



Elementary Education Fundamentals Tests and Praxis Steps:

FAQs

| For State Partners and Educator Preparation Programs

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1. How does Praxis Steps work?

Praxis Steps is a modular approach to testing that allows candidates to demonstrate content mastery in smaller sections called Steps. Candidates can choose to take the full test in one sitting and retake individual Steps if needed, or progress one Step at a time and bank their scores.

2. How are Praxis Steps-enabled tests different from traditional Praxis tests?

A Praxis Steps-enabled test allows candidates to take a full test in one sitting or test in smaller Steps, retaking only the Steps that are needed, and build on their best scores.

3. Which tests are Praxis Steps enabled and when will they be available?

Praxis Steps will be introduced with the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests (8002-8006) in two phases. The full tests—without Praxis Steps modular testing—will be available on March 9, 2026. The Praxis Steps capability to take or retake an individual Step will be available in Summer 2026. Exact dates will be announced prior to launch.

4. Can my Educator Preparation Program use Praxis Steps?

In order for EPPs to use Praxis Steps, your state needs to adopt the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests with Praxis Steps. If your state has adopted the tests with Praxis Steps, EPPs and candidates can start taking the full tests at their state's designated start date. They can take advantage of Praxis Steps modular testing when Praxis Steps becomes available in Summer 2026.

5. 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.

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. What other tests will be Praxis Steps enabled and when?

Additional Praxis tests will be enabled with Praxis Steps modular testing capabilities and announced in late 2026.

8. If a candidate already took an existing Elementary Education test (from 5001, 7001, 5901, 7811), can they complete their requirements using a new Elementary Education Fundamentals test?

This is a state decision, based on the alignment of the tests. Candidates would need to check the State Requirements page for more information.

9. Which Elementary Education tests will the new tests replace and when will the current tests retire?

The Elementary Education Fundamentals tests are designed to replace the following tests, which are targeted to retire August 2028. We will work closely with states to align timing with their specific transition needs.

- Elementary Education: Multiple Subjects (5001; subtests 5002, 5003, 5004, 5005)
- Elementary Education: Teaching Reading, Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science (7001; subtests 7002, 7003, 7004, 7005)
- Elementary Education Three-Subject Bundle: Mathematics, Social Studies, and Science (5901; subtests 5903, 5904, 5905)
- Elementary Education: Content Knowledge for Teaching (7811; 7812, 7813, 7814, 7815)

1. When will registration for Praxis Steps tests open?

Registration for the Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests (8002-8006) will open in late February 2026 for the first test administration beginning March 9, 2026. Registration for individual Steps will open in Summer 2026, when modular testing capabilities become available. Exact dates will be announced prior to launch.

2. How do candidates register for the 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.

3. How do candidates register for individual Steps?

When Praxis Steps modular testing opens in Summer 2026, if their state has adopted Praxis Steps, candidates will see options to schedule full tests or individual Steps on their State Requirements page. For example, candidates will see the full test listed as Elementary Education Fundamentals: Mathematics (8003), along with individual Steps: Numbers and Operations, Algebraic Thinking, and Geometry, Measurement, and Data (Steps for 8003).

4. Are there test codes for individual Steps?

Yes. If a state has adopted the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests with Praxis Steps, their State Requirements pages will show individual Steps and their test codes when Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026.

5. 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.

6. Can Praxis Steps be taken at home and at test centers?

Yes. Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests and individual Steps can be scheduled and taken at home and at test centers following the same rules and availability as other Praxis tests.

7. Is there a 28-day retake policy for Praxis Steps tests?

Yes. The same policy that applies to other Praxis tests applies to Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests or Steps: Tests may be taken once every 28 days. Note that if you take a full Elementary Education Fundamentals test, you cannot take an individual Step within that test until after the 28-day period. If you take an individual Step first, you may take remaining Steps in that test in less than 28 days, but you may not take the full test until after the 28-day period.

8. Can candidates take more than one Elementary Education Fundamentals test or Step in one sitting?

No. Candidates can schedule up to 4 tests or Steps in one order, but each test or Step will be scheduled as separate appointments; they cannot take multiple tests or Steps in one sitting.

9. Can candidates test with accommodations for Praxis Steps tests?

Yes. Candidates can apply for accommodations at the full test level using the same process as for other Praxis tests. When Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026, any accommodations that have been approved for the full test can also be used for an individual Step.

See [Disability Accommodations](#) for more information.

10. Can candidates select free score recipients when scheduling Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

Yes. Candidates can select up to 4 free score recipients when scheduling an Elementary Education Fundamentals full test like other Praxis tests.

11. Can candidates select free score recipients when scheduling individual Steps?

Yes. When Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026, candidates can select up to 4 free score recipients when scheduling an individual Step. If they schedule an additional Step from the same test, previously selected recipients will carry over. All Steps in a test share the same set of up to four free score recipients until the official score report is issued.

12. What is the cancellation policy for Praxis Steps?

The policy for cancelling Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests and individual Steps is the same as for other Praxis tests. If candidates cancel no later than 3 full days before the test date, they will receive a refund equivalent to half of the test fee that was paid for the test or Step.

13. If a candidate is registered for an existing Elementary Education test but prefers to take advantage of the early pricing for the new tests, can they change their test prior to test day?

Candidates may cancel their existing appointment and schedule an appointment for the new Elementary Education Fundamentals test. The normal cancellation policy would apply. Candidates should confirm if scores will be reported in time for any deadlines and also check their State Requirements for any policies about current and new tests.

14. 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 an Elementary Education Fundamentals full test before Praxis Steps launches, when Steps opens, they will be able to take an individual Step.

15. Can candidates reschedule their Praxis Steps appointments?

Yes. Like other Praxis tests, candidates can reschedule an Elementary Education Fundamentals full test or an individual Step (when Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026) for a \$40 rescheduling fee no later than 3 days before their appointment (not including the day of their test) or their fees will be forfeited.

16. Is Praxis Scheduling Protection available for individual Steps?

Yes. Scheduling Protection can be purchased for \$25 when scheduling any full test or individual Step.

17. Will Free After 3 be available for Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

Yes. Free After 3 will be available for Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests. Once the same test has been taken 3+ times, candidates can request free retakes for that test. Free After 3 will also be available for individual Steps. Details will be provided at a later date.

18. Can candidates order Additional Score Reports for Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

Candidates can purchase Additional Score Reports for an upcoming Elementary Education Fundamentals full test or for previously reported scores for \$50 per recipient, like other Praxis tests.

19. Can candidates order Additional Score Reports for individual Steps?

When Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026, an official score report will not be generated until a candidate has completed all Steps in a test. If a candidate schedules an individual Step and has not completed all Steps, they will not be able to purchase an Additional Score Report for an upcoming Step appointment. Candidates can purchase an Additional Score Report for previously reported scores after all Steps in the test have been completed and reported.

Test Preparation

1. How can EPPs help their candidates get ready for the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

EPPs can go to the [Curriculum Alignment](#) page and download the Curriculum Crosswalks, Study Companions, and Study Plans for the new tests.

EPPs can also direct their candidates to the [Free Test Prep Resources](#) page to download the free Study Companion and Study Plan.

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. Are there different test preparation products for individual Steps?

Any of the test preparation products for the Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests are also appropriate for individual Steps.

4. Will additional test preparation resources become available?

Additional Interactive Practice Tests and other resources may be available later in 2026.



1. How long are Praxis Steps tests?

Test times for full tests and individual Steps can be found in the Study Companion for each Elementary Education Fundamentals test. Test times for Steps correspond with the time for Content Categories.

2. Will candidates see their unofficial test scores on screen after completing a full test?

When the Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests are first launched, if candidates choose to Report Scores after completing the test, on the Unofficial Results screen, they will see raw points for each test category but their Total Score will show “NS” (No Score). When sufficient test data is collected, candidates will see their Total Score if they take the full test in one sitting.

3. Will candidates see their unofficial test scores on screen after completing an individual Step?

When Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026, if a candidate takes an individual Step, if candidates choose to Report Scores after completing the Step, on the Unofficial Results screen, they will see raw points for the Step, or test category, that they completed, but their Total Score will show “NS” (No Score).

Score Reports

1. When will candidates receive scores for the new Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests?

Candidates who take a full test:	Will receive their official score reports
March 9-28, 2026	April 17, 2026
March 30-April 25, 2026	May 15, 2026
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

2. When will candidates receive scores for individual Step results?

When Praxis Steps modular testing opens in Summer 2026, candidates will receive raw points and Passed or Not Passed status for any score recipients they selected for an individual Step in their Praxis account within the standard score reporting timeframe as for full tests. After they complete all Steps in a test, they will receive their official Test Taker Score Report in their Praxis account.

3. 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.

4. What are the passing scores for Praxis Steps tests?

Each state can choose to adopt the recommended passing score from the Multistate Standard-Setting Study Technical Report or set their own qualifying score for each Elementary Education Fundamentals full test. States do not set a passing score for individual Steps, but ETS determines the appropriate Passed or Not Passed status for each Step that corresponds with the state's passing score for the full test.



5. How long are scores retained for Praxis Steps tests?

Scores for Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests and individual Steps are retained for 10 years, like other Praxis tests. However, states may set their own requirements for how long they will accept a Praxis score for their licensure purposes.

6. What if a candidate shares their individual Step results with an EPP?

If a candidate chooses to share their individual Step results with their EPP, EPPs may consider this information to help support candidates' learning, but EPPs should not accept the individual Steps results as an official score. EPPs will receive official test taker score reports in EDM after candidates complete all Steps in the full test.

1. How will EPPs receive score reports for Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

If the candidate has selected their EPP as a score recipient, EPPs will receive test taker score reports for Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests in ETS Data Manager (EDM) like other Praxis tests.

2. What will the score reports look like for Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

The test taker score report that EPPs receive in EDM will be similar to current reports, with a few updates. In the Highest Score section, if the EPP's state has adopted the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests with Praxis Steps, a new table will show the individual Steps (corresponding with Test Categories), Passed or Not Passed status, Raw Points and Test Date for each Step.

3. 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.

4. If a candidate has completed the full test and retakes an individual Step, will EPPs receive an updated score report?

Yes, an updated test taker score report will be available in EDM, if the candidate has selected their EPP as a score recipient, during the regular reporting timeframe.

5. Will Quick and Custom Reports in EDM include Praxis Steps data?

Existing Quick and Custom Reports will include aggregated data for test takers who have completed all Steps in a test. These reports will not include data for candidates who have not completed all Steps in the test.

6. Will there be any new Praxis Steps Reports in EDM?

Yes. There will be two new Praxis Steps Quick Reports:

- Praxis Steps Pass Rate for Completed Tests: Overall pass rates for Praxis Steps-enabled tests (if adopted), based on completed test results only.
- Praxis Steps Pass Rate for Individual Steps: Overall pass rates for individual steps within Praxis Steps-enabled tests (if adopted), based on results from completed and not-yet completed tests.

7. How can EPPs use data to support candidates as they progress with Steps?

EPPs can review the two new Praxis Steps Quick Reports to identify where candidates may be struggling and focus instruction or support in these areas. Candidates may also choose to discuss their individual Step results with their EPPs and seek targeted support.

8. Will there be any changes to the Test Taker Score Reports via Web Service?

Yes. If your EPP currently receives Test Taker Score Reports via Web Service, you will need to update your data layout in order to receive the additional Praxis Steps information for each Step. This may require coordination with your IT technical team and ETS's technical team. This updated Web Service will be available for transition in late March. Additional information will be provided prior to the transition.

1. Will Praxis Bridge be available for Praxis Steps-enabled Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

Yes. For any states that have adopted the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests with Praxis Bridge, candidates who do not pass a full test within -1 SEM of the state's passing score are eligible to take a Praxis Bridge module instead of retaking the full test or an individual Step (when Steps becomes available).

2. What options does a candidate have if they did not pass their test and are eligible for Praxis Bridge?

Candidates who do not pass the test and whose overall score for their most recent results is within -1 SEM of the state's passing score can choose to:

- Take the Bridge module for the content category identified by ETS and, upon completion, receive an updated score report showing they "Alt Passed" the overall test. Or,
- Retake the entire test or the individual Step(s) they did not pass and, upon passing, receive an updated score report showing they Passed the overall test.