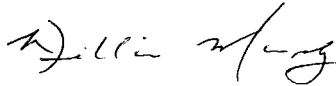





TO: Higher Education Committee

FROM: William P. Murphy 

SUBJECT: Update on the edTPA Passing Scores for New York State Teacher Certification

DATE: April 29, 2021

AUTHORIZATION(S): 

SUMMARY

Issue for Discussion

The Department will present the Higher Education Committee with an update on the edTPA passing scores for New York State Teacher certification.

Reason(s) for Consideration

For information.

Proposed Handling

This item is submitted to the Higher Education Committee for discussion at its May 2021 Board of Regents meeting.

Procedural History

Not applicable.

Background Information

The edTPA is a requirement for most New York State initial teacher certificates. Through this national performance assessment, candidates demonstrate their readiness to teach by planning lessons that support their students' strengths and needs, teaching the lessons in an educational setting, and assessing their students' learning. Candidates typically complete the edTPA during their student teaching or practicum experience and must pass the edTPA in the subject area of the certificate sought.

In June 2017, the Department convened a 31-member standard-setting panel that reviewed the edTPA passing score. The panel was comprised of higher education faculty

with experience in teacher preparation, as well as P-12 educators, and was demographically and geographically diverse. The standard-setting panel recommended a passing score of 40 for the 15-rubric edTPA handbooks, lowering the passing score by one point from 41 to 40, and phasing in the new passing score by starting at 38 and increasing it to 40 over a four-year period.

The phase-in period for the new edTPA passing score, and the corresponding scores to be eligible for the Multiple Measures Review (MMRP) process, are outlined in the following table. The Commissioner approved the new passing score and phase-in period, and the Board of Regents was informed about them at the September 2017 meeting.

Types of Scores	January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2019	January 1, 2020 - December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 and later
Passing Score (15-Rubric Handbooks)	38	39	40
Multiple Measures Review Process (MMRP) Score Range	36-37	37-38	38-39

At its January 2020 meeting, the Board of Regents Higher Education Committee voted to freeze all New York State edTPA subject area passing scores recommended by the standard-setting panel at the 2018-2019 levels and extend them from January 1, 2020 through December 31, 2021. For example, the 15-rubric edTPA handbooks continued to have a passing score of 38 instead of increasing to 39 on January 1, 2020 as planned. The decision resulted in the passing scores listed in the table provided below.

edTPA Subject Area	Score Release Date		
	September 2013 - December 31, 2017	January 1, 2018 - December 31, 2021	January 1, 2022 and later
Elementary Education (18 Rubrics)	49	46	TBD
World Languages, Classical Languages (13 Rubrics)	35	32	TBD
All Other Fields (15 Rubrics)	41	38	TBD

The Department plans to extend the edTPA passing scores from December 31, 2021 through December 31, 2022. The extension overlaps with the edTPA safety net that was created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic and holds candidates harmless who choose to complete the edTPA while schools respond to the effects of the pandemic. In addition, the extension gives the Department time to review the edTPA requirement for teacher certification.

Related Regents Items

September 2017: [Update on the edTPA Standard Setting Committee and Amendment to Section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education to Extend the edTPA Safety Net and Revise the Eligibility Criteria for the Multiple Measures Review Process](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/917hea1.pdf)
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January 2020: [Update on the Implementation of the edTPA Teacher Certification Requirement in New York State](https://www.regents.nysed.gov/common/regents/files/120hed1.pdf)
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Recommendation

Not applicable.

Timetable for Implementation

Not applicable.