



# Washington Educator Skills Tests

## 2008–2009 REGISTRATION INFORMATION

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- ▶ Find the information you need to register
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- ▶ Find materials to help you prepare for the test
- ▶ Get your test scores online as soon as they are released

Introducing  
the new  
WEST!

### What is the WEST program?

The purpose of the Washington Educator Skills Tests (WEST) is to assess the basic skills and content knowledge of prospective Washington educators. There are two types of WEST tests: The Washington Educator Skills Test—Basic® (WEST-B®), which measures basic skills in reading, mathematics, and writing, and the Washington Educator Skills Tests—Endorsements (WEST-E), which measure the content knowledge required for endorsement for Washington teaching certificates.

### What's new in 2008-2009?

Beginning with the September 13, 2008, test administration, both the WEST-B and the new WEST-E will be administered together as one program. For information regarding who must take a WEST test and which test(s) you need to take, visit the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) Web site at [www.pesb.wa.gov](http://www.pesb.wa.gov).

**New WEST-E tests will be offered in 2008-2009 for the following 24 endorsement areas:**

Bilingual Education  
Biology  
Chemistry  
Dance  
Deaf Education  
Earth and Space Science

Elementary Education  
English Language Arts  
English Language Learners  
Health and Fitness  
History  
Mathematics

Middle Level Humanities  
Middle Level Mathematics  
Middle Level Science  
Music: Choral  
Music: General  
Music: Instrumental

Physics  
Reading  
Science  
Social Studies  
Theatre Arts  
Visual Arts







### Where do I find more information? How do I register?

The 2008-2009 WEST Registration Bulletin (for both the WEST-B and the WEST-E) will be available in July 2008 on the WEST Web site. Beginning in July 2008, you may register for both the WEST-B and the WEST-E on the WEST Web site.

### How do I prepare for the tests?

The WEST-B study guide is available on the WEST Web site. WEST-E preparation materials will be available online in summer 2008.

## REGISTRATION SCHEDULE FOR 2008–2009

Test Date	Regular Registration Deadline  	Late Registration Deadline (additional fee applies)  	Emergency Registration Deadline (additional fee applies)  	Score Report Date (unofficial scores available by 5:00 p.m.)	
				WEST-E*	WEST-B
Sept. 13, 2008	August 8, 2008	August 22, 2008	Sept. 4, 2008	TBD	Oct. 6, 2008
Nov. 15, 2008	Oct. 10, 2008	Oct. 24, 2008	Nov. 6, 2008	Dec. 1, 2008	Dec. 8, 2008
Jan. 10, 2009	Dec. 5, 2008	Dec. 19, 2008	Jan. 1, 2009	Jan. 26, 2009	Feb. 2, 2009
Feb. 21, 2009	Jan. 16, 2009	Jan. 30, 2009	Feb. 12, 2009	March 9, 2009	March 16, 2009
April 4, 2009	Feb. 27, 2009	March 13, 2009	March 26, 2009	April 20, 2009	April 27, 2009
May 30, 2009	April 24, 2009	May 8, 2009	May 21, 2009	June 15, 2009	June 22, 2009
July 11, 2009	June 5, 2009	June 19, 2009	July 2, 2009	July 27, 2009	August 3, 2009

\*Score reports for the new WEST-E tests may be delayed due to standard-setting activities and the determination of passing scores by the PESB.

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