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TO: State Board of Education

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SUBJECT: Recognition of Praxis Tests as a competency exam option for Oklahoma teacher certification

As you know, the State Board of Education holds authority over “matters pertaining to the licensure and certification of persons for instructional, supervisory and administrative positions and services in the public schools of the state,” subject to the requirements set forth in statute. *See* 70 O.S. § 3-104.

Among the statutory provisions that govern teacher certification, including the requirements for successful completion of competency exams, 70 O.S. § 6-190(H) provides:

The Board shall issue a certificate to teach to a person who has successfully completed a competency exam used in a majority of the other states. The certificate to teach shall only be for those subject areas and grade levels that correspond with a certification area used in Oklahoma.

A person who meets the requirements of...this subsection shall have on file with the Board a current Oklahoma criminal history record check from the Oklahoma State Bureau of Investigation as well as a national criminal history record check as defined in Section 150.9 of Title 74 of the Oklahoma Statutes.

Approval is recommended for the recognition of the Praxis exams, offered through the Educational Testing Service (ETS), as a competency exam used in a majority of states.

Documentation is attached showing that Praxis subject competency tests for teachers are currently used in 39 states, demonstrating that the Praxis is a competency exam used in “a majority of the other states” as described in the statute. Further, Praxis tests are currently in use for certain specific purposes in all states and the District of Columbia.

ETS-Praxis Used in a majority of other states

	State	Exam Type
1.	Alabama	Subject Assessments
2.	Alaska	Subject Assessments
3.	Arkansas	Subject Assessments
4.	Colorado	Subject Assessments
5.	Connecticut	Subject Assessments
6.	Delaware	Subject Assessments
7.	District of Columbia	Subject Assessments
8.	Hawaii	Subject Assessments
9.	Idaho	Subject Assessments
10.	Indiana	Subject Assessments
11.	Iowa	Subject Assessments
12.	Kansas	Subject Assessments
13.	Kentucky	Subject Assessments
14.	Louisiana	Subject Assessments
15.	Maine	Subject Assessments
16.	Maryland	Subject Assessments
17.	Minnesota	Subject Assessments
18.	Mississippi	Subject Assessments
19.	Montana	Subject Assessments
20.	Nebraska	Subject Assessments
21.	Nevada	Subject Assessments
22.	New Hampshire	Subject Assessments
23.	New Jersey	Subject Assessments
24.	New Mexico	Subject Assessments
25.	North Carolina	Subject Assessments
26.	North Dakota	Subject Assessments
27.	Oregon	Subject Assessments
28.	Pennsylvania	Subject Assessments
29.	Rhode Island	Subject Assessments
30.	South Carolina	Subject Assessments
31.	South Dakota	Subject Assessments
32.	Tennessee	Subject Assessments
33.	Utah	Subject Assessments
34.	Vermont	Subject Assessments
35.	Virginia	Subject Assessments
36.	Washington	Subject Assessments
37.	West Virginia	Subject Assessments
38.	Wisconsin	Subject Assessments
39.	Wyoming	Subject Assessments
40.	Arizona	Audiology/Speech Pathology

41.	California	Audiology/Speech Pathology
42.	Florida	Audiology/Speech Pathology
43.	Georgia	Audiology/Speech Pathology/School Leaders
44.	Illinois	Audiology/Speech Pathology
45.	Massachusetts	Audiology/Speech Pathology
46.	Michigan	Audiology/Speech Pathology
47.	Missouri	Audiology/Speech Pathology/School Psychologist
48.	New York	Audiology/Speech Pathology
49.	Ohio	Audiology/Speech Pathology/School Psychologist/ Reading
50.	Oklahoma	Audiology/Speech Pathology/PPAT/School Psychologist
51.	Texas	Audiology/Speech Pathology

States that use ETS-Praxis and their passing scores

<https://www.ets.org/praxis/institutions/scores/passing>