

ISBE Basic Skills Testing Requirement Prior to Student Teaching or Internship

Prior to proceeding to student teaching/internship in an Illinois Educator Preparation Program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, prospective candidates must take and pass an Illinois approved test of basic skills. Approved tests consist of the Illinois Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP), ACT, or SAT with approved scores. Previously passed Illinois Test of Basic Skills (096, 300, or 400) may be used to meet this requirement.

Test of Academic Proficiency:

Registration, a study guide, and test framework for the TAP can be found at www.il.nesinc.com. Test scores should be sent to the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, code 052.

To use an ACT score, the following must be met:

- 1) ACT composite score must be at least 22; **and**
- 2) ACT combined English/Writing score must be at least 19 for tests prior to September 2015; or
- 3) ACT writing score must be at least 16 for tests taken September 2015 to September 8, 2016; or
- 4) ACT writing score must be at least 6 for tests taken September 10, 2016 or after.

To use an SAT score, the following must be met:

- 1) SAT combined score (critical reading and math) of at least 1030 and SAT writing score of at least 450 for tests taken **prior** to March 5, 2016.
- 2) SAT combined score (evidence-based reading and writing plus mathematics) of at least 1110 and a minimum score of 26 on writing and language test for tests taken **on or after** March 5, 2016.

You may use a composite score from one test and a writing score from another if you do not have the appropriate scores on one test. If using more than one test it must be from same company ACT/ACT or SAT/SAT.

How to Submit ACT/SAT Scores to ISBE

Prospective candidates who wish to use their ACT/SAT scores must complete the following steps in the order presented below:

- 1) Log onto (or create an ELIS (Educator Licensure Information System) account if you don't already have one). To create an account go to <https://sec3.isbe.net/IWASNET/login.aspx> and click on the 'Sign Up Now' link on the left side menu.
- 2) [Request ACT/SAT](#) send an official score report to the Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Teacher and Leader Effectiveness, 100 North First Street, S-306, Springfield, IL 62777. If sending **ACT scores**, you must use college code **3001** to have the reports sent directly to ISBE. If sending **SAT** use code **6773**.*

***IMPORTANT: ISBE will only hold your scores for 30 days; therefore, it is imperative that you create an ELIS account prior to requesting your scores from ACT/SAT. Before you can be fully admitted to a licensure program the Council on Teacher Education must be able to verify, in the ELIS system, that you have either passed the Test of Academic Proficiency or that the ISBE has accepted your ACT/SAT scores.**

Out of State applicants who have taken and passed a basic skills test leading to licensure in another state should complete one of the two following forms. Please choose the form that best fits your circumstances.

ISBE Form 80-03 <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/80-03-oos-basic-skills-verification-isbe.pdf>

ISBE Form 80-02 <https://www.isbe.net/Documents/80-02-standards-verification.pdf>

How To “Super Score” Using ACT or SAT to Meet ISBE Basic Skills Requirement

ACT

ACT super score rules- Add together the highest English, Math, Reading and Science score, across multiple test reports, to develop a new averaged super score. The averaged super score must be 22 or higher (averages of 21.5 will round up to 22). Students must still achieve a passing writing score (according to the writing cut score on said test) and send all tests used to compile super score to ISBE

Example: Ryan received a 21 composite score on ACT test A and ACT test B.

Test A

English	19
Science	18
Math	18
Reading	26

Test B

English	21
Science	22
Math	20
Reading	20

When combining his highest scores, highlighted above, Ryan’s composite average would equal 22 and meet the super score requirement. (Writing score would still need to be met)

ACT total of English, Math, Reading and Science scores, from multiple tests, must total **86 points** (86 divided by 4 = 21.5) to meet the minimum super score composite average of 22, along with a passing score on a writing test, to meet the test of basic skills minimum.

SAT

SAT super score rules- Add together the highest Evidence-based reading and writing score and math score, from multiple tests. The total composite must be higher than 1110 and a minimum score of 26 on writing and language test. **(Based on the current SAT test format)** For tests prior to March 5, 2016 the combined scores for critical reading and math must be at least 1030.

Example: Megan received a 1090 on SAT test A and a 1080 on ACT test B.

Test A

EB Reading and Writing	590
Math	500

Test B

EB Reading and Writing	550
Math	540

When combining her highest scores, highlighted above, Megan’s composite average would equal 1130 and meet the super score requirement. (Writing score would still need to be met and sent)

SAT total of Evidence-based reading and writing score and Math score, from multiple tests must total **1110** to meet the minimum along with passing writing portion to meet the test of basic skills.