

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**  
**ADMINISTRATIVE CODE**  
**COMMENT/RESPONSE FORM**

This comment and response form contains comments from the May 6, 2015 meeting of the State Board of Education when the resolution was considered at Discussion Level.

<b>Topic:</b>	Professional Licensure and Standards	<b>Meeting Date:</b>	June 3, 2015
<b>Code Citation:</b>	N.J.A.C. 6A:9B	<b>Level:</b>	Adoption
<b>Division:</b>	Division of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness	<b>Completed by:</b>	Office of Certification and Induction

**Summary of Comments and Agency Responses:**

The following is a summary of the comments received from State Board of Education members and the Department's responses. Each commenter is identified at the end of the comment by a letter or number that corresponds to the following list:

A. Mark W. Biedron, President  
State Board of Education

B. Dorothy S. Strickland, Ph.D., Member  
State Board of Education

1. **COMMENT:** The commenter noted that such content tests seem to have been part of the certification process for some time. **(A)**

**RESPONSE:** That is correct. The Department's use of content tests dates back to the late 1980s and the Early Childhood test was first adopted in 2007.

2. **COMMENT:** The commenter asked what grade levels are covered by the Early Childhood endorsement and content test. **(B)**

**RESPONSE:** The Early Childhood endorsement and content test cover instruction in grades pre-school through three.



Adoption Level  
June 3, 2015

State of New Jersey  
STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A NEW PRAXIS II TEST AND QUALIFYING SCORE FOR  
TEACHERS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD**

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education has required that teacher certification candidates pass tests in specified disciplines in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1, effective January 5, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education has required such a test for the endorsement for Teacher of Early Childhood in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.1 and N.J.A.C. 6A:9-10.1; and

**WHEREAS**, the Educational Testing Service (ETS) has recently established a new test for this subject to replace the current Praxis II Subject Assessment test that is in use by the department; and

**WHEREAS**, the department has participated in a national standard-setting study for the proposed Early Childhood test to determine the validity of and the theoretically appropriate qualifying score for that test; and

**WHEREAS**, the State Board of Education approves the department’s selection of the proposed Praxis II test and initial qualifying score for that endorsement; and

**WHEREAS**, the department will monitor the impact of this test and qualifying score on the passing rates for this subject area and will report any problems with the same to the State Board of Education; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the State Board of Education hereby supports the department’s selection of the proposed Praxis II Subject Assessment test for Teacher of Early Childhood; and be it further

**RESOLVED**, that the State Board of Education hereby acknowledges and accepts the department’s establishment of the following qualifying score effective September 1, 2015:

Praxis II Test

Qualifying Score

Early Childhood

156 on a 100 – 200 scale

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David C. Hespe, Commissioner  
Secretary, State Board of Education

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Mark W. Biedron, President  
State Board of Education