

South Carolina Certification Assessment Program

Required Reading and Subject Area Assessments

2026–27 Academic Year

This document includes reading and subject area assessments required for certification. Please see the Required Pedagogy Exam document for additional information.

Except as noted below, all assessments are in the Praxis series administered by ETS.

Required Assessment in Reading—Early Childhood, Elementary, and Special Education

Effective September 1, 2026, candidates seeking initial or add-on certification in an Early Childhood, Elementary, or Special Education field must earn a passing score on an assessment in the teaching of reading.

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Passing Score for Certification
Early Childhood Elementary Special Education <i>Candidates for certification in these fields may take either Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890.</i>	Praxis 5205	Teaching Reading Elementary	159
Early Childhood Elementary Special Education <i>Candidates for certification in these fields may take either Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890.</i>	Pearson 890	Foundations of Reading	233

Required Subject Area Assessments in the Content Area

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
Agriculture <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5701	Agriculture	147
Art <i>Grades PK–12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Art may take either Praxis 5134 or 5135.</i>	5134	Art: Content Knowledge	158
Art <i>Grades PK–12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Art may take either Praxis 5134 or 5135.</i>	5135	Art: Content and Analysis	161
Biology <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5236	Biology	154
Business and Marketing Education <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5101	Business Education: Content Knowledge	154
Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director		<i>See School Principal</i>	
Chemistry <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5246	Chemistry	146
Chinese <i>Grades PK–12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	5665	Chinese (Mandarin): World Language	164
Chinese <i>Grades PK–12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate High Intermediate High
Computer Science <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5652	Computer Science	149
Dance <i>Grades PK–12</i>		No subject assessment available	
Early Childhood <i>Grades PK–3</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5534 or 5025.</i>	5534	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content	163

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Early Childhood <i>Grades PK–3</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5534 or 5025.</i>	5025	Early Childhood Education	156
Earth and Space Science <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5572	Earth and Space Science	154
Economics <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5911	Economics	144
Elementary Education <i>Grades 2–6</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take subtests in either the Praxis 5001, 5901, or 8001 series. Note: The tests in the 5001 and 5901 series are identical; however, registration and pricing options vary.</i>	5001	Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects <i>Choosing this option requires registering for subtests individually using the test codes below.</i>	Passing Scores on All Subtests
– Elementary Subtest 1 of 3	5003	Mathematics Subtest	157
– Elementary Subtest 2 of 3	5004	Social Studies Subtest	155
– Elementary Subtest 3 of 3	5005	Science Subtest	159
Elementary Education <i>Grades 2–6</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take subtests in either the Praxis 5001, 5901, or 8001 series. Note: The tests in the 5001 and 5901 series are identical; however, registration and pricing options vary.</i>	5901	Elementary Education <i>Use code 5901 to register for a three-test bundle or use individual tests codes to register separately.</i>	Passing Scores on All Subtests
– Elementary Subtest 1 of 3	5903	Mathematics Subtest	157
– Elementary Subtest 2 of 3	5904	Social Studies Subtest	155
– Elementary Subtest 3 of 3	5905	Science Subtest	159

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Elementary Education <i>Grades 2–6</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Elementary Education may take subtests in either the Praxis 5001, 5901, or 8001 series. Note: The tests in the 5001 and 5901 series are identical; however, registration and pricing options vary.</i>	8001	Elementary Education Fundamentals <i>Use code 8001 to register for a three-test bundle or use individual tests codes to register separately.</i>	Passing Scores on All Subtests
– Elementary Subtest 1 of 3	8003	Mathematics Subtest	152
– Elementary Subtest 2 of 3	8004	Social Studies Subtest	147
– Elementary Subtest 3 of 3	8005	Science Subtest	143
English Grades 9–12 <i>Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.</i>	5039	English Language Arts: Content and Analysis	168
English Grades 9–12 <i>Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.</i>	5038	English Language Arts: Content Knowledge	167
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5362	English to Speakers of Other Languages	155
Family and Consumer Science <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5123	Family and Consumer Sciences	151
French Grades PK–12 <i>Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	5174	French: World Language	162
French Grades PK–12 <i>Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Geography <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5921	Geography	149

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German Grades PK–12 <i>Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	5183	German: World Language	163
German Grades PK–12 <i>Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Government Grades 9–12	5931	Government/Political Science	149
Greek Grades PK–12	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Health Grades PK–12	5551	Health Education	164
History Grades 9–12	5941	World and US History: Content Knowledge	150
Industrial Technology Education Grades 9–12	5053	Technology and Engineering Education	157
Italian Grades PK–12	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Japanese Grades PK–12	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Intermediate High Intermediate High
Latin Grades PK–12		No assessment available	
Literacy Teacher Endorsement (Read to Succeed) <i>In-service teachers may use Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890 to add the R2S Literacy Teacher endorsement.</i>	5205	Teaching Reading Elementary	Score Change 165

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Literacy Teacher Endorsement (Read to Succeed) <i>In-service teachers may use Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890 to add the R2S Literacy Teacher endorsement.</i>	890	Pearson Foundations of Reading	240
Literacy Teacher <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5206	Teaching Reading: K–12	156
Literacy Coach <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5206	Teaching Reading: K–12	156
Literacy Specialist <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5302	Reading Specialist	165
Mathematics <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5165	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	159
Middle Level Language Arts <i>Grades 5–8</i>	5047	Middle School English Language Arts	164
Middle Level Mathematics <i>Grades 5–8</i>	5164	Middle School Mathematics	157
Middle Level Science <i>Grades 5–8</i>	5442	Middle School Science	152
Middle Level Social Studies <i>Grades 5–8</i>	5589	Middle School Social Studies	149
Montessori Early Childhood <i>3K to 5K</i>		See Early Childhood	
Montessori Elementary I <i>Grades 1–3</i>		Choose Early Childhood or Elementary Requirements	
Montessori Elementary II <i>Grades 4–6</i>		See Elementary	
Music Education–All Areas <i>Grades PK–12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Music Education may take either Praxis 5113 or 5114.</i>	5113	Music: Content Knowledge	161
Music Education – All Areas <i>Grades PK–12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Music Education may take either Praxis 5113 or 5114.</i>	5114	Music: Content and Instruction	162

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Physical Education <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5095	Physical Education: Content and Design	169
Physical Education <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5091	Physical Education: Content Knowledge	152
Physics <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5266	Physics	145
Portuguese <i>Grades PK–12</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Psychology <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5391	Psychology	154
Russian <i>Grades PK–12</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview and ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
School Counselor	5422	School Counselor	159
School Librarian	5312	School Librarian	154
School Principal <i>Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.</i>	5412	Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision	146
School Principal <i>Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.</i>	6990	School Leaders Licensure Assessment	151
School Psychologist	5403	School Psychologist	155
Science <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5436	General Science	141
Social Studies <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5581	Social Studies	153
Sociology <i>Grades 9–12</i>	5952	Sociology	154
Spanish <i>Grades PK–12</i> <i>Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	5195	Spanish: World Language	168

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Spanish Grades PK–12 <i>Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.</i>	ACTFL OPI or OPIc and WPT	ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview <i>and</i> ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Special Education: Early Childhood Ages 3–5	5692	Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention	159
Special Education: Emotional Disabilities Grades PK–12 two tests required	Test 1 5355	Test 1 5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145
	and Test 2 5372	and Test 2 5372 Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbances	154
Special Education: Hearing Impairments Grades PK–12	5272	Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students	160
Special Education: Intellectual Disabilities Grades PK–12 two tests required	Test 1 5355	Test 1 5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145
	and Test 2 5322	and Test 2 5322 Special Education: Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities	156

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Special Education: Learning Disabilities <i>Grades PK–12</i> two tests required	Test 1 5355	Test 1 5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145
	<i>and</i> Test 2 5383	<i>and</i> Test 2 5383 Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities	151
Special Education: Multi-categorical <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5355	Special Education Foundational Knowledge	145
Special Education: Severe Disabilities <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5547	Special Education Severe to Profound	156
Special Education: Visual Impairments <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5282	Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments	163
Speech-Language Pathologist <i>A valid license in Speech–Language Pathologist (but not Speech–Language Pathologist Intern) issued by the South Carolina Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation (LLR) may be submitted as verification of a qualifying score on the Speech–Language Pathology exam.</i>	5331	Speech–Language Pathology	162
Superintendent	6991	School Superintendent Assessment	162
Theater <i>Grades PK–12</i>	5641	Theatre	157