

## Test Options for Demonstrating Subject Area Competency to Meet Highly Qualified Requirements for NCLB

Some currently licensed teachers may wish to demonstrate their subject matter competence by taking a test. If so, the following tests will serve to meet the highly qualified requirements of the NCLB Act.

Note that this list contains some tests that are no longer in existence as well as tests that are no longer valid for use in Tennessee. Therefore, Tennessee teachers may not take such tests presently to meet the requirements. However, teachers may use passing scores from any test on the list that was valid at the time the test was taken, even if the test was taken prior to the time that the state required the test for licensure in Tennessee.

**Where multiple tests are listed for a subject area, the test in bold is the required current test option when no other test has already been taken.** The applicable passing score(s) for each test is included in Appendix A (Part 2).

<b><i>Passing any one test for the subject area will satisfy the highly qualified requirement.</i></b>		
<b>Subject Area</b>	<b>Test Code</b>	<b>Test Title</b>
Art K-12	<b>0133</b> 0130	<b>Art: Content Knowledge</b> Art Education
Biology 7-12	<b>0235</b> 0230 0231	<b>Biology: Content Knowledge</b> Biology Biology: Content Knowledge, Part 1
Chemistry 7-12	<b>0245</b> 0240 0241	<b>Chemistry: Content Knowledge</b> Chemistry Chemistry: Content Knowledge
Early Childhood Education PK-4 Reading only	<b>0014</b> 0011 0010 <b>0201</b> or 0014	<b>Elementary Education: Content Knowledge</b> Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Education in the Elementary School <b>Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary</b> <b>OR</b> Elementary Education: Content Knowledge
Earth Science 7-12	<b>0571</b> 0570 0431	<b>Earth Science: Content Knowledge</b> Earth/Space Science General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 1
Economics 7-12	0910	Economics
Elementary Education K-6 Reading only	<b>0014</b> 0010 0011 0146 0510 & 0500 <b>0201</b> or 0014	<b>Elementary Education: Content Knowledge</b> Education in the Elementary School Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, & Assessment Middle School: Content Knowledge NTE Core Battery: General Knowledge <b>and</b> Communications Skills <b>Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary</b> <b>OR</b> Elementary Education: Content Knowledge
English 7-12 English as a Second Language	<b>0041</b> 0040 0360	<b>English Language, Literature, Composition: Content Knowledge</b> English Language and Literature Teaching English as a Second Language
Geography 7-12	0920	Geography
Government & Civics 7-12	0930	Government/Political Science
History 7-12	0940	World and U.S. History

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<p>Languages:</p> <p>French</p> <p>German</p> <p>Latin</p> <p>Spanish</p>	<p><b>0173</b> 0170</p> <p><b>0181</b> 0180</p> <p>0600</p> <p><b>0191</b> 0190</p>	<p><b>French: Content Knowledge</b> French</p> <p><b>German: Content Knowledge</b> German</p> <p>Latin</p> <p><b>Spanish: Content Knowledge</b> Spanish</p>
Mathematics 7-12	<b>0061</b> 0060	Mathematics: Content Knowledge Mathematics
<p>Middle Grades 7-8:</p> <p>English/Lang Arts</p> <p>Mathematics</p> <p>Science</p> <p>Social Studies</p> <p>Reading only</p>	<p>0049 0069</p> <p><b>0439</b> 0431 0432 <b>0089</b></p> <p>0080</p> <p><b>0201</b> or 0049</p>	<p>Middle School English Language Arts Middle School Mathematics</p> <p><b>Middle School Science</b> General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 1 General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 2 <b>Middle School Social Studies</b></p> <p>Social Studies (also acceptable for secondary teachers)</p> <p><b>Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary OR</b> Middle School English Language Arts</p> <p><b>Note:</b> The equivalent secondary subject specific test is also acceptable. See Appendix B and Appendix C for additional guidance regarding the science and social studies areas, respectively.</p>
Music K-12	<b>0113</b> 0110	<b>Music: Content Knowledge</b> Music Education
Physical Science 7-12	<p><b>0245</b> 0240</p> <p>0241</p> <p><b>0265</b> 0260</p> <p>0261</p> <p>0431</p> <p>0432</p>	<p><b>Chemistry: Content Knowledge</b> Chemistry</p> <p>Chemistry: Content Knowledge</p> <p><b>Physics: Content Knowledge</b> Physics</p> <p>Physics: Content Knowledge</p> <p>General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 1</p> <p>General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 2</p>
Physics 7-12	<p><b>0265</b> 0260</p> <p>0261</p>	<p><b>Physics: Content Knowledge</b> Physics</p> <p>Physics: Content Knowledge</p>

## Applicable Test Scores for Demonstrating Subject Area Competency to Meet Highly Qualified Requirements for NCLB (APPENDIX A PART 2)

The following test scores apply when the test option is used to meet the highly qualified requirements in NCLB. Refer to Appendix A to determine the test that satisfies the highly qualified requirement for the grade/core subject area being taught. Individuals seeking information about tests and score requirements for licensure and endorsement should refer to the guidelines at [http://www.state.tn.us/education/lic\\_nte.htm](http://www.state.tn.us/education/lic_nte.htm).

The **start date** indicates the initial effective date of the passing score for the respective test in Tennessee. The **end date** indicates the last effective date for the score. Please note that some tests have more than one passing score.

**Regardless of the start/end date for a test score, if a teacher took any test listed below, the test may be used for highly qualified status as long as a passing score was achieved.** The following guidelines should be used to determine the appropriate passing score.

- If the teacher took the test at any time during the listed start/end dates, the score in effect at the time applies. For example: Teacher A took test 0010 in March 1993. The applicable passing score for this teacher is 520.
- If the teacher took the test prior to the initial use of the test in TN, the earliest required score applies. For example: Teacher B took test 0010 in June 1985. The applicable passing score for this teacher is 490.
- If the teacher took the test after the test was no longer being used in TN (end date), the last required score applies. For example: Teacher C took test 0010 in Nov. 1998. The applicable passing score for this teacher is 520.
- If the teacher took the test during the period when no minimum (NM) score was required for licensure or endorsement, the initial score established for the test applies for highly qualified status. For example: The 0014 test was implemented with NM score during 9/1/01 – 8/31/03. The passing score of 140 becomes effective 9/1/03. Teacher D took 0014 in Sept. 2002. The applicable passing score for this teacher is 140.

Test Code	Test Title	Start Date	End Date	PassingScore
0010	Education In The Elementary School	9/1/1987	8/31/1992	490
0010	Education In The Elementary School	9/1/1992	8/31/1998	520
0011	Elementary Education: Curriculum, Instruction, and Assessment	9/1/1998	current	159
0014	Elementary Education: Content Knowledge	9/1/2001	current	140
0040	English Language and Literature	9/1/1987	8/31/1992	480
0040	English Language and Literature	9/1/1992	8/31/1995	510
0041	English Language, Literature, Composition: Content Knowledge	9/1/1995	current	157
0049	Middle School English Language Arts	8/22/2003	current	145
0060	Mathematics	9/1/1987	8/31/1991	520
0060	Mathematics	9/1/1991	8/31/1995	540
0061	Mathematics: Content Knowledge	9/1/1995	current	136
0069	Middle School Mathematics	8/22/2003	current	143
0080	Social Studies	9/1/1987	9/1/1992	490
0080	Social Studies	9/1/1992	9/1/1993	520
0089	Middle School Social Studies	8/22/2003	current	140
0110	Music Education	9/1/1987	8/31/1998	480

0113	Music: Content Knowledge	9/1/1998	current	150
0130	Art Education	9/1/1990	8/31/1998	530
0133	Art: Content Knowledge	9/1/1998	current	150
0146	Middle School: Content Knowledge	9/1/2000	current	150
0170	French	9/1/1987	8/31/1991	490
0170	French	9/1/1991	8/31/1998	520
0173	French: Content Knowledge	9/1/1998	current	160
0180	German	9/1/1987	8/31/1988	470
0181	German: Content Knowledge	9/1/1998	current	139

<b>Test Code</b>	<b>Test Title</b>	<b>Start Date</b>	<b>End Date</b>	<b>PassingScore</b>
0190	Spanish	9/1/1987	8/31/1992	480
0190	Spanish	9/1/1992	8/31/1995	490
0191	Spanish: Content Knowledge	9/1/1995	current	152
0201	Reading Across Curriculum: Elementary	9/1/2003	current	153
0230	Biology	9/1/1989	8/31/1995	420
0231	Biology: Content Knowledge, Part 1	9/1/1995	8/31/2002	146
0235	Biology: Content Knowledge	9/1/2002	current	148
0240	Chemistry	9/1/1987	8/31/1995	400
0241	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	9/1/1995	8/31/2002	136
0245	Chemistry: Content Knowledge	9/1/2002	current	152
0260	Physics	9/1/1987	8/31/1995	400
0261	Physics: Content Knowledge	9/1/1995	8/31/2002	124
0265	Physics: Content Knowledge	9/1/2002	Current	144
0360	Teaching English as a Second Language	9/1/1999	Current	530
0431	General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 1	9/1/1995	Current	138
0432	General Science: Content Knowledge, Part 2	9/1/1995	12/28/2001	136
0439	Middle School Science	8/22/2003	current	135
0500	NTE Core Battery: Communication Skills	9/1/1984	8/31/1986	640
0500	NTE Core Battery: Communication Skills	9/1/1986	8/31/1987	644
0500	NTE Core Battery: Communication Skills	9/1/1987	8/31/1991	647
0500	NTE Core Battery: Communication Skills	9/1/1991	4/13/1998	651
0510	NTE Core Battery: General Knowledge	9/1/1984	8/31/1986	637
0510	NTE Core Battery: General Knowledge	9/1/1986	8/31/1987	640
0510	NTE Core Battery: General Knowledge	9/1/1987	8/31/1991	644
0510	NTE Core Battery: General Knowledge	9/1/1991	4/13/1998	647
0570	Earth/Space Science	9/1/1990	8/31/1996	470
0570	Earth/Space Science	9/1/1996	8/31/1998	520
0571	Earth Science: Content Knowledge	9/1/1998	8/31/2002	144
0571	Earth Science: Content Knowledge	9/1/2002	current	146
0600	Latin	9/1/1991	current	540
0910	Economics	9/1/1990	current	530
0920	Geography	9/1/1990	current	520
0930	Government/Political Science	9/1/1990	current	560
0940	World and U.S. History	9/1/1990	current	490