



Elementary Education Fundamentals Tests and Praxis Steps:

Onboarding Toolkit

Designed to empower partners with the tools, resources, and guidance needed for a seamless and consistent transition.



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How to Use this Toolkit

This onboarding toolkit is designed to support educator preparation programs, state agencies, and partner institutions as they transition to the new Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests and prepare for the launch of Praxis Steps modular testing in Summer 2026.

Inside, you will find key information about test updates, implementation timelines, early adoption incentives, candidate preparation resources, and ready-to-use communication tools. Together, these materials are intended to help you confidently guide faculty, staff, and candidates through this transition.

Who This Toolkit Is For

**Educator
preparation
program leadership
and faculty**

**Certification and
licensure
coordinators**

**Student advising
and candidate
support teams**

**State agency
and district
partners**

What You Will Find

- ✓ An overview of the redesigned Elementary Education Fundamentals tests
- ✓ Key dates and transition timelines
- ✓ An introduction to Praxis Steps
- ✓ Candidate preparation and readiness resources
- ✓ Score reporting and data access guidance
- ✓ Communication templates for outreach to candidates and stakeholders



How to Get the Most from This Toolkit

- 1** Start with the test overview to understand what's changing and why
- 2** Review key dates to align program and advising timelines
- 3** Familiarize yourself with Praxis Steps to prepare for modular testing coming this summer
- 4** Use the communication templates to quickly share accurate, consistent messages with your candidates
- 5** Reach out to your Director of Educational Partnerships for customized support, planning conversations, or training sessions



Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals Tests Overview

Key enhancements explained for the new Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests, including new test codes, key administration dates and curriculum alignment resources.



Elementary Education Fundamentals Tests

Reading and
Language
Arts (8002)

Mathematics
(8003)

Social
Studies
(8004)

Science
(8005)

Teaching
Reading
(8006)

Key Enhancements

To help candidates better prepare and succeed, the new Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests have been designed with a more flexible and modern structure.

Key updates include:

- Updated Content Alignment: Test content reflects current national standards from ILA, NCSS, NGSS, NSTA and CAEP.
- Science of Reading Emphasis: Reading instruction now incorporates evidence-based practices aligned with the Science of Reading.
- Refined Question Distribution: Adjustments in question types and counts better reflect foundational and applied classroom skills.
- Praxis Steps enabled, launching Summer 2026: This modular approach to licensure testing expands candidate flexibility and delivers actionable data for states and preparation programs.

Resources

Test Comparison at a Glance - Learn more about the new tests and the key differences from the existing Elementary Education tests.

- [5001, 7001, and 5901 tests](#)
- [7811 CKT tests](#)

Curriculum Alignment

- **Curriculum Crosswalks** - Test-specific charts that help educator preparation programs confirm that the courses offered in their programs cover the necessary content from required licensure/certification tests.
- **Study Companions** - Provides test blueprint, content topics with discussion questions, sample questions with rationale, and study tips.



Key Administration Dates

Registration opens for full tests:

February 2026

First test administration for full tests:

March 9, 2026

First scores reported:

April 17, 2026 (for tests taken between March 9 – 28, 2026).

Praxis Bridge modules:

Available with first scores for eligible candidates in participating states.

Praxis Steps modular testing capability:

Summer 2026

Current tests retiring (5001, 5901, 7001, 7811 series):

August 2028

Standard Pricing* (Effective June 1, 2026)

Full Tests → \$79 per test

Individual Steps (when available) → \$39.50 per Step

Multiple Full Test Discount:

3 Tests → \$149.50 — Save \$87.60

4 Tests → \$199.50 — Save \$116.50

Pricing may vary and special discounts may be available at times. Refer to your State Requirements page for the most up-to-date pricing.



Praxis Steps – Launching Summer 2026

Praxis Steps is a new modular approach to licensure testing, which gives candidates more flexibility, targeted retakes, and actionable insights for success.



Praxis Steps Modular Testing

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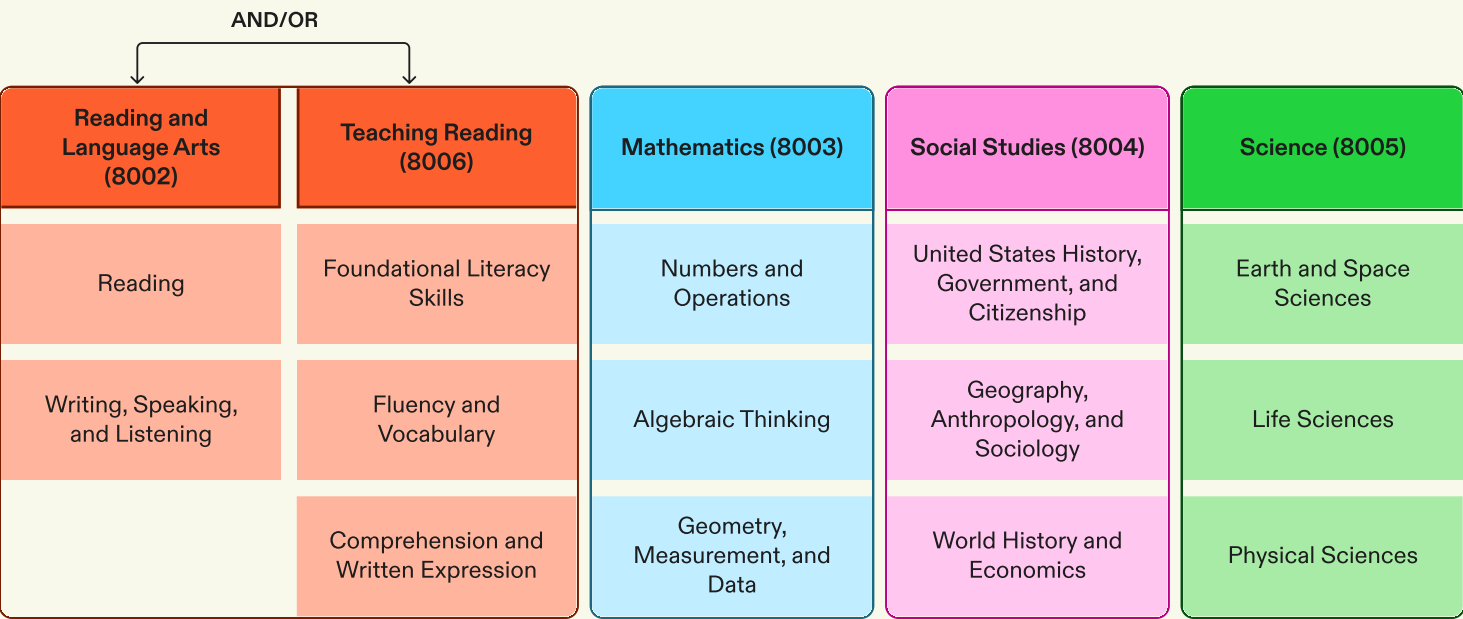
Praxis Steps allows candidates to progress at their own pace, retake only what's needed, and use insights for continued improvement and readiness. Praxis Steps will launch in late Summer 2026 with the Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests.

Praxis Steps Features

Flexibility	Candidates can test in smaller "Steps" as they cover the content in coursework or when they feel most ready.
Targeted Retakes	Candidates can retake just the Step they did not pass, rather than the full test, saving time and money.
Data-Driven Insights	Gain granular data to drive program improvements and provide targeted support to candidates.
More Ways to Succeed	Modularity provides more options for candidates to take and pass their tests, reducing barriers to certification without sacrificing quality.

Praxis Steps for Elementary Education Fundamentals

This graphic below shows the full tests as well as the individual Steps for the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests. When Praxis Steps launches this summer, candidates can choose to take a full test, with the option of targeted retakes, or take one Step at a time.



Resources

[Praxis Steps Website](#)

[Praxis Steps General Information Flyer](#)

[Praxis Steps Frequently Asked Questions](#)

Informational Articles:

- [Praxis Steps: Expanding Flexibility and Insight with Modular Testing](#)
- [Multiple Paths to Success: How Praxis Steps Empowers Candidates](#)
- [How Praxis Steps Is Redefining Teacher Licensure Assessment: A Q&A With Vince Dean](#)



Communication Templates

Ready-to-Send Messaging: Use these email, newsletter, and social templates to quickly communicate new test availability, and the upcoming Praxis Steps modular option.



Email #1

Subject: New Praxis Elementary Education Tests Now Available

Body: We want to make sure you have the latest information as our program transitions to the new Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests [INSERT TEST CODES].

Official test preparation materials—including free Study Companions and practice tests—are available now to help you get started.

Praxis Steps, a new modular testing option launching late Summer 2026, will also give you greater flexibility—including the ability to test in smaller Steps and retake only the section you need.

Resources to help you prepare:

- Download the Study Companion to start preparing: [LINK: <https://go.praxis.ets.org/pdf-interest>]
- Learn more about test requirements and pricing: [LINK TO PRAXIS STATE REQUIREMENT PAGE]
- Explore Praxis Steps [LINK: <https://praxis.ets.org/praxis-steps.html>]

Email #2

Subject: New Praxis Elementary Education Tests Are Here—Here's What You Need to Know

Body: Our program is transitioning to the new Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests [INSERT TEST CODES]. Official preparation materials—including free Study Companions and practice tests—are available now.

Later this summer, Praxis Steps will launch, offering a new modular way to take these tests, with the option to test in smaller “Steps” and retake only what’s needed.

Learn more and get started:

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Newsletter #1

Headline: New Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals Tests

Copy: We're transitioning to the new Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests [INSERT TEST CODES]. Free official prep materials are available now, including Study Companions and practice tests.

Coming later this summer, Praxis Steps will introduce a modular testing option—allowing candidates to test by section and retake only what's needed, where available.

- Learn more about test requirements [LINK TO STATE REQUIREMENT PAGE]
- Explore Praxis Steps [<https://praxis.ets.org/praxis-steps.html>]

Newsletter #2

Headline: More Flexibility in Praxis Elementary Education Testing

Copy: The new Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests are now available [INSERT ADOPTED TEST CODES], with official preparation resources ready to support candidates.

Later this summer, Praxis Steps will offer a modular testing experience for these tests—providing more flexibility for candidates who want to test in smaller Steps.

- Learn more about test requirements [LINK TO STATE REQUIREMENT PAGE]
- Explore Praxis Steps [<https://praxis.ets.org/praxis-steps.html>]

Social #1

Don't forget to tag @ETSPraxis on Facebook and LinkedIn

Header: Test Transition State Page

Copy: New Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests are now available [INSERT ADOPTED TEST CODES], with free official prep materials to help you prepare. View all the state requirements and learn more about these new tests: [LINK TO STATE REQUIREMENT PAGE]



Social #2

Don't forget to tag @ETSPraxis on Facebook and LinkedIn

Header: Prep Resources

Copy: Preparing for the Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests? Free Study Companions and official prep resources are available now. Check it out: <https://go.praxis.ets.org/pdf-interest>

Social #3

Don't forget to tag @ETSPraxis on Facebook and LinkedIn

Header: Praxis Steps Teaser

Copy: Coming later this summer: Praxis Steps—a modular option launching with the new Praxis Elementary Education Fundamentals tests, offering more flexibility in how candidates test. Check it out: <https://praxis.ets.org/praxis-steps.html>



Frequently Asked Questions

Addresses the most frequently asked questions to support your transition to the new Elementary Education Fundamentals tests and Praxis Steps. Use this section as a quick reference to support faculty and candidate questions.



1. How will candidates know if Praxis Steps is offered in their state?

Candidates should check their State Requirements page to see if their state has adopted the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests with Praxis Steps once the program is launched in Summer 2026. EPPs may also inform their candidates in advance, once their state has confirmed their adoption and timeline.

2. What test preparation products are available for the new tests?

In addition to the free Study Companion and Study Plan, candidates will receive a free full-length Interactive Practice Test when they register for an Elementary Education Fundamentals test or Step (when Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026).

Candidates can also purchase the Study.com Official Praxis Test Prep to access test prep courses that are aligned to the new Elementary Education Fundamentals tests.

3. How do candidates register for Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

Candidates should visit their State Requirements page to see which Elementary Education Fundamentals tests their state requires and begin the registration process from this page. The registration process for full tests will be the same as for other Praxis tests. Visit [Register for a Praxis Test](#) for information about registration.

4. How much do Praxis Steps tests cost?

The standard pricing for a new Elementary Education Fundamentals full test is \$79 and for an individual Step is \$39.50. However, pricing may vary and special discounts may be available at times. Refer to your State Requirements page for the most up-to-date pricing.

5. If a candidate takes an Elementary Education Fundamentals full test before Praxis Steps opens up, will they be able to then take an individual Step after that option becomes available?

Yes. If a candidate takes a full Elementary Education Fundamentals test before Praxis Steps rolls out, when it opens, they will be able to take an individual Step.

6. Where do I find the different Steps offered for the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

This information will be available on the State Requirements page. If available, candidates will see the full test option as well as each Step required for that test listed. EPPs and candidates can also find information about each Step (which corresponds with the Content Category) in the Study Companion for each test.



7. When will candidates receive scores for the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

Candidates who take a full test:	Official score report date:
May 4–30, 2026	June 19, 2026
June 1–27, 2026	July 17, 2026
June 29–July 25, 2026	August 7, 2026
August 3–29, 2026	September 11, 2026

*Additional score reporting dates to be added.

8. What will a Test Taker Score Report look like for Praxis Steps tests?

The Praxis Test Taker Score Reports that candidates receive will have a fresh new look for all Praxis tests in late March 2026.

When official score reports are issued for the Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests beginning April 17, 2026, the structure of the report will be the same as for current Praxis tests, but in Section II: Your Highest Scores and Overall Passing Status, detailed results and passing status for each Step will also be reported. Official score reports will not be generated for individual Steps until all Steps in the test are completed.

9. How will EPPs receive scores for individual Step tests?

If a candidate takes one Step at a time, EPPs will receive an official test taker score report after the candidate completes all Steps in the full test and scores are reported. EPPs can also access a new Praxis Steps Pass Rate for Individual Steps Quick Report. This data is reported at the aggregate level (candidates are not identified by name) and includes number of times each Step has been taken, average points, and number and percent pass rate for each Step.

 [Download the full FAQ for more information](#)

Test Taker Resources

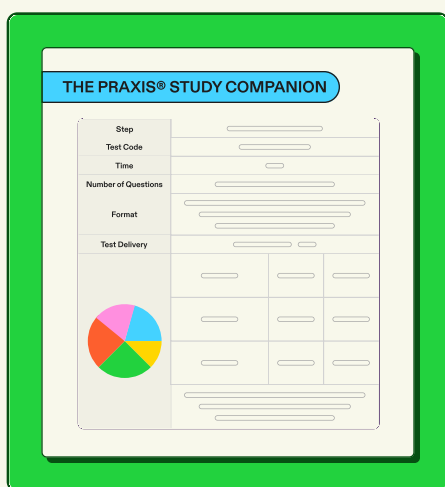
This section highlights the official preparation and support resources available to candidates taking the new tests. These resources are designed to help candidates understand test content, build readiness, and feel confident throughout their testing journey.



Test Preparation Available for the New Tests

Interactive Practice Test (IPT)

Free with test registration, this tool mimics the test format and provides official practice questions with detailed explanations. These IPTs will include an option to take a full-length practice test or individual Steps.



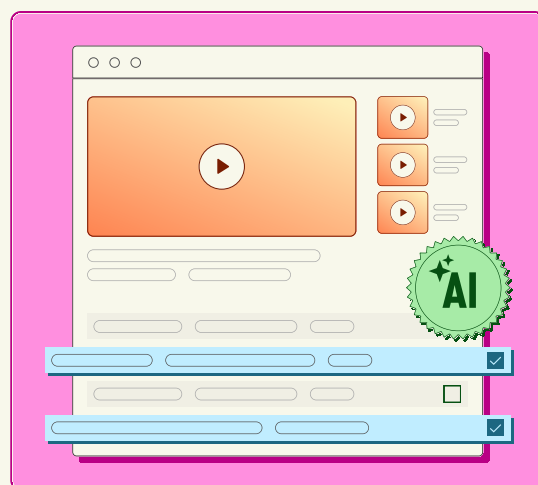
Study Companion and Study Plan

Study Companion: A free guide that details what to expect on the test, how to prepare with key sample questions, and tips and strategies that test takers find most useful.

Study Plan: Allows candidates to align their coursework and knowledge with the key components of the test and build out a readiness strategy.

Study.com Official Praxis Test Prep

This interactive resource features video lessons, practice tests, and personalized study plans designed to help candidates succeed.



Resources

Elementary Education Fundamentals Tests

- [Reading and Language Arts \(8002\)](#)
 - [Mathematics \(8003\)](#)
 - [Social Studies \(8004\)](#)
 - [Science \(8005\)](#)
 - [Teaching Reading \(8006\)](#)
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[Understanding the Score Report](#)

[General Registration and Test Taking Support](#)

