***New* WEST-E Implementation Schedule**

Washington State requires a passing score on the applicable Washington Educator Skills Test –Endorsement (WEST-E) as a qualification for endorsement. The WEST-E is currently a specific Praxis II test administered by Educational Testing Systems. ***New*** WEST-E tests aligned with revised endorsement competencies are under development by National Evaluation Systems and will be implemented in two phases.

The table below shows ***New*** WEST-E tests required for all Phase I endorsements earned beginning 9/1/2008, and for all Phase II endorsements earned beginning 9/1/2009. Exceptions, where necessary to avoid unintended consequences, are also noted.

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|  **Endorsement** | **Level** | ***New* WEST-E Available and Required Beginning...** | **Exceptions that allow use of** **WEST-E/Praxis II** |
| \*Bilingual Education  | P-12 | **Phase I**(WEST-E implemented 9/1/08) | 1. Candidates enrolled in one of the following programs if completed by 8/31/2009 and verified by 12/31/2009:
* Undergraduate teacher preparation program
* Pathway 3 additional endorsement program
1. Candidates admitted to an endorsement program noted by asterisk (\*) prior to 9/1/2008
2. Candidates admitted to one of the following programs prior to 9/1/2008:
* MIT
* MAT
* Alternative Route 2, 3, 4
* Certification Only
1. Candidates scheduled for a Fall 2008 internship, where institution requires passing WEST-E score for internship entry
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| Biology | 5-12 |
| Chemistry | 5-12 |
| Dance | P-12 |
| Deaf Education | P-12 |
| Earth & Space Science | 5-12 |
| \*Elementary Education | K-8 |
| \*English as a Second Language | P-12 |
| English Language Arts | 5-12 |
| Health & Fitness | P-12 |
| History | 5-12 |
| Mathematics | 5-12 |
| Middle Level-Humanities | 4-9 |
| Middle Level-Mathematics | 4-9 |
| Middle Level-Science | 4-9 |
| Music: Choral | P-12 |
| Music: General | P-12 |
| Music: Instrumental | P-12 |
| Physics | 5-12 |
| Reading | P-12 |
| Theatre Arts | P-12 |
| Science | 5-12 |
| Social Studies | 5-12 |
| Visual Arts | P-12 |
| Career and Technical Education:* Agriculture
* Business
* Family & Consumer Sciences
* Marketing
* Technology
 | 5-12 | **Phase II**(WEST-E implemented 9/1/09) | 1. Candidates admitted to any one of the following programs prior to 9/1/2009:
* MIT
* MAT
* Alternative Route 2, 3, 4
* Certification Only
1. Candidates scheduled for a Fall 2009 internship, where institution requires passing WEST-E score for internship entry
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| Early Childhood Education | P-3 |
| Early Childhood Special Education | P-3 |
| Library Media | P-12 |
| Traffic Safety | 5-12 |
| Special Education | P-12 |
| World Languages | P-12 |