



# Indiana Department of Education

Dr. Katie Jenner, Secretary of Education

To: Indiana State Board of Education

From: Risa A. Regnier, Director of Educator Licensing

Date: June 13, 2025

Subject: Final approval of updated Praxis licensure test and cut score

## **Background**

In October 2018, the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) released a request for proposal (RFP) for a new licensure test vendor and program as required by the Indiana General Assembly in 2018. In July 2019, in accordance with the results of the RFP and action by the Indiana General Assembly, Educational Testing Service (ETS)--with its nationally available Praxis test program--was adopted by the SBOE to provide educator licensure tests as of September 1, 2021.

As a component of its normal and usual work to periodically update and replace Praxis tests, ETS is replacing the Middle School Social Studies content test #5089. The new updated test is Middle School Social Studies #5589. Information regarding the replacement tests recommended for adoption follows.

## **Middle School Social Studies #5589**

ETS is replacing the existing test #5089 Middle School Social Studies with updated test #5589 Middle School Social Studies. This new test will be available for licensure in the middle school grades 5-9 for current educators wishing to expand their licensure and prospective educators effective September 1, 2025. During a one-year transition period from September 1, 2025, until August 31, 2026, applicants for licensure may take and pass either test #5089 or test #5589. On September 1, 2026, test #5589 will become the sole required Middle School Social Studies licensure content test.

In January 2025 a multistate standard-setting study was conducted by panelists with experience as middle school social studies teachers or college faculty who prepare middle school teachers and have familiarity with the knowledge and skills required of beginning middle school social studies teachers. 16 panelists from 10 ETS client states participated in the standard setting, including one panelist from Indiana. The panel's resulting passing score recommendation is 71 out of a possible 100 raw-score points. The scale score associated with a raw score of 71 is **149** on a 100-200 scale. The full multistate standard-setting technical report with the recommended cut score was posted on IDOE's Educator Testing website for public comment for 30 days. No public comments were submitted.



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## **Action Needed**

Under 511 Indiana Administrative Code (IAC) 15-7-2 the board must vote on final approval of licensure tests and cut scores after 30 days of public comment.

## **IDOE Recommendation**

Final approval of Praxis test #5589 Middle School Social Studies; cut score 149; effective September 1, 2025.