

PRAXIS STEPS FAQ FOR TEACHER CANDIDATES

Your guide to understanding and using
Praxis Steps



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About Praxis Steps

1. What is Praxis Steps?

Praxis Steps is a modular approach to testing that allows you to demonstrate content mastery in smaller sections called Steps. You 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 your scores.

2. How is a Praxis Steps test different from a regular Praxis test?

With a Praxis Steps-enabled test, you can:

- Take the full test in one appointment, **or**
- Take or retake just the Step(s) you need once modular testing is available

Traditional Praxis tests require you to retake the full test if you don't pass. In addition, traditional tests don't allow you take one Step at a time.

3. Does Praxis Steps change what I'm being tested on?

No. The content, standards, and expectations stay the same. Praxis Steps just changes how you can take the test—not what you need to know.

4. Which tests offer Praxis Steps and when will it be available?

Praxis Steps will launch with the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests (8002–8006) in two phases:

- Full tests available now (depending on state adoption)
- Individual Steps available late Summer 2026 (exact dates to be announced)

Additional Praxis tests may be added later in 2026.

5. Is Praxis Steps available in every state?

No. Praxis Steps is available only in states that choose to adopt it. You should always check your State Requirements page to confirm whether Praxis Steps is offered where you plan to be licensed.

6. If I already took an older Elementary Education test (5001, 7001, 5901, 7811), can I meet my requirements using a new Elementary Education Fundamentals test?

That depends on your state. Some states may allow a transition from older Elementary Education tests to the new Elementary Education Fundamentals tests, while others may not. Always review your state's requirements before registering.

7. Do I have to use Praxis Steps?

No. You can still take the full test in one sitting if that's your preference.



About Praxis Steps

8. Do I have to take the Steps in a certain order?

No. You can take Steps in any order that makes sense based on your coursework or comfort level.

9. 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, you will see the full test option as well as each Step required for that test listed. You can also find information about each Step (which corresponds with the Content Category) in the Study Companion for each test.

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

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



Registration

1. When can I register for Praxis Steps tests?

Registration for full Elementary Education Fundamentals tests is open. Registration for individual Steps will open in late Summer 2026. Exact dates will be announced prior to launch.

2. How do I register for the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

You must visit your State Requirements page to see which Elementary Education Fundamentals tests your 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 I register for individual Steps?

When Praxis Steps modular testing opens in Summer 2026, if your state has adopted Praxis Steps, you'll see options to schedule full tests or individual Steps on the State Requirements page.

For example, you 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 Praxis Steps is available in your state, each Step will have its own test code listed on the State Requirements page.

5. How much does a Praxis Steps test cost?

- Full Elementary Education Fundamentals test: **\$79**
- Individual Step: **\$39.50**

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

6. Can Praxis Steps be taken at home or at a test center?

Yes. Both full tests and individual Steps can be taken at home or at a test center, following the same policies as other Praxis tests.

7. Can I take more than one Elementary Education Fundamentals test or Step in one sitting?

No. You can schedule up to four tests or Steps in one order, but each test or Step will be scheduled as a separate appointment; you cannot take multiple tests or Steps in one sitting.



8. 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.

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

Yes. You 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 I select free score recipients when scheduling Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

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

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

Yes. When Praxis Steps opens in late Summer 2026, you can select up to 4 free score recipients when scheduling an individual Step. If you 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 you cancel no later than 3 full days before the test date, you will receive a refund equivalent to half of the test fee that was paid for the test or Step.

13. Can I reschedule my Praxis Steps appointments?

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

14. Is Praxis Scheduling Protection available for individual Steps?

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



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

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

16 . 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 you've taken the same test three or more times, you 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.

17 . Can I order Additional Score Reports for Elementary Education Fundamentals tests?

You 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.

18 . Can I order Additional Score Reports for individual Steps?

When Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026, an official score report will not be generated until you have completed all Steps in a test. If you schedule an individual Step and have not completed all Steps, you cannot purchase an Additional Score Report for an upcoming Step appointment. You can purchase an Additional Score Report for previously reported scores after all Steps in the test have been completed and reported.

Test Preparation

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

In addition to the free Study Companion and Study Plan, you'll receive a free full-length Interactive Practice Test when you register for an Elementary Education Fundamentals test (or a Step when Praxis Steps opens in Summer 2026). For extra practice, an additional Interactive Practice Test is available for purchase for each test.

You 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.

These resources also apply to individual Steps.

2. 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.

3. Will there be additional prep resources?

Praxis Prep Courses and other test prep resources for the Elementary Education Fundamentals tests 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 I see my unofficial test scores on screen after completing a full test?

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

3. Will I see my unofficial test scores on screen after completing an individual Step?

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

Score Reports

1. When will I get my scores for the new Elementary Education Fundamentals full tests?

Scores are available in your Praxis account within the standard score-reporting timeframe shown when you register. Check your Praxis account for your official Test Taker Score Report once scores are released.

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

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

3. What will a Score Report look like for Praxis Steps tests?

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 passing scores for Praxis Steps tests?

Passing score requirements are set by each state. Check your state's qualifying score requirements on the State Requirements page for the test you plan to take.

Each Step contributes to your overall test score. Your scores combine to determine whether you've passed the full test.

For individual Steps, you'll receive raw points and a Passed / Not Passed status. Official test scores are issued only after you complete all Steps in the test.

5. What happens if I don't pass a Step?

If you have completed all Steps in a test and do not pass the overall test, you can retake just the Step(s) that you did not pass. You do not need to retake the entire test.

If you take an individual Step and do not pass, you might consider completing the remaining Steps in that test to confirm your passing status for the overall test before retaking the Step.

6. Is it possible to pass my overall test if I don't pass all the Steps in the test?

Yes. If you do not pass one individual Step but pass the other Steps, you may pass the overall test.

For this reason, if you are completing one Step at a time and do not pass a specific Step, you may want to continue completing the remaining Steps before retaking that individual Step. Your combined performance across all Steps will determine your final overall test result.



Score Reports

7. What happens after I complete all the Steps?

Once you've completed all required Steps, you will receive an official score report for the overall test and learn whether you have passed the test based on state requirements for your designated score recipients. If you did not pass the test, you may retake just the Step(s) you did not pass or you may choose to retake the full test.

8. How long are my scores kept?

Praxis scores are retained for 10 years, but states may set their own limits on how long scores are accepted for licensure.



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 do I have if I did not pass my test and am eligible for Praxis Bridge?

If you do not pass the test and your overall score for your most recent results is within -1 SEM of the state's passing score you can choose to:

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