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** *Candidates for certification in these fields may take either Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890.*	Praxis 5205	Teaching Reading Elementary	159
Early Childhood **Elementary** **Special Education** *Candidates for certification in these fields may take either Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890.*	Pearson 890	Foundations of Reading	233

Required Subject Area Assessments in the Content Area

Certification Field	Exam Code	Required Assessment Name	Qualifying Score
Agriculture *Grades 9–12*	5701	**Agriculture**	147
Art *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in Art may take either Praxis 5134 or 5135.*	5134	**Art: Content Knowledge**	158
Art *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in Art may take either Praxis 5134 or 5135.*	5135	**Art: Content and Analysis**	161
Biology *Grades 9–12*	5236	**Biology**	154
Business and Marketing Education *Grades 9–12*	5101	**Business Education: Content Knowledge**	154
Career and Technology (CTE) Center Director		***See School Principal***	
Chemistry *Grades 9–12*	5246	**Chemistry**	146
Chinese *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5665	**Chinese (Mandarin): World Language**	164
Chinese *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in Chinese may take either Praxis 5665 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview** *and* **ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test**	Intermediate High Intermediate High
Computer Science *Grades 9–12*	5652	**Computer Science**	149
Dance *Grades PK–12*		**No subject assessment available**	
Early Childhood *Grades PK–3* *Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5534 or 5025.* *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5534	**Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge and Content**	163

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Early Childhood *Grades PK–3* *Candidates for certification in Early Childhood may take either Praxis 5534 or 5025. A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5025	**Early Childhood Education**	156
Earth and Space Science *Grades 9–12*	5572	**Earth and Space Science**	154
Economics *Grades 9–12*	5911	**Economics**	144
Elementary Education *Grades 2–6* *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. A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5001	**Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects** *Choosing this option requires registering for subtests individually using the test codes below.*	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 *Grades 2–6* *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. A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5901	**Elementary Education** *Use code 5901 to register for a three-test bundle or use individual tests codes to register separately.*	Passing Scores on All Subtests

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– 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
Elementary Education *Grades 2–6* *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. A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	8001	**Elementary Education Fundamentals** *Use code 8001 to register for a three-test bundle or use individual tests codes to register separately.*	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* *Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.*	5039	**English Language Arts: Content and Analysis**	168
English *Grades 9–12* *Candidates for certification in English may take either Praxis 5039 or 5038.*	5038	**English Language Arts: Content Knowledge**	167
English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) *Grades PK–12*	5362	**English to Speakers of Other Languages**	155
Family and Consumer Science *Grades 9–12*	5123	**Family and Consumer Sciences**	151
French *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5174	**French: World Language**	162

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French *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in French may take either Praxis 5174 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview** *and* **ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test**	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Geography *Grades 9–12*	5921	**Geography**	149
German *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5183	**German: World Language**	163
German *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in German may take either Praxis 5183 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	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**	

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Literacy Teacher Endorsement (Read to Succeed) *In-service teachers may use Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890 to add the R2S Literacy Teacher endorsement.*	5205	**Teaching Reading Elementary**	**Score Change 165**
Literacy Teacher Endorsement (Read to Succeed) *In-service teachers may use Praxis 5205 or Pearson 890 to add the R2S Literacy Teacher endorsement.*	890	**Pearson Foundations of Reading**	240
Literacy Teacher *Grades PK–12*	5206	**Teaching Reading: K–12**	156
Literacy Coach *Grades PK–12*	5206	**Teaching Reading: K–12**	156
Literacy Specialist *Grades PK–12*	5302	**Reading Specialist**	165
Mathematics *Grades 9–12*	5165	**Mathematics: Content Knowledge**	159
Middle Level Language Arts *Grades 5–8*	5047	**Middle School English Language Arts**	164
Middle Level Mathematics *Grades 5–8*	5164	**Middle School Mathematics**	157
Middle Level Science *Grades 5–8*	5442	**Middle School Science**	152
Middle Level Social Studies *Grades 5–8*	5589	**Middle School Social Studies**	149
Montessori Early Childhood *3K to 5K*		**See Early Childhood**	
Montessori Elementary I *Grades 1–3*		**Choose Early Childhood or Elementary Requirements**	
Montessori Elementary II *Grades 4–6*		**See Elementary**	

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Music Education–All Areas *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in Music Education may take either Praxis 5113 or 5114.*	5113	**Music: Content Knowledge**	161
Music Education – All Areas *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in Music Education may take either Praxis 5113 or 5114.*	5114	**Music: Content and Instruction**	162
Physical Education *Grades PK–12*	5095	**Physical Education: Content and Design**	169
Physical Education *Grades PK–12*	5091	**Physical Education: Content Knowledge**	152
Physics *Grades 9–12*	5266	**Physics**	145
Portuguese *Grades PK–12*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview** *and* **ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test**	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Psychology *Grades 9–12*	5391	**Psychology**	154
Russian *Grades PK–12*	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 *Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.*	5412	**Educational Leadership: Administration and Supervision**	146
School Principal *Candidates for Principal certification may take either Praxis 5412 or 6990.*	6990	**School Leaders Licensure Assessment**	151
School Psychologist	5403	**School Psychologist**	155
Science *Grades 9–12*	5436	**General Science**	141

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Social Studies *Grades 9–12*	5581	**Social Studies**	153
Sociology *Grades 9–12*	5952	**Sociology**	154
Spanish *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	5195	**Spanish: World Language**	168
Spanish *Grades PK–12* *Candidates for certification in Spanish may take either Praxis 5195 or the ACTFL OPI & WPT.*	ACTFL OPI or OPIc ***and*** WPT	**ACTFL Oral Proficiency Interview** *and* **ACTFL Writing Proficiency Test**	Advanced Low Advanced Low
Special Education: Early Childhood *Ages 3–5* *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5692	**Special Education: Early Childhood/Early Intervention**	159
Special Education: Emotional Disabilities *Grades PK–12* ***two tests required*** *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	**Test 1** 5355 ***and*** **Test 2** 5372	**Test 1** **5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge** ***and*** **Test 2** **5372 Special Education: Teaching Students with Behavioral Disorders/Emotional Disturbances**	145 154
Special Education: Hearing Impairments *Grades PK–12* *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5272	**Special Education: Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students**	160

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Special Education: Intellectual Disabilities *Grades PK–12* ***two tests required*** *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	**Test 1** 5355 ***and*** **Test 2** 5322	**Test 1** **5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge** ***and*** **Test 2** **5322 Special Education: Teaching Students with Intellectual Disabilities**	145 156
Special Education: Learning Disabilities *Grades PK–12* ***two tests required*** *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	**Test 1** 5355 ***and*** **Test 2** 5383	**Test 1** **5355 Special Education Foundational Knowledge** ***and*** **Test 2** **5383 Special Education: Teaching Students with Learning Disabilities**	145 151
Special Education: Multi–categorical *Grades PK–12* *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5355	**Special Education Foundational Knowledge**	145
Special Education: Severe Disabilities *Grades PK–12* *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5547	**Special Education Severe to Profound**	156

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Special Education: Visual Impairments *Grades PK–12* *A reading exam is also required. See page 1 for test options.*	5282	**Special Education: Teaching Students with Visual Impairments**	163
Speech-Language Pathologist *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.*	5331	**Speech–Language Pathology**	162
Superintendent	6991	**School Superintendent Assessment**	162
Theater *Grades PK–12*	5641	**Theatre**	157