis score reports for tests taken should be sent to Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

ACT/SAT: Official score reports or copies of official score reports for ACT or SAT should be sent to Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

MTLE: Official MTLE score reports do not need to be sent; Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board staff have secure, read-only access to the official scores. Applicants will be notified if additional information is needed.

Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board mailing address is located on page 6.

Testing Information Located on MTLE Website:

How can someone prepare for an MTLE test?

The MTLE website has a series of designated pages for each test field. On these pages you will find a breakdown of content by subtest, a link to specific objectives and descriptive statements about the content on each subtest, and a set of sample questions and answers.

[Additional preparation materials are available on the MTLE website.](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_PreparationMaterials.html)

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How can someone register for a required test?

Once [registered for a test through the MTLE website](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_PreparationMaterials.html) the candidate is able to immediately schedule a test date and test site.

(<https://www.mtle.nesinc.com/App/SignInForm.aspx?ReturnUrl=%2fApp%2fRegister%2fIdentityConfirmation.aspx>)

When are the computer-based MTLE tests offered in Minnesota?

Effective September 4, 2012 computer-based tests are available by appointment, year round, Monday through Saturday (excluding holidays) at test centers across the state and nationwide. Test appointments may be scheduled on a first-come, first-served basis.

[Check on data and seat availability on the MTLE website.](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/PageView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/GENRB_TestDatesAndSites.html)

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Contact Information

[Contact information for the MTLE Program](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Contacts.aspx) can be found on the MTLE website.
(<http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Contacts.aspx>)

Phone: (413) 256-2887

(800) 557-3759

Available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Central time, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays

TTY: (413) 256-8032

Available 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Central time, Monday-Friday, excluding holidays

General questions about the MTLE or about score reports may be referred to the Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board.

Score reports should be [emailed](mailto:ScoreReports.PELSB@state.mn.us) to ScoreReports.PELSB@state.mn.us

Phone: 651-539-4200

Mailing address: Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board,
1500 Highway 36 West, Roseville, MN 55113-4266

***Note: Information in this document is current as of the last update
(December, 2017) but may be subject to change.***

Minnesota Teacher Licensure Examinations

Important Information:

- All Pedagogy subtests require a passing score of 240 (on a scale of 200-300).
- All Content Area subtests require a passing score of 240 (on a scale of 200-300).
- All Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills subtests require a passing score of 520 (on a scale of 400-600).
- Test format is multiple choice (MC), constructed response (CR), or both (MC / CR).

Effective June 8, 2016, the MTLE Basic Skills Test was discontinued. It was replaced by a National Evaluation Series™ (NES®) assessment: Essential Academic Skills, effective August 30, 2016. MTLE candidates will be required to take three Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills subtests: Reading, Writing, and Mathematics.

The [Professional Educator Licensing and Standards Board](http://mn.gov/pelsb) will always have the most up-to-date testing information. (<http://mn.gov/pelsb>)

The remainder of this document contains three tables outlining the test information for Basic Skills, Pedagogy and Content examinations.

Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills: Required for all Initial Licenses

Test Name	Subtest	Test Code	Test Length	Test Fee	Test Format
Reading	1	188	75 minutes	\$50	MC
Writing	2	189	90 minutes	\$50	MC / CR
Mathematics	3	190	75 minutes	\$50	MC

Pedagogy Tests: Required for all Initial Licenses

- The pedagogy test is aligned to the licensure field sought and consists of two subtests.
- If a license for grades K-12 is being sought, the applicant must choose **either** the Elementary **or** Secondary pedagogy test, both are not required.
- If a license for both Early Childhood Education and Elementary Education are being sought, the applicant must choose **either** the Early Childhood **or** the Elementary pedagogy tests, both are not required.
- The following fields do not require a pedagogy test; however, individuals with these licenses must pass a pedagogy test to add another license field: Adult Basic Education; American Indian Language, History, and Culture; and Parent and Family Education.

Test Name	Subtest	Test Code	Test Length	Test Fee	Test Format
Early Childhood Pedagogy	1	010	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	2	011	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Elementary Pedagogy	1	012	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	2	013	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Secondary Pedagogy	1	014	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	2	015	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC

Content Area Tests

These Licensure Fields do NOT have a required Content Area Test

- Adult Basic Education
- American Indian Language, History, and Culture
- Bilingual Education
- Career and Technical Education
- Driver and Traffic Safety
- Parent and Family Education
- Teacher Coordinators of Work Based Learning

These Licensure Fields have a required Content Area Test.

ALL SUB-TESTS ARE REQUIRED.

Licensure Field	Test Name	Sub Test	Test Code	Test Length	Test Fee	Test Format
Agricultural Education Grades 5-12	Agricultural Education	1	086	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Agricultural Education	2	087	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Business Grades 5-12	Business	1	082	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Business	2	083	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Chemistry Grades 9-12	Chemistry	1	058	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Chemistry	2	059	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Communication Arts and Literature Endorsement Grades 5-8	Middle Level: Communication Arts and Literature	1	030	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Middle Level: Communication Arts and Literature	2	031	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Communication Arts and Literature Grades 5-12	Communication Arts and Literature	1	050	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Communication Arts and Literature	2	051	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Computer, Keyboarding, and Related Technology Endorsement Grade level matches current license	Computer, Keyboarding, Related Technology	1	130	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Computer, Keyboarding, Related Technology	2	131	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC

Licensure Field	Test Name	Sub Test	Test Code	Test Length	Test Fee	Test Format
Dance Grades K-12	Dance	1	110	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Dance	2	111	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Early Childhood Education Grades Birth-3 rd grade	Early Childhood Education	1	020	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Early Childhood Education	2	021	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Earth and Space Science Grades 9-12	Earth and Space Science	1	060	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Earth and Space Science	2	061	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Elementary Education Grades K-6	Elementary Education	1	024	60 minutes	\$32	MC
	Elementary Education	2	025	60 minutes	\$32	MC
	Elementary Education	3	026	60 minutes	\$31	MC
English as a Second Language Grades K-12	English as a Second Language	1	114	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	English as a Second Language	2	115	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Family and Consumer Science Grades 5-12	Family and Consumer Science	1	084	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Family and Consumer Science	2	085	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
General Science Grades 5-8	Middle Level: Science	1	036	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Middle Level: Science	2	037	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Health Grades 5-12	Health	1	056	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Health	2	057	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Instrumental Music Grades K-12	Instrumental and Vocal Classroom Music	1	106	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Instrumental Classroom Music	2	184	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC

Licensure Field	Test Name	Sub Test	Test Code	Test Length	Test Fee	Test Format
Library Media Specialist Grades K-12	Library Media Specialist	1	102	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Library Media Specialist	2	103	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Life Science Grades 9-12	Life Science	1	062	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Life Science	2	063	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Mathematics Endorsement Grades 5-8	Middle Level: Mathematics	1	034	75 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Middle Level: Mathematics	2	035	75 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Mathematics Grades 5-12	Mathematics	1	054	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Mathematics	2	055	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Physical Education Grades K-12	Physical Education	1	112	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Physical Education	2	113	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Physics Grades 9-12	Physics	1	064	75 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Physics	2	065	75 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Pre-Primary Endorsement Age 3-pre-K	Preprimary	1	022	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Preprimary	2	023	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Reading Teacher Endorsement Grades K-12	Reading Teacher	1	100	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Reading Teacher	2	101	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Social Studies Grades 5-12	Social Studies	1	052	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Social Studies	2	053	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Social Studies Endorsement Grades 5-8	Middle Level Social Studies	1	032	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Middle Level Social Studies	2	033	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC

Licensure Field	Test Name	Sub Test	Test Code	Test Length	Test Fee	Test Format
Special Education: All Fields Birth-12	Special Education Core Skills	1	186	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Special Education Core Skills	2	187	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Technology Grades 5-12	Technology	1	080	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Technology	2	081	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Theater Grades K-12	Theater	1	108	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Theater	2	109	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Vocal Music Grades K-12	Instrumental and Vocal Classroom Music	1	106	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Vocal Classroom Music	2	185	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
Visual Arts Grades K-12	Visual Arts	1	104	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	Visual Arts	2	105	60 minutes	\$47.50	MC
World Language and Culture: Chinese Grades K-12	World Language and Culture: Chinese	1	158	120 minutes	\$47.50	CR
	World Language and Culture: Chinese	2	159	120 minutes	\$47.50	CR
World Language and Culture: French Grades K-12	World Language and Culture: French	1	160	120 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	World Language and Culture: French	2	161	120 minutes	\$47.50	CR
World Language and Culture: German Grades K-12	World Language and Culture: German	1	162	120 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	World Language and Culture: German	2	163	120 minutes	\$47.50	CR
World Language and Culture: Spanish Grades K-12	World Language and Culture: Spanish	1	164	120 minutes	\$47.50	MC
	World Language and Culture: Spanish	2	165	90 minutes	\$47.50	CR