



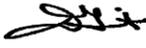
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 Commissioner

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TO: Members of the Council for Elementary and Secondary Education

FROM: Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner 

RE: Regenerated Certification Tests and Passing Scores – Feedback from Public Review and Comment

The Regents Regulations Governing the Certification of Educators in Rhode Island requires RIDE to seek Council approval to adopt new or regenerated certification tests and passing scores that are required for initial licensure.

Educational Testing Service (ETS) provides most Rhode Island Licensure tests and has regenerated four additional tests (Education of Young Children 5024, Elementary Education: Reading Language Arts Subtest 5002, Elementary Education: Mathematics Subtest 5003 and Family Consumer Science 5122).

Rhode Island Educators participated in the multi-state validation studies for the regenerated tests to establish passing scores. As ETS continues to regenerate new tests, a review will occur and the R.I. Department of Education will work with the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education to approve them. Rhode Island will begin implementing these regenerated tests in August 2015.

New Tests	Recommended Multi-State Standard-Setting Cut-Score
Education of Young Children (5024)	160
Elementary Education: Reading Language Arts Subtest (5002)	157
Elementary Education: Mathematics Subtest (5003)	157
Family Consumer Science (5122)	153

RECOMMENDATION: THAT, the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education approves the regenerated tests with the recommended cut-scores.

Summary of Public Comment

At the January 12, 2015 meeting of the Council on Elementary and Secondary Education, the Council approved, for the purpose of public review and comment, the proposed regenerated certification tests and passing scores.

During the public comment period (January 13th - February 17th), RIDE received one feedback.

Test	Comment
Education of Young Children 5024	I agree with using the Multi-state score.
Elementary Education: Reading Language Arts Subtest 5002	I agree with using the Multi-state score.
Elementary Education: Mathematics Subtest 5003	I agree with using the Multi-state score.
Family Consumer Science 5122	I agree with using the Multi-state score.