

Basic Skills Competency Requirement

What is it?

- This is a requirement that must be met before the California teaching credential or certificate will be issued. To fulfill this requirement, applicants must demonstrate basic skills proficiency in reading, writing, and math.

Who needs it?

- The requirement needs to be met by those who want to apply for a credential or certificate to serve in the public schools of California. This requirement may also be required as a condition of employment to work at a school district.

How do I meet this requirement?

Complete ONE of the following options:

Pass the CBEST

- Tests reading, math, and writing skills
- Only needs to be passed once
- Offered computer or paper-based
- Must earn total score of 123 or above

Pass the CSET:
Multiple Subjects
AND
the CSET: Writing
Skills Exam

Achieve acceptable
SAT or ACT Scores for
English and Math

Pass a Basic Skills
Exam from another
state

Achieve acceptable
scores on selected
College Board
Advanced Placement
(AP) Exams

Demonstrate
proficiency on CSU
Early Assessment
Program (EAP)

Demonstrate
proficiency on CSU
Placement Exams
(EPT and ELM)

EXAMINATION SCORES NEEDED:

EXAMINATION	ENGLISH SCORE REQUIREMENT	MATH SCORE REQUIREMENT
CSU Early Assessment Program (EAP)	"College Ready" or "Exempt"	"College Ready" or "Exempt"
CSU Placement Exams (EPT and ELM)	Score of 151 or above	Score of 50 or above
College Board SAT	Critical Reading (or Verbal) Score of 500 or above (if taken before March 2016) Evidence-Based Reading and Writing Score of 560 or above (if taken after March 2016)	Score of 550 or above (if taken before March 2016) Score of 570 or above (if taken after March 2016)
ACT	Score of 22 or above	Score of 23 or above
College Board Advanced Placement (AP) Exams	Score of 3 or above on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP English Language & Composition AP English Literature & Composition 	Score of 3 or above on one of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> AP Calculus AB AP Calculus BC AP Statistics

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