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**Commonwealth of Virginia**  
**Virginia Department of Education**  
Superintendent's Memo #110-22

DATE: May 27, 2022  
TO: Division Superintendents  
FROM: Jillian Balow, Superintendent of Public Instruction  
SUBJECT: **Approved Passing Score for the Praxis® Reading Specialist (5302)  
Assessment for the Reading Specialist Endorsement**

The Virginia Board of Education prescribes the professional teacher's assessment requirements for initial licensure as set forth in Section 22.1-298.1 of the *Code of Virginia*. The Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist (5304) assessment is currently required for individuals seeking an endorsement as a Reading Specialist. Effective September 1, 2022, the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist (5304) assessment will be replaced by the new Praxis® Reading Specialist (5302) assessment developed by the Educational Testing Service (ETS), which administers the Praxis assessments. The content of the test is based largely on the 2017 Standards for the Preparation of Literacy Professionals created by the International Literacy Association and reorganized around domains to highlight the "Big 5" components of literacy as defined by the National Reading Panel. Additionally, the test has been updated to reflect current research and terminology related to the science of reading.

On April 21, 2022, the Virginia Board of Education adopted the Praxis® Reading Specialist (5302) assessment as the prescribed assessment for the Reading Specialist endorsement, and approved the passing score of **162**. Through August 31, 2022, individuals may take either the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist (5304) assessment or the new Praxis® Reading Specialist (5302) assessment. Effective September 1, 2022, only the new Praxis®

Reading Specialist (5302) assessment will be accepted as the prescribed assessment for the Reading Specialist endorsements in Virginia. Beginning September 1, 2022, the Reading for Virginia Educators (RVE): Reading Specialist (5304) assessment will only be accepted for individuals who took and passed the assessment during the period it was prescribed by the Board of Education.

Additional information regarding [professional teacher's assessments](#) in Virginia may be found on the Virginia Department of Education's [Office of Licensure and School Leadership webpage](#).

### For more information

If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact Maggie Clemmons, Director of Licensure and School Leadership, via e-mail at [Maggie.Clemmons@doe.virginia.gov](mailto:Maggie.Clemmons@doe.virginia.gov) or telephone at 804-371-2471.

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