

2026 State-Designated Test Addition – Elementary Education Fundamentals (8001 series)

Elementary Education Fundamentals: Mathematics (8003)

Advanced Test at a Glance

Elementary Education Fundamentals:
Mathematics(8003)

Test Name	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Mathematics			
Test Code	8003			
Time	100 minutes *Categories are not timed separately when taking the full test.			
Number of Questions	68 selected-response questions and numeric entry questions			
Format	The test consists of a variety of selected-response and numeric entry questions. You can review the question types in Understanding Question Types.			
Test Delivery	Computer Delivered			
	Content Categories	*Category Time	Approximate Number of Questions	Approximate Percentage of Examination
	I. Numbers and Operations	40 minutes	28	42%
	II. Algebraic Thinking	30 minutes	20	29%
	III. Geometry, Measurement, and Data	30 minutes	20	29%
<i>Approximately 10-15% of the questions integrate Tasks of Teaching Mathematics</i>				

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Elementary Education Fundamentals: Social Studies (8004)

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Elementary Education Fundamentals:
Social Studies (8004)

Test Name	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Social Studies			
Test Code	8004			
Time	100 minutes *Categories are not timed separately when taking the full test.			
Number of Questions	77 selected-response questions			
Format	The test consists of a variety of selected-response questions. You can review the question types in Understanding Question Types.			
Test Delivery	Computer Delivered			
	Content Categories	*Category Time	Approximate Number of Questions	Approximate Percentage of Examination
	I. United States History, Government and Citizenship	40 minutes	33	43%
	II. Geography, Anthropology, and Sociology	30 minutes	23	30%
	III. World History and Economics	30 minutes	21	27%
<i>Approximately 10-15% of the questions integrate Social Studies Inquiry Skills</i>				

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Elementary Education Fundamentals: Science (8005)


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Science (8005)

Praxis Study Companion

Elementary Education Fundamentals: Science (8005)

Test at a Glance

Test Name	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Science			
Test Code	8005			
Time	90 minutes *Categories are not timed separately when taking the full test.			
Number of Questions	74 selected-response questions			
Format	The test consists of a variety of selected-response questions. You can review the question types in Understanding Question Types.			
Test Delivery	Computer Delivered			
	Content Categories	*Category Time	Approximate Number of Questions	Approximate Percentage of Examination
	I. Earth and Space Sciences	30 minutes	24	32%
	II. Life Sciences	30 minutes	25	34%
	III. Physical Sciences	30 minutes	25	34%
<i>Approximately 10-15% of the questions integrate a Science and Engineering Practice, and approximately 10-15% of questions integrate Tasks of Teaching Science.</i>				

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Elementary Education Fundamentals: Teaching Reading (8006)

Advanced Test at a Glance

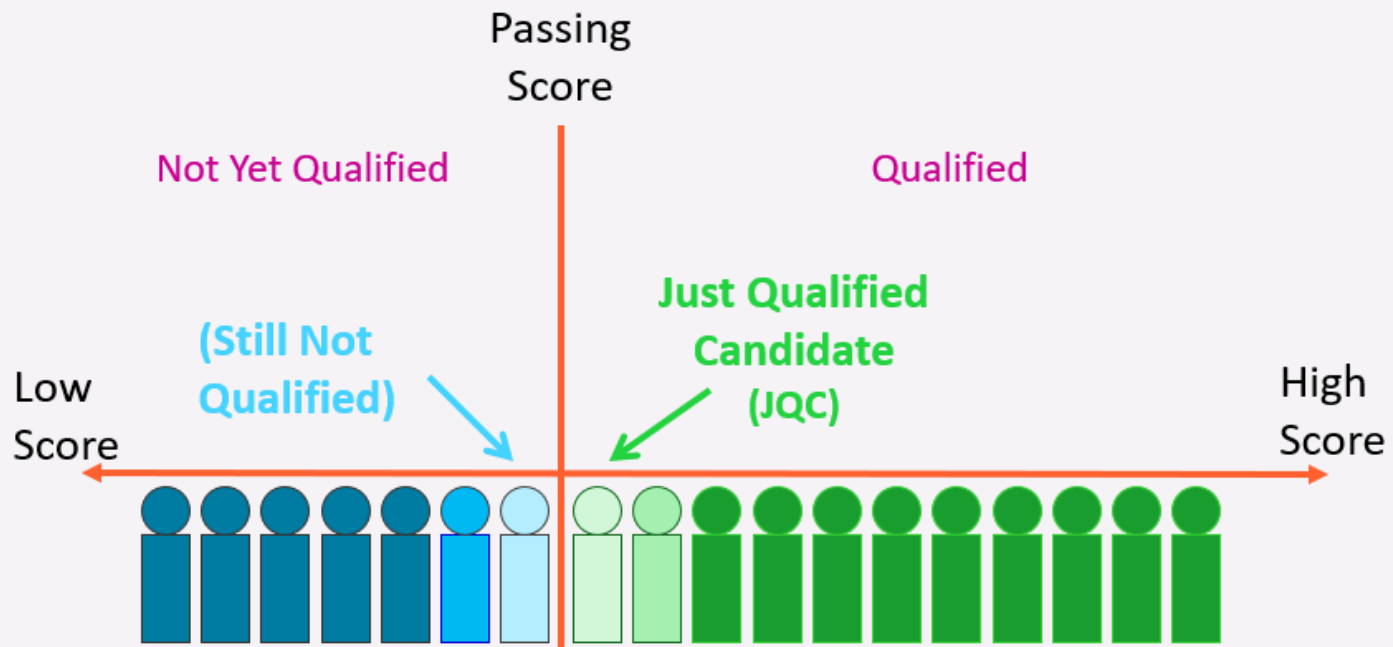
Elementary Education Fundamentals:
Teaching Reading (8006)

Test Name	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Teaching Reading			
Test Code	8006			
Time	100 minutes *Categories are not timed separately when taking the full test.			
Number of Questions	80 selected-response questions			
Format	The test consists of a variety of selected-response questions. You can review the question types in Understanding Question Types.			
Test Delivery	Computer Delivered			
	Content Categories	*Category Time	Approximate Number of Questions	Approximate Percentage of Examination
	I. Foundational Literacy Skills	40 minutes	32	40%
	II. Fluency and Vocabulary	30 minutes	24	30%
	III. Comprehension and Writing Expression	30 minutes	24	30%
<i>Approximately 10-15% of the questions integrate Tasks of Teaching Reading</i>				

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Just Qualified Candidate (JQC) description: a candidate who demonstrates the lowest level of knowledge and skills that meet the requirements for safe and effective practice; ... the least-able-but-still-qualified candidate; description focuses on knowledge and skills in areas the test measures.

Standard Setting Process – About the JQC



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New features with this test series:

Introducing Praxis Steps: A Flexible Path to Success

The new Elementary Education Fundamentals tests will be built with the new Praxis Steps modular solution, which allows candidates to have more control over their testing experience.

Candidate Benefits

- Test in smaller “steps” when they feel most ready
- Receive diagnostic feedback to target areas of improvement
- Build confidence, reduce test anxiety and master content knowledge
- Save time and money by retaking only the step they did not pass, rather than the full test

Program Benefits

- Provide more opportunities for candidates to meet their specific requirements without sacrificing standards
- Guide candidates to test while the content is fresh
- Support candidates in areas where they struggle
- Leverage more granular data to drive program improvements

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New Test #	New Test Name	SD Panelists National Level	SD Group: Standards Setting	Endorsement	New Test Available	Scale Score Range	Recommended Scale Score for Cut Score
8003	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Mathematics	1	Dakota State U: Lori Engebretson Mount Marty U: Jamie Van Winkle Northern State U: Monte Meyerink University of Sioux Falls: Carla Diede	K-4 th Grade Math 5 th - 8 th Grade Math	June 2026	RPS +2 CSEM 170 RPS + 1 CSEM 161 RPS 152 RPS -1 CSEM 145 RPS +2 CSEM 136	152
8004	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Social Studies	1	Black Hills State U: Johanna Sailor Dakota State U: Megan Schuh Lori Engebretson Northern State U: Christian Pirlet University of Sioux Falls: Lisa Riddle	K-4 th Grade Social Science 5 th - 8 th Grade Social Science	June 2026	RPS +2 CSEM 167 RPS +1 CSEM 158 RPS 147 RPS -1 CSEM 139 RPS -2 CSEM 130	147
8005	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Science	1	Black Hills State U: Jen Fowler Dakota State U: Betsy Schamber Lori Engebretson University of Sioux Falls: Carla Diede	K-4 th Grade Science 5 th - 8 th Grade Science	June 2026	RPS +2 CSEM 162 RPS +1 CSEM 153 RPS 143 RPS -1 CSEM 134 RPS -2 CSEM 126	143
8006	Elementary Education Fundamentals: Teaching Reading	2	Augustana U: Aaron Dang Black Hills State U: Faye LaDuke-Pelster Dakota State U: Lori Engebretson Northern State U: Angela Hermansen South Dakota State U: Katie Gilmore Classroom Teacher: Valerie Nelson	K-4 th Grade ELA 5 th - 8 th Grade ELA	June 2026	RPS +2 CSEM 169 RPS +1 CSEM 161 RPS 152 RPS -1 CSEM 144 RPS -2 CSEM 136	152

NOTE: Passage of the four subject tests, can offer the additional endorsements: Self Contained K-4th Grade and Self Contained Fifth – Eighth Grade

Additional background:

South Dakota had the highest rate of participation for the multi-state standards setting process with 5 participants equaling 12% of the group. Other states involved in the Multi-State Standards Setting process include Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Idaho, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Maryland, Missouri, Nevada, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, Tennessee, Vermont, Virginia, and Wisconsin.

Invitations were sent out to each of the eleven Educator Preparation programs to participate in the SD Standards Setting meeting. Additionally, invitations were sent to multiple teachers in the field based on suggestions garnered from divisions within DOE.