



STATE OF ALABAMA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION



Thomas R. Bice
State Superintendent of Education

January 22, 2014

Alabama
State Board
of Education

Governor
Robert Bentley
President

Tracy T. Roberts
District I

Betty Peters
District II

Stephanie Bell
District III

Yvette M.
Richardson, Ed.D.
District IV

Ella B. Bell
District V
President Pro Tem

Charles E. Elliott, M.D.
District VI
Vice President

Jeff Newman
District VII

Mary Scott Hunter, J.D.
District VIII

Thomas R. Bice, Ed.D.
Secretary and
Executive Officer

M E M O R A N D U M

TO: County and City Superintendents of Education
Deans of Education

FROM: Thomas R. Bice 
State Superintendent of Education

SUBJECT: Praxis II Tests Revalidation: Requests for Nominations of Subject-Area Experts in Elementary Education (Mathematics and Reading and English Language Arts Subtests) and Middle School Science

In the past, several superintendents and deans of education provided assistance to us by nominating teachers/instructional support personnel/higher education faculty to serve as experts on standard-setting study panels when assessments of the Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECTP) were validated and reviewed for use as a certification requirement in the state of Alabama. We are once again in need of your help in nominating educators to serve as subject-area experts for the AECTP Praxis II tests. The attached chart outlines the Praxis II tests for which we will be conducting standard-setting studies for existing tests that are offered by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

To represent the perspectives of your district or institution, we would like to involve teachers/instructional support personnel from your district or faculty from your institution. To that end, we ask that you consider nominating up to three individuals to participate. In order to get a cross-section of district and college/university representatives, as well as a diverse group of panelists, it is possible that not all individuals nominated will be selected to participate. Nominees must register **no later than Friday, January 31, 2014**, via the ETS Web site using the attached Web links.

Nominees serving at the P-12 level should be fully certified teachers with three to ten years of experience who have demonstrated knowledge of subject matter and are currently teaching in the area of elementary education to validate Praxis II Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Mathematics Subtest (5003) and Reading and English Language Arts Subtest (5002) and middle school science to validate Praxis II Middle School Science (5440). Educators with more than ten years of experience are welcome if they are actively involved *in mentoring or supervising a beginning teacher* in the aforementioned content areas. **Higher education faculty** possessing any number of years of experience should be

County and City Superintendents of Education
Deans of Education
Page 2
January 22, 2014

individuals who currently *provide direct instruction to education majors* in the aforementioned content areas.

ETS will make selections that will result in a panel representative of the geographic, ethnic, gender, and teaching levels of those required to take the test. Our goal for the two-day standard-setting session is to assemble a panel of between 15 and 20 educators (teachers and college faculty members who prepare teachers in the relevant content areas) for each of the aforementioned content areas. **Day One** of the standard-setting session will focus on elementary education multiple subjects' subtests, and **Day Two** of the standard-setting session will focus on middle school science.

After nominees have submitted the requested information via the Web site, those selected to participate will receive an official invitation from ETS via e-mail on February 3, 2014, or soon thereafter. ETS will facilitate the study on the state's behalf and will reimburse panelists for travel to the session in Montgomery, Alabama, on March 4 or 5, 2014. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

In the event we do not receive the required number of panelists through voluntary nominations, we will invite educators identified in our certification database via e-mail with a copy to the local superintendent or dean.

Should you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact Dr. Jendia S. Grissett via e-mail at jgrissett@alsde.edu or by telephone at 334-242-9983. We appreciate your continued support.

TRB/JAM/JSG

Attachment

cc: Mrs. Sherrill W. Parris
Mr. Larry E. Craven
Dr. Jayne A. Meyer
Mrs. Sarah P. Justiss
Dr. Jendia S. Grissett

FY14-2033

PRAXIS II TESTS

NOMINEES OF SUBJECT-AREA EXPERTS

Nominees must register to participate via the ETS Web site by using Web Links One and Two below, **NO LATER THAN Friday, January 31, 2014.**

Area/Test Title	Test Code	Nominees Must Register No Later Than:	Standard Setting Study Month/Day	Registration Web Link
Elementary Education Multiple Subjects Mathematics Subtest and Reading and English Language Arts Subtest	5002 5003	Friday, January 31, 2014	Tuesday, March 4, 2014	http://bit.ly/1j1FHs5
Middle School Science	5440	Friday, January 31, 2014	Wednesday, March 5, 2014	http://bit.ly/1j1FHs5