

MEMORANDUM

To: Superintendents and Principals

From: Dr. Andrew Melin, Chief Innovation Officer
Risa Regnier, Director of Educator Licensing

Date: June 28, 2019

Re: House Enrolled Act 1002 - Transition to National Licensure Test Program (5 of 6)

Background:

In accordance with Senate Enrolled Act 387 (2018), the Indiana Department of Education (IDOE) and the Indiana Department of Administration (IDOA) issued a request for proposals (RFP) in October 2018 for a new licensure test vendor for a testing program to begin in September 2021 for Indiana's current content and pedagogy areas and for any other content or pedagogy areas that may be required in the future. RFP 19-034 sought proposals on two licensure test program options: a new custom test program aligned primarily to Indiana's Educator Standards, and a nationally available test program already in use in other states that is aligned primarily to national Specialized Professional Association (SPA) standards recognized by the Council for Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) or other national accrediting organization standards. Proposals were received and evaluated for technical content by an evaluation team of subject matter experts, and the cost proposals were evaluated by IDOA. A vendor was selected for each test program option pending a policy decision as to which type of test program the state desires for the future.

During the 2019 legislative session, the General Assembly passed House Enrolled Act (HEA) 1002, which dictates that the State Board of Education shall adopt a teacher licensing test program that is already in existence and administered nationally to replace the current licensure test program. Based on the results of the RFP awards, Educational Testing Service (ETS) won the right to negotiate a contract with the State for provision of a nationally available licensure test program and any new tests that ETS will need to develop for use in Indiana. The ETS national test program is called *Praxis*.

Guidance:

Indiana is under contract with Evaluation Systems of Pearson for use of the CORE licensure test program until August 31, 2021. The CORE test program has been used in Indiana since February 2014. Evaluation Systems will continue its work with IDOE on the CORE test program under the contract in place, and the CORE tests will continue to be administered for licensure purposes until the end of August 2021. Implementation details concerning the transition between testing programs will be released as the transition date approaches.

Also in the 2019 legislative session, the General Assembly passed SEA 438 that eliminates, as of July 1, 2019, the mandatory basic skills proficiency tests in basic reading, writing, and math that have been required for entry into traditional and alternative path preparation programs. Consequently, Indiana will no longer require the basic skills tests, although preparation programs may opt to use them as a factor in program admission.

If you have any questions, please contact Risa Regnier at (317) 232-0501 or e-mail at regnier@doe.in.gov.

This bill was authored by Representative Holli Sullivan and the full bill text can be found [here](#). Information regarding how to contact your legislators can be found [here](#).