



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Education

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TO: Division Superintendents

FROM: James F. Lane, Superintendent of Public Instruction

**SUBJECT: Board of Education Approved Passing Scores for Licensure Assessments
 School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990) and Computer Science Test (5652)**

Pursuant to Section [22.1-298.1](#) of the *Code of Virginia*, the Board of Education has the statutory authority to prescribe licensure requirements. On July 26, 2018, the Board approved the use of the following Praxis licensure assessments and set passing scores for each of the tests:

**School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990)
 Computer Science Test (5652)**

As part of the test regeneration process, Educational Testing Service (ETS) has completed a major revision of the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (SLLA). The assessment has been regenerated to reflect the 2015 Professional Standards for Educational Leaders (PSEL), developed by the National Policy Board for Educational Administration (NPBEA). These standards were previously known as the Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISLLC) Standards. The School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990) will be available September 1, 2018.

As recommended by the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure (ABTEL), the Virginia Board of Education adopted the following passing score and implementation date for the School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990) required for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision PreK-12 endorsement.

School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990)		
Test Name	Passing Score	Effective Dates
School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990)	146	For the period of September 1, 2018 to January 1, 2020, individuals may take either the

School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990)		
		SLLA (6011) or the SLLA (6990). Effective January 1, 2020, the SLLA (6990) is required for individuals seeking an Administration and Supervision PreK-12 endorsement).

Score reports for individuals who took the School Leaders Licensure Assessment (6011) prior to January 1, 2020, will be accepted provided the candidate met the passing score effective at the time the test was taken.

Computer Science Test (5652)

The Board prescribes the Praxis Subject Assessments as a professional teacher’s assessment requirement for initial licensure in Virginia. Until this action by the Board of Education, a Praxis subject area assessment was not prescribed for individuals seeking an initial license with an endorsement in Computer Science.

As recommended by the ABTEL, the Board of Education adopted the following passing score and implementation date for the Praxis Computer Science (5652) test that will be required for an initial license with an endorsement in Computer Science. Individuals holding a teaching license will be eligible to add the Computer Science endorsement by passing the assessment. The *Licensure Regulations for School Personnel* allows any individual who holds a Virginia teaching license to add an endorsement to the license by passing a rigorous academic subject test prescribed by the Board of Education. [This testing option does not apply to individuals who are seeking an Early/Primary preK-3 or Elementary Education preK-6 endorsement or who hold a Technical Professional License, Vocational Evaluator License, Pupil Personnel Services License, School Manager License, International Educator License, or Division Superintendent License. Endorsements in special education, Administration and Supervision PreK-12, and Reading Specialist cannot be added by testing. Also, a Computer Science endorsement cannot be added to a Provisional (Special Education) License.]

Computer Science Test (5652)		
Test Name	Passing Score	Effective Dates
Computer Science Test (5652)	142	September 1, 2018, except for individuals applying for initial licensure through Virginia approved programs who will become subject to the requirement January 1, 2020

Information on the professional teacher's assessments in Virginia may be accessed at the following website: http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/licensure/prof_teacher_assessment.pdf. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Dr. Kendra A. Crump, Director of Licensure and School Leadership, at (804) 371-2471 or Kendra.Crump@doe.virginia.gov.

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