

**Praxis –Test Changes**

<b>Subject</b>	<b>New Test</b>	<b>Old Test</b>	<b>New Cut Score</b>	<b>Name of License</b>	<b>State Review Date</b>	<b>Arkansas Launch Date</b>
Art Content Knowledge	5134	5135	158	Art K-12	June 2016	Oct 2016

**Commissioner’s Memos**

The ADE issues regulatory guidance and informational notifications to school districts in the form of a Commissioner's Memo. These memos are posted [online](#) as soon as they are approved for release. [Subscribe](#) to receive notifications on the latest published Commissioner's Memos.

Commissioner memos issued for Licensure/Educator Preparation since the September newsletter include:

<a href="#">LIC-17-012 ALP/ALCP Licensure Exception (Waiver) Request Reminder</a>
<a href="#">LIC-17-013 Licensure Exceptions in eSchool</a>
<a href="#">LIC-17-014 Licensure Test Change for Art (K-12) Licensure</a>
<a href="#">LIC-17-015 Teach Again!</a>

**Key Points**

Key Points is a monthly video produced by the Arkansas Department of Education to inform the public of key points in the progress of K-12 education. Visit the [Key Points Website](#) for current and past videos. Be sure to share with your educator candidates, as these videos are a great way to keep up with education news in Arkansas.

**Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA)**

Be sure to check out the latest on [ESSA](#), including feedback from the Community Listening Forums and survey results.

**State Board of Education (SBE) Information**

Information regarding the State Board of Education can be found at <http://bit.ly/2hU9qvs>. Agendas for upcoming meetings and documentation from previous meetings can provide valuable information for all involved in educator preparation. Live streaming is also available on meeting days. The next scheduled meeting is January 12-13, 2017.

**Computer Science Education in Arkansas**

New information has been posted regarding implementation of Computer Science Education in Arkansas public schools. [Commissioner’s Memo 17-026](#) details the information and includes link to the Computer Science Fact Sheet.

**Financial Aid for Teachers**

Information regarding [Financial Aid for Teachers](#) is now available on the Educator Preparation website. Please share this information with your candidates.

### **NEW SAT scores**

If you are an Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) that uses SAT scores in lieu of the state-approved basic skills assessment, then you need to be aware of the [test changes](#) that went into effect in March 2016.

Below is a quick overview of the scores that are concordant with the previous SAT.

Old SAT		New SAT	
Math	510	Math	540
Writing	510	Writing and Language	29
Critical Reading	510	Reading	27

Use [this link](#) for access to all concordance tables.

### **Educator Preparation Program Approval**

The Office of Educator Preparation is accepting proposals from IHEs for new programs or any revised programs of study. Proposals from public IHEs must first be submitted to the Arkansas Department of Higher Education ([lillian.williams@adhe.edu](mailto:lillian.williams@adhe.edu)) for new degree or certificate programs or changes to degrees or certificates. An [inventory of AHECB approved degree programs](#) at all public IHEs is available on the ADHE website. Proposals to revise programs and all proposals from independent IHEs should be sent directly to [Sharlee.Crowson@arkansas.gov](mailto:Sharlee.Crowson@arkansas.gov) at the ADE. [Information and forms for proposals](#) to be submitted directly to the ADE can be found on the ADE website.

### **Teacher Excellence and Support System (TESS) Competencies**

Information regarding TESS alignment of Educator Preparation Programs has been [posted](#) under related files. Educator preparation programs now have a designated TESS coordinator that will be our point of contact. The coordinators will be responsible for ensuring faculty are trained and training records are maintained. The ADE will also host a TESS update meeting for all coordinators in the spring semester.

### **Welcome**

We would like to welcome Ms. Sharlee Crowson as a new program advisor for the Educator Preparation Unit. She will have primary responsibility for Program Approvals and Educator Competencies. Her email is [Sharlee.Crowson@arkansas.gov](mailto:Sharlee.Crowson@arkansas.gov).