



To: State Board of Education  
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Re: Assessment for Japanese (K-12) Endorsement

## Japanese (K-12) Endorsement Assessment

Current Japanese (K-12) Endorsement Assessment:	Proposed Japanese (K-12) Endorsement Assessment:
None – new licensure area	Praxis® Japanese: World Language (5661) Recommended Cut Score: 151 (-1 SEM)
	Effective Immediately

## Rationale

Japanese (K-12) is an endorsement area added to a standard license by testing out. To meet the demand for Japanese teachers, the Department recommends the Praxis® Japanese (5661) with a cut score of 151.

The Praxis® Japanese Study Companion describes the purpose and structure of the test. The test measures the knowledge, skills, and abilities of examinees who have had preparation in a program for teaching Japanese in grades K–12.

The 180-minute assessment contains 75 selected-response questions, and 6 constructed-response questions covering four content areas: Interpretive Listening, including embedded linguistic content (approximately 30 questions), Interpretive Reading, including embedded linguistic content (approximately 30 questions), Cultural Knowledge (approximately 15 questions), Interpersonal and Presentational Writing (approximately 3 questions), and Interpersonal and Presentational Speaking (approximately 3 questions).

In April 2021, Educational Testing Service (ETS) conducted a virtual multistate standard setting study. One Arkansas Japanese educator participated in the study. As a result, a study value of 156 was determined, and 151 is the score with -1 standard error of measurement (SEM).

For the licensure assessment to add the Japanese (K-12) endorsement to a Standard Arkansas Educator License, the Department recommends adopting the Praxis® Japanese: World Language (5661) with a cut score of 151, effective immediately.