



Update on the Core Subjects/Generalist EC–6 and Core Subjects/Generalist 4–8 Tests

TEA staff brought proposed rules to the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) in August 2014 that created the new Core Subjects certifications for grades EC–6 (291) and 4–8 (211). This change in certificate names will distinguish those who pass the more rigorous tests required by HB 2012 from those who passed the earlier “Generalist” tests. The proposed rule will qualify holders of the new Core Subjects certifications to teach the same grades and subjects as the current “Generalist” certifications.

In February 2014, the Board approved a two-year overlap policy that allows candidates seeking one of the current Generalist certificates to finish all certification requirements and be recommended for issuance of the appropriate certificate.

The new Core Subjects tests were first administered on January 6, 2015, and are now offered continuously. You must take the overall test (211 or 291) on your first attempt. If you do not successfully complete the overall test, you will be allowed to retake only the individual subject test(s) (801–809) that you do not pass. You will also have the option of retaking the overall test (211 or 291) again if you prefer.

There will be a “data collection period” for the first months of test administration in order to gather data on the performance on the new EC–6 and 4–8 tests. During this data collection period, you can take the overall Core Subjects EC–6 (291) and 4–8 (211) tests at no cost to you. Additionally, if you pass the overall Core Subjects 211 and 291 tests, you can use those results for issuance of your certification, pending completion of all requirements.

Registration Information

Registration opened on November 3, 2014. The Core Subjects EC–6 (291), 4–8 (211) and individual subject tests (801–809) are offered on a continuous basis. During the data collection period, the Core Subjects EC–6 (291) and Core Subjects 4–8 (211) tests are free of charge; if you do not pass an individual subject test and need to retake that test, the fee is \$60 for each subject test. You can register for the tests through the online registration system at www.texas.ets.org. The 45-day retake policy applies to registration for both the overall and individual subject tests.

Test Name	Test Code	Data Collection Period Fee
Core Subjects EC–6	291	\$0
Core Subjects EC–6 – English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) & the Science of Teaching Reading (STR)	801	\$60
Core Subjects EC–6 – Mathematics	802	\$60
Core Subjects EC–6 – Social Studies	803	\$60
Core Subjects EC–6 – Science	804	\$60
Core Subjects EC–6 – Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education	805	\$60

Test Name	Test Code	Data Collection Period Fee
Core Subjects 4–8	211	\$0
Core Subjects 4–8 — English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR)	806	\$60
Core Subjects 4–8 — Mathematics	807	\$60
Core Subjects 4–8 — Social Studies	808	\$60
Core Subjects 4–8 — Science	809	\$60

The two-year overlap policy mentioned on page 1 applies not only to Generalist EC–6 and Generalist 4–8 specified in legislation but also includes Bilingual Generalist EC–6, Bilingual Generalist 4–8, English as a Second Language (ESL) Generalist EC–6 and English as a Second Language (ESL) Generalist 4–8.

The following tests are scheduled to be administered for the last time on August 31, 2015:

Generalist EC–6 (191)
 Generalist 4–8 (111)
 Bilingual Generalist EC–6 (192)
 Bilingual Generalist 4–8 (119)
 ESL/Generalist EC–6 (193)
 ESL/Generalist 4–8 (120)

If you pass any of the six tests listed above by August 31, 2015, you must complete all remaining requirements for certification by August 31, 2017. An online application, fee and recommendation by an Educator Preparation Program, where applicable, must be completed and received by ETS no later than October 30, 2017, in order to issue any of the current Generalist, Bilingual Generalist and ESL Generalist certificates.

Accommodations

Testing accommodations are available for candidates with disabilities or health-related needs who meet ETS requirements. If you are requesting testing accommodations, including oral instructions for directions, you must register by mail through ETS Disability Services and have your accommodations approved *before* you register to test. You can also contact ETS Disability Services at 1-866-387-8602.

If you have received approved accommodations from ETS within the last two years and the your documentation is still current, you may request the same accommodations for any TExES, TExMaT, TASC or TASC–ASL test during the 2014–15 testing year. If you are registering for a different test, the accommodations ETS previously approved for you within the last two years will be approved again if the accommodations are appropriate for the current test.

The [2014–15 Bulletin Supplement for Test Takers with Disabilities or Health-Related Needs](#) for TExES™, TExMaT™, TASC™ and TASC–ASL™ contains contact information, procedures for requesting testing accommodations and registration forms. The Supplement should be used together with the information in the Registration Bulletin. The Supplement and the Registration Bulletin can both be downloaded free of charge from the “Alternative Testing Arrangements” section of the ETS TExES website at <http://www.texas.ets.org/alternativetesting>. Disability documentation policy statements and forms are available through the ETS website at <http://www.ets.org/disabilities/documentation/>.

Test Change Requests

Currently, you cannot process a test change request in the online registration system when switching to a test with a different test fee (e.g., \$0 to \$60 test fee, or \$120 to \$0 test fee, etc.). You must contact ETS Customer Service at 1-800-205-2626 (Monday–Friday, 8am–5pm CT) in order to process these requests. Customer Service will cancel the original test registration and process the new registration for you. However, you will still be able to make test date and location changes in the online registration system.

On the Day of the Test

Each of the subject tests is individually timed. The testing time for each of the Core Subjects tests is listed in the table below.

Test Name	Test Code	Testing Time
Core Subjects EC–6	291	4 hours and 40 minutes
Core Subjects EC–6 — English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR) & the Science of Teaching Reading (STR)	801	1 hour and 45 minutes
Core Subjects EC–6 — Mathematics	802	1 hour
Core Subjects EC–6 — Social Studies	803	35 minutes
Core Subjects EC–6 — Science	804	40 minutes
Core Subjects EC–6 — Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education	805	40 minutes

Test Name	Test Code	Testing Time
Core Subjects 4–8	211	4 hours and 40 minutes
Core Subjects 4–8 — English Language Arts and Reading (ELAR)	806	1 hour and 55 minutes
Core Subjects 4–8 — Mathematics	807	1 hour and 5 minutes
Core Subjects 4–8 — Social Studies	808	50 minutes
Core Subjects 4–8 — Science	809	50 minutes

Breaks

There are no scheduled breaks between the individual subject tests within the overall Core Subjects tests (211/291). Once the timer has started for an individual subject test, it cannot be stopped. Each individual subject test begins with informational screens that must be reviewed. The timer will not begin until you proceed through these instructional screens.

Test center administrators are authorized to dismiss candidates from a test session and/or have their scores withheld and ultimately canceled and their test fees forfeited for any actions that violate the policies and procedures in the *Registration Bulletin* and/or communicated at the test center including:

- bringing food, drinks or tobacco into the testing room, unless test takers have received prior approval due to a disability or health-related need
- leaving the test center building during the test session or during breaks
- leaving the testing room without permission
- taking excessive or extended unscheduled breaks during the test session (Test administrators are required to strictly monitor unscheduled breaks and report test takers who take excessive or extended breaks.)

Score Reports

Score reports for CAT tests offered on a continuous basis, including the Core Subjects EC–6 (291) and Core Subjects 4–8 (211) tests, are available within seven days of the test date.

The following are samples of the Core Subjects EC–6 (291) and 4–8 (211) score reports.

Score Report Sample — 291 Core Subjects EC–6, Page 1


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Examinee Score Report

For an explanation of how to read your score report, see [Understanding Your Scores](http://www.texas.gov/media_library/pdf/understanding_your_tecp_score_s.pdf) at http://www.texas.gov/media_library/pdf/understanding_your_tecp_score_s.pdf.
 Print a copy of this score report for your records.

Test: 291 CORE SUBJECTS EC-6

Overall Status: Passed

In order to earn an Overall Status of Passed, each Subject Test must be passed by earning a Scaled Score of 240 or higher (on a scale of 100-300)

Test Date: 01/10/2015

TEA ID: [REDACTED]

Performance by Subject Test	# of Questions	# Correct	This Test Date		Highest To Date		
			Scaled Score	Status	Scaled Score	Status	Date
I. ELAR & STR (801)	65	46	243	Passed	243	Passed	01/10/15
Competency 001	4	2					
Competency 002	5	4					
Competency 003	3	3					
Competency 004	4	3					
Competency 005	7	6					
Competency 006	5	4					
Competency 007	11	4					
Competency 008	6	4					
Competency 009	3	3					
Competency 010	4	1					
Competency 011	5	4					
Competency 012	4	4					
Competency 013	4	3					
II. Mathematics (802)	40	33	262	Passed	262	Passed	01/10/15
Competency 001	10	8					
Competency 002	8	8					

Score Report Sample — 291 Core Subjects EC–6, Pages 2 and 3

Competency 003	4	3					
Competency 004	6	5					
Competency 005	5	4					
Competency 006	7	5					
III. Social Studies (803)	35	31	276	Passed	276	Passed	01/10/15
Competency 001	3	3					
Competency 002	9	8					
Competency 003	9	9					
Competency 004	5	4					
Competency 005	9	7					
IV. Science (804)	45	37	266	Passed	266	Passed	01/10/15
Competency 001	1	1					
Competency 002	3	3					
Competency 003	3	3					
Competency 004	2	1					
Competency 005	4	3					
Competency 006	2	2					
Competency 007	3	3					
Competency 008	3	2					
Competency 009	3	3					
Competency 010	1	1					
Competency 011	3	3					
Competency 012	2	1					
Competency 013	2	1					
Competency 014	3	1					
Competency 015	2	2					
Competency 016	2	2					
Competency 017	3	3					
Competency 018	3	2					
V. Fine Arts, Health & Phys Ed (805)	45	33	258	Passed	258	Passed	01/10/15
Competency 001	9	5					
Competency 002	15	9					
Competency 003	5	4					
Competency 004	11	10					
Competency 005	5	5					

Note: Please allow 7 to 10 business days after the score reporting date for your test scores to be posted in your Educator Profile on the Texas Education Agency (TEA) website at <http://www.tea.state.tx.us> before contacting TEA credentialing staff or submitting your online application for certification. Application for certification does not proceed automatically based upon receipt of your scores by TEA. To apply for certification you must go to the TEA website and follow the application for certification instructions.



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Score Report Sample – 211 Core Subjects 4–8, Page 1



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Examinee Score Report

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Test: 211 CORE SUBJECTS 4-8

Overall Status: Not Passed

In order to earn an Overall Status of Passed, each Subject Test must be passed by earning a Scaled Score of 240 or higher (on a scale of 100-300)

Test Date: 01/08/2015

TEA ID: [REDACTED]

Performance by Subject Test

	# of Questions	# Correct	This Test Date		Highest To Date		
			Scaled Score	Status	Scaled Score	Status	Date
I. ELAR (806)	65	46	234	Not Passed	234	Not Passed	01/08/15
Competency 001	6	4					
Competency 002	6	6					
Competency 003	8	5					
Competency 004	13	10					
Competency 005	8	4					
Competency 006	6	5					
Competency 007	10	5					
Competency 008	4	4					
Competency 009	4	3					
II. Mathematics (807)	35	20	227	Not Passed	227	Not Passed	01/08/15
Competency 001	3	1					
Competency 002	1	0					
Competency 003	3	2					
Competency 004	2	1					
Competency 005	1	1					
Competency 006	4	2					

Score Report Sample — 211 Core Subjects 4–8, Pages 2 and 3

Competency 007	1	1					
Competency 008	2	1					
Competency 009	1	1					
Competency 010	2	0					
Competency 011	1	0					
Competency 012	2	2					
Competency 013	3	2					
Competency 014	2	2					
Competency 015	1	0					
Competency 016	3	2					
Competency 017	1	1					
Competency 018	1	1					
Competency 019	1	0					
III. Social Studies (808)	35	22	228	Not Passed	228	Not Passed	01/08/15
Competency 001	8	3					
Competency 002	6	3					
Competency 003	5	4					
Competency 004	7	5					
Competency 005	3	2					
Competency 006	3	3					
Competency 007	3	2					
IV. Science (809)	35	28	253	Passed	253	Passed	01/08/15
Competency 001	1	1					
Competency 002	2	2					
Competency 003	1	1					
Competency 004	1	1					
Competency 005	2	2					
Competency 006	2	2					
Competency 007	2	0					
Competency 008	1	1					
Competency 009	2	2					
Competency 010	1	1					
Competency 011	2	1					
Competency 012	2	1					
Competency 013	1	1					
Competency 014	2	2					
Competency 015	1	1					
Competency 016	2	1					
Competency 017	1	1					
Competency 018	1	0					
Competency 019	2	2					
Competency 020	1	0					
Competency 021	1	1					
Competency 022	2	2					
Competency 023	2	2					

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Test Retake Policy

A CAT test that was not passed can be retaken via CAT after **45 days**. When you register to retake a CAT test, the registration system will only display CAT test dates that are at least **45 days** after the previous test date.

If you do not pass the overall Core Subject test (211 or 291), you must wait the required 45 days to retake any of the individual Subject Tests (801–809). Likewise, if you do not pass an individual Subject Test, you must wait the required 45 days to retake that same subject test or the overall (211 or 291) test.

Test Preparation Resources

Updated versions of the preparation manual and *Test at a Glance* for Core Subjects EC–6 (291) and Core Subjects 4–8 (211) are now available for download from the Test Preparation Resources section of the ETS TExES website at <http://www.texas.ets.org/texas/prepmaterials>. The preparation manuals are in the new online format and include internal links to help you find information quickly and easily.