



**COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA  
Department of Education**

**DATE:** June 30, 2017  
**TO:** Division Superintendents  
**FROM:** Steven R. Staples, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
**SUBJECT: Qualifying Score on the New SAT® as a Substitute Test for the Praxis Core Assessment for Entry into a Teacher Preparation Program**

The SAT test was redesigned and introduced by the College Board in March 2016. The scoring of the assessment changed; therefore, new qualifying scores were approved allowing the SAT to continue as a substitute test for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test for entry into approved education programs.

On June 22, 2017, the Board of Education approved the Advisory Board on Teacher Education and Licensure's recommendation that the following qualifying scores on the new SAT serve as a substitute test for the Praxis Core Academic Skills for Educators Test:

**SAT Taken Prior to April 1, 1995** – a score of **1000** with at least **450** on the verbal and **510** on the mathematics tests;

**SAT Taken On or After April 1, 1995 and Prior to March 1, 2016** – a score of **1100** with at least **530** on the verbal and **530** on the mathematics tests;

**SAT Taken On or after March 1, 2016** – a total score of **1170** with at least **580** on Evidence-based Reading and Writing Section and **560** on the Math Section.

For more information, please refer to the Board of Education meeting agenda at the following link: <http://www.doe.virginia.gov/boe/meetings/2017/06-jun/agenda-items/item-a.pdf>. Additionally, information on all Board of Education prescribed entry assessments to Virginia approved programs may be accessed on the following website: [http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/educator\\_preparation/college\\_programs/entry\\_assessment.pdf](http://www.doe.virginia.gov/teaching/educator_preparation/college_programs/entry_assessment.pdf).

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c: College and University Deans and Directors