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SUBJECT AREA ASSESSMENT EXCELLENCE SCORES

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In accordance with Public Act 09-01, commencing July 1, 2010, candidates for certification in designated shortage areas are allowed to substitute the achievement of excellence scores on the State Board of Education approved subject area assessment(s) appropriate to the certification endorsement sought, in lieu of a subject area major or subject area coursework required in statute, or in the Regulations of State Agencies Concerning State Educator Certificates, Permits and Authorizations. Excellence scores may NOT be substituted for pedagogical coursework required in regulations. Excellence score may also be accepted by the Department in lieu of content area coursework required for issuing a cross-endorsement. Educator preparation institutions and alternate route programs have the option to accept excellence scores in lieu of subject area major or minimum subject area coursework requirements; however, use of this option is at the discretion of each preparation institution or program.

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Excellence Score Criteria
Corresponding to Designated Shortage Areas for the 2015–16 School Year

Subject Area Assessments Adopted by the State Board of Education	Minimum Passing Score	Excellence Score
MATHEMATICS		
Praxis II Mathematics Content Knowledge (#5161)	160	178
Praxis II Middle School Mathematics (#0069) ***OR*** Praxis II Middle School Mathematics (#5169)	158 165	182 186
SCIENCE		
Praxis II Biology: Content Knowledge (#5235)	152	177
Praxis II Chemistry: Content Knowledge (#5245)	151	182
Praxis II Earth Science: Content Knowledge (#5571)	157	184
Praxis II General Science: Content Knowledge (#5435)	157	185
Praxis II Physics: Content Knowledge (#5265)	141	176
Praxis II Middle School Science (#0439) ***OR*** Praxis II Middle School Science (#5440)	162 150	183 164
TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION		
Praxis II Technology Education (#5051)	159	172
WORLD LANGUAGES		
French, German, Italian, Spanish, Portuguese:		
ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)	Advanced Low	Advanced High
ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)	Advanced Low	Advanced High
Russian and all other world languages:		
ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI)	Intermediate High	Advanced Mid
ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test (WPT)	Intermediate High	Advanced Mid