

# Montana Board of Public Education Executive Summary

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<b>Presentation</b>	Praxis Test Reviews- English as a Second Language
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<b>Position Title</b>	Director of Accreditation and Licensure Office of Public Instruction  Director, Educational Partnerships Educational Testing Service
<b>Overview</b>	With the addition to ARM 10.58.534 effective July 1, 2023, MT needs to adopt the ETS Praxis exam and set the qualifying score. This presentation will include an overview of the process along with the recommendation from several working groups.
<b>Requested Decision(s)</b>	Action Item: to recommend approval or denial of the #5362 English to Speakers of Other Languages assessment and the qualifying score of 155.
<b>Related Issue(s)</b>	The American Sign Language (ASL) assessment will be presented in January as an action item.
<b>Recommendation(s)</b>	Recommend the adoption of the ESL assessment with a qualifying score of 155.



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# ETS PRAXIS ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (5362) TEST REVIEW

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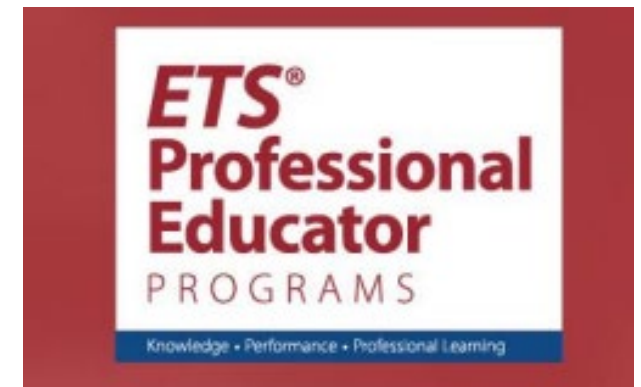
# TIMELINE- PROCESS

## ETS Praxis Test Review for ESL

Date	Meeting	Subject
✓ August 24, 2023	Planning Meeting	Lisa Colon Durham, Kristi Steinberg, Crystal Andrews
✓ Sep. 12, 2023	-	Nominations due for review panel(s)
✓ Sep. 14-15, 2023	Board of Public Instruction	<i>Information Only</i> - review recommendations from the panel
✓ Sep. 26, 2023	ETS Praxis Test Review Panel for ESL and ASL	Hybrid review panels
✓ Oct. 4, 2023	Praxis Working Committee	<i>Action Item</i> - review panel recommendation and approve tests and scores
✓ Oct. 26, 2023	Montana Council of Deans	<i>Action Item</i> - review panel recommendation and approve tests and scores
Nov. 16-17, 2023	Board of Public Education	<i>Action Item</i> - approve and adopt new tests and scores

# WHY THE NEED?

With the addition to ARM [10.58.534](#) effective July 1, 2023, MT needs to adopt the ETS Praxis exam for Test 5362 English to Speakers of Other Languages (for ESL) and set the qualifying score.



# TEST AT A GLANCE

## English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362)

Test at a Glance			
<b>Test Name</b>	English to Speakers of Other Languages		
<b>Test Code</b>	5362		
<b>Time</b>	120 minutes		
<b>Number of Questions</b>	120 selected-response questions		
<b>Format</b>	Selected-response questions; This test may include questions with an audio component.		
<b>Test Delivery</b>	Computer delivered		
	<b>Content Categories</b>	<b>Approximate Number of Questions</b>	<b>Approximate Percentage of Examination</b>
	I. Foundations of Linguistics	22	18%
	II. Foundations of Language Learning	26	22%
	III. Planning and Implementing Instruction	28	23%
	IV. Assessment and Evaluation	18	15%
	V. Culture	13	11%
	VI. Professionalism and Advocacy	13	11%

# RECOMMENDED PASSING SCORE

## Technical Report

English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362)



### PARTICIPATING STATES

Panelists from 24 states, Guam, and the U.S. Virgin Islands were recommended by their respective education agencies. The education agencies recommended panelists with (a) experience as either ESOL teachers or college faculty who prepare ESOL teachers and (b) familiarity with the knowledge and skills required of beginning ESOL teachers.

### RECOMMENDED PASSING SCORE

ETS provides a recommended passing score from the multistate standard-setting study to help education agencies determine an appropriate operational passing score. For the *Praxis* English to Speakers of Other Languages test, the recommended passing score<sup>+</sup> is 69 out of a possible 110 raw-score points. The scale score associated with a raw score of 69 is 155 on a 100–200 scale.

# STATE ADOPTIONS

## Adopting Passing Scores

English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362)

State/Province	Qualifying Score	State/Province	Qualifying Score	State/Province	Qualifying Score
Alabama	155	Kansas	149	Alabama	155
Alaska	155	Kentucky	150	South Carolina	155
Arkansas	155	Louisiana	155	<b>South Dakota</b>	<b>155</b>
California	163	Maine	163	Tennessee	155
Colorado	155	Massachusetts	155	Utah	149
Delaware	149	Mississippi	149	Vermont	155
District of Columbia	155	New Hampshire	155	Virginia	155
Guam	155	North Carolina	155	West Virginia	155
Hawaii	140	<b>North Dakota</b>	<b>155</b>	Wisconsin	149
<b>Idaho</b>	<b>155</b>	Northern Mariana Islands	140	Wyoming	<b>155</b>
Indiana	155	Oklahoma	155		

*Cut scores range from 140 to 163*

*23 of the 33 states and territories using Praxis ESOL adopted a passing score of 155*

*Four of the states surrounding Montana adopted a passing score of 155*



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# MCDE RECOMMENDATION

## Montana Council of Deans of Education

Carroll College • Montana State University Northern  
Montana State University Billings • Montana State University  
Rocky Mountain College • Salish Kootenai College  
Stone Child College • University of Montana  
University of Montana Western  
University of Providence

Montana does not currently have a Praxis test for licensure and endorsement in English as a Second Language (ESL) K-12. Multiple groups of P-20 educators have reviewed the English to Speakers of Other Languages Praxis (ESOL) test #5362 for use in Montana.

A panel of experts (three ESL-trained educators and two state organization representatives with ESL backgrounds) convened on September 26, 2023 to review and discuss the #5362 ESOL test. At the end of the discussion, the panel reached consensus that the test with a score of 155 is appropriate for Montana K-12 educators.

On October 4, 2023, the Praxis Working Committee (PWC) convened to review the panel's recommendation. Seven Montana EPPs had representatives at the PWC meeting and unanimously concurred with the panel's decision.

The MCDE met on October 26, 2023 to review the panel and PWC's recommendations. Nine Montana EPPs had representatives at the meeting and unanimously agreed with the prior decisions. The MCDE sets forth the following recommendation to the OPI and the Board of Public Education.

The Montana Council of Deans of Education **unanimously recommends** the use of the English to Speakers of Other Languages Praxis test #5362 **with a score of 155** for educator licensure purposes in Montana.



# TO COME

- We will have the recommended score for the ASL exam at the January BPE meeting.
- Spring 2024 the Special Education (5354) exam will be up for review.