



Praxis II Licensure Average Exam Summary

The Praxis II Licensure Exam data for EPP during the 2023–2024 academic year reveals a notable contrast between overall exam performance and performance by content subcategories. Specifically, for the Elementary Education (5017) exam, EPP candidates achieved a 100% pass rate with a mean score of 169.8, which surpasses both the state average of 160.24 and the national average of 161.58. This indicates that, on the whole, the small cohort of EPP completers (N=5) demonstrated strong overall performance and were well-prepared to meet licensure requirements.

However, a closer look at the subcategory data tells a different story. Across all five content areas Reading and Language Arts, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, and Art/Music/Physical Education, the EPP candidates scored significantly lower in terms of average percentage correct compared to both state and national averages. For instance, in Reading and Language Arts, EPP candidates averaged 22% correct, compared to over 67% nationally and statewide. Similar disparities are evident in Mathematics (16.2% vs. 66–70%), Science (10.8% vs. 73–77%), and other areas. This suggests that while EPP candidates were able to pass the overall exam, their foundational knowledge in key content areas may be limited, pointing to a need for curricular improvements and additional content preparation.

Additionally, the EPP did not have any candidates take licensure exams in areas such as Biology, English, Mathematics, Music Education, Physical Education, and Social Studies. Only five candidates were required to take the licensure exams, as they were not admitted under the Mississippi Department of Education’s COVID-related waiver. All other candidates were admitted under the waiver, which suspended licensure testing requirements through December 2023.



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MAJOR	TEST CODE	ACADEMIC YEAR	QUALIFYING SCORE	% CANDIDATE PASSED	EPP				STATE				NATIONAL			
					N	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	N	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE	N	MEAN	MEDIAN	RANGE
Biology	5235	2021-2022	150	*	0											
		2022-2023		*	0											
		2023-2024		*	0											
Elementary Education	5017	2021-2022	153	*	0											
		2022-2023		*	0											
		2023-2024		100%	5	169.8	175	155-178	588	160.24	161.00	152-172	2238	161.58	162.00	153-173
English	5038	2021-2022	167	*	0											
		2022-2023		*	0											
		2023-2024		*	0											
Mathematics	5161	2021-2022	152	*	0											
		2022-2023		*	0											
		2023-2024		*	0											
Music Ed (Instrumental) Music Education (Choral)	5113	2021-2022	161	*	0											
		2022-2023		*	0											
		2023-2024		*	0											
Physical Education	5091	2021-2022	145	*	0											
		2022-2023		*	0											
		2023-2024		*	0											
Social Studies	5081	2021-2022	150	*	0											
		2022-2023		*	0											
		2023-2024		*	0											

Note: Candidates completed the program with the Mississippi Department of Education COVID Waiver. MDE Division of Licensure suspended the licensure testing requirements for all individuals completing an education preparation program until December 2023.

Praxis II Subcategories

MAJOR	ACADEMIC YEAR	CATEGORY	MAX POINTS AVAILABLE RANGE			
				AVERAGE % CORRECT		
				NATIONAL	STATE	EPP
Elementary Education	2023-2024	I. Reading & Language Arts	31	67.69	68.24	22.00
		II. Mathematics	26	70.02	65.97	16.20
		III. Science	16	76.72	72.70	10.80
		IV. Social Studies	14	70.91	63.95	11.20
		V. Art, Music, & Physical Education	12-13	74.55	71.53	10.60