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STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION



TO: Superintendents of Schools  
Deans of Education and Certification Officers

FROM: Mark K. McQuillan, Commissioner of Education 

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SUBJECT: CERTIFICATION TEST REQUIREMENT UPDATES FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD  
EDUCATION AND ELEMENTARY EDUCATORS

This is an important update regarding a new test requirement for individuals seeking certification as early childhood or elementary educators.

On May 7, 2008, the State Board of Education approved the *Foundations of Reading* test (administered by Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, Amherst, MA) for anyone applying on or after July 1, 2009, for the Integrated Early Childhood, Nursery–Grades 3 (endorsement #113) or Elementary Education Grades K through 6 (endorsement #013).

Beginning on or after July 1, 2009, anyone applying for endorsements #113 OR #013 must take and pass this test. Please note that this test will be required in addition to the following Praxis tests administered by Educational Testing Service:

*For Integrated Early Childhood, NK – 3* (endorsement #113):  
Early Childhood: Content Knowledge (test code 0022); and  
Education of Young Children (test code 0021).

These tests were required beginning January 1, 2008.

*For Elementary Education Grades K – 6* (endorsement #013):  
Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction and Assessment (test code 0011); and  
Elementary Education: Content Area Exercises (test code 0012).

These tests were required beginning July 1, 1997.

District human resource or personnel directors—as well as university early childhood department chairs, faculty and teaching candidates—should be advised about this new testing requirement as soon as possible. Evaluation Systems group of Pearson will be preparing a test information sheet on the *Foundations of Reading* test, copies of which will be sent to you within the next month.

If you have any certification related questions regarding this communication, please call the designated district certification line at 860-713-6770. Candidates may contact the Certification Office through the general phone line at 860-713-6969 or via e-mail at [teacher.cert@ct.gov](mailto:teacher.cert@ct.gov).

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