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MEMORANDUM

TO: School District Superintendents, SUS College of Education Deans, Educator Preparation Institute Directors and Coordinators and Florida School District Staff Development Directors

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SUBJECT: Updates for the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations Program

The purpose of this memorandum is to remind you of upcoming changes to the Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) program outlined in a paperless memorandum that was issued January 30, 2013. This memorandum also serves to notify you of the new *Complete Competencies and Skills, 20th Edition*, newly approved passing scores for five FTCE examinations and the publication of new versions of FTCE test information guides.

On January 30, 2013, the department announced test development activities for the new versions of the Computer Science K–12 and Technology Education 6–12 examinations. Public notice of Rule Development was posted to the Florida Administrative Register on November 22, 2013, and State Board of Education Rule workshops were held December 12-13, 2013.

On January 21, 2014, the State Board of Education (SBE) reviewed and approved the revised competencies for the Computer Science K–12 and Technology Education 6–12 examinations with an amendment to State Board Rule 6A-4.0021. The changes to the rule became effective February 24, 2014.

Passing scores for the following FTCE examinations were adopted by the SBE on January 21, 2014: Professional Education, English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) K–12, Mathematics 6–12, Middle Grades Mathematics 5–9 and the new Prekindergarten/Primary PK–3. The table below lists current passing scores, as well as the newly adopted passing scores for the Professional Education, ESOL K–12, Mathematics 6–12 and MG Mathematics 5–9 subject areas, effective March 1, 2014. For further information about passing scores, please visit http://www.fldoe.org/asp/ftce/ftceSI.asp.

2014 Approved Passing Scores Professional Education, ESOL K-12, Mathematics 6-12, MG Mathematics 5-9		
FTCE Exam	**Linked Passing Score**	**SBE Adopted Passing Score**
Professional Education	63% (76/120)	71% (85/120)
ESOL K–12	58% (70/120)	68% (81/120)
Mathematics 6–12	55% (41/74)	65% (48/74)
MG Mathematics 5–9	53% (40/75)	69% (52/75)

The table below lists current passing scores, as well as the newly adopted passing scores for the New Prekindergarten/Primary Pre K–3 Subtests, effective March 1, 2014.

2014 Approved Passing Scores New Prekindergarten/Primary PreK-3 Subtests		
FTCE Exam	**Linked Passing Score**	**SBE Adopted Passing Score**
PreK-3 Subtest1: Developmental Knowledge	47% (28/60)	63% (38/60)
PreK-3 Subtest2: Language Arts	37% (22/60)	68% (41/60)
PreK-3 Subtest3: Mathematics	36% (18/50)	64% (32/50)
PreK-3 Subtest4: Science	38% (19/50)	60% (30/50)

New test forms for Computer Science K–12 and Technology Education 6–12 will be administered beginning April 2014. New test information guides for both subject areas were published in January 2014 on the website of the department's testing contractor (http://www.fl.nesinc.com/FL_TIGS.asp). The current test information guides will be available through March 31, 2014.

I encourage you to distribute this information to the appropriate school district, university and college personnel. If you have any questions, please contact Phil Canto at 850-245-0513 or Phil.Canto@fldoe.org.

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