

TO: LEA Human Resource Officers
 FROM: Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation
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 SUBJECT: **Requirements for teachers of courses with an end of course examination**

T.C.A. § 49-6-6006 specifies that an educator **may not** teach a course required for graduation in which an end-of-course (EOC) examination is given unless the educator has a **content-specific endorsement** for that subject, **or** the educator has demonstrated sufficient content knowledge in the course material by providing **passing scores on a standardized or criterion-referenced test for the content area.**

In order to be in compliance with this law, all teachers of record for courses in which there is a state-level EOC exam must meet one of the following requirements:

- A. Hold the subject-specific endorsement to teach the course; **or**
- B. Pass the relevant content assessment(s) identified in the table below indicating sufficient content knowledge.

To qualify to teach a course required for graduation in which an end-of-course (EOC) examination is administered, and be in compliance with state law, educators who do not currently meet these requirements must be eligible to submit an application for an additional endorsement to become appropriately endorsed, or submit passing scores on the required content knowledge assessment(s)

Course with an EOC	Educator Requirements
Algebra I Integrated Math I	<p>In order to teach Algebra I or Integrated Math I without a secondary mathematics endorsement, educators must submit qualifying scores on the Middle School Mathematics Praxis assessment (5169) AND must meet one of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Attend the state-approved training - OR - • Take and pass one of the following supplemental assessments approved by the department: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. College Board CLEP Exam: College Algebra (qualifying score: 60) 2. College Board CLEP Exam: College Mathematics (qualifying score: 60) 3. Algebra 1 Praxis Assessment (code: 5162, qualifying score: 157) <p>After completing the above employment standard criteria, educators are responsible for emailing Melissa.Haun@tn.gov to request an Algebra I/Integrated I Employment Standard verification letter. Upon receipt, educators must provide a copy of the letter to their district office. Completing the employment standard criteria provides eligibility to teach Algebra I/Integrated I without a secondary mathematics endorsement and is not a change in licensure.</p> <p>In addition, the state board ruled that teachers with a level 5 TVAAS score in Algebra I (one-year, two-year, or three-year) in the 2011-12, 2012-13, 2013-14 school years do NOT need to take the training or pass the supplemental test. These educators must still submit qualifying scores on the Middle School Mathematics Praxis assessment (5169) to be eligible to teach Algebra I or</p>

	Integrated Math I. The department sent Directors of Schools a list of teachers whose TVAAS scores meet the employment standard in January 2015.
Course with an EOC	Educator Requirements
Algebra II Geometry Integrated Math II & III	Praxis 5161 – Mathematics: Content Knowledge (160 qualifying score) or National Evaluation Series 304 – Mathematics (220 qualifying score)
Biology	Praxis 5235 – Biology: Content Knowledge (148 qualifying score)
English I & II	Praxis 5038 – English Language Arts: Content Knowledge (167 qualifying score)
U.S. History and Geography	Praxis 5941 – World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge (157 qualifying score) or Praxis 5921 – Geography (149 qualifying score)

To view current Tennessee Praxis assessments and qualifying scores, and to register for an assessment, visit the ETS Praxis website, [here](#).

To register for CLEP exams, visit the College Board website, [here](#).

For more information about adding an endorsement to an educator license, please visit the department website, [here](#), and additional guidance on adding endorsements, [here](#).

Questions about general educator licensure should be directed to Educator.Licensure@tn.gov.

Questions about the Algebra I and Integrated Math I Employment Standard should be directed to Melissa.Haun@tn.gov.