Rhode Island Certification Tests and Passing Scores

The following ETS certification tests and passing scores are required for Initial licensure in the state of Rhode Island as of September 2025. The ACTFL tests and passing scores are required for Initial licensure as of July 2025. Information for the Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) may be obtained at www.actfl.org . Information for all other tests may be obtained at www.ets.org .

English Language Proficiency can be demonstrated by achieving a minimum score of 79 on ETS's TOEFL iBT OR advanced low on the ACTFL – TEP.

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Early Childhood Certificate Areas (Back to Top)

Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
Early Childhood Education Teacher (11101)	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge (5533): Passing Score - 156
	OR
	Elementary Multiple Subjects (7001) comprised of:
	1. Teaching Reading Subtest (7002): Passing Score - 143
	2. Mathematics Subtest (7003): Passing Score - 157
	3. Social Science Subtest (7004): Passing Score - 155
	4. Science Subtest (7005): Passing Score - 159
Early Childhood Special Education Teacher (11182) • *When applying for the **Preliminary-Expert Residency certificate**, only the Special Education: Early Childhood/ Early Intervention (5692): Passing Score – 159 is required.* • *All other test or prior certification requirements must be met when applying for the full certificate in this area.*	Special Education: Early Childhood/ Early Intervention (5692): Passing Score - 159
	AND one of the following:
	Holds a valid Rhode Island Early Childhood Education (11101) Certificate
	OR
	Early Childhood Education: Foundational Knowledge (5533): Passing Score - 156
	OR
	Elementary Multiple Subjects (7001) comprised of 4 parts:
	1. Teaching Reading Subtest (7002): Passing Score - 143
	2. Mathematics Subtest (7003): Passing Score - 157
	3. Social Science Subtest (7004): Passing Score - 155
	4. Science Subtest (7005): Passing Score - 159
Early Childhood Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher (11191) ***Content Test is based on language that the educator is seeking***	English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362): Passing Score - 155
	AND the appropriate language test:
	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634): Passing Score - 170
	Chinese (Mandarin) World Language (5665): Passing Score – 164 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	French World Language (5174): Passing Score – 162 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	German World Language (5183): Passing Score – 163 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Latin (5601): Passing Score – 161
	Spanish World Language (5195): Passing Score – 168 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Japanese World Language (5661): Passing Score – 156 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Russian World Language (5671): Passing Score - 130 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	All other world languages – Oral Proficiency Interview (OPI) and Writing Proficiency Test (WPT) - Advanced Low

Elementary Certificate Areas (Back to Top)

Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
Elementary Education Teacher (11201)	Elementary Multiple Subjects (7001) comprised of:
	1. Teaching Reading Subtest (7002): Passing Score - 143
	2. Mathematics Subtest (7003): Passing Score - 157
	3. Social Science Subtest (7004): Passing Score - 155
	4. Science Subtest (7005): Passing Score - 159
Elementary Special Education Teacher (11282) • *When applying for the **Preliminary-Expert Residency certificate**, only the Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (5355): Passing score-145 is required.* • *All other test requirements must be met when applying for the full certificate in this area*	Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (5355): Passing score - 145
	AND
	Elementary Multiple Subjects (7001) comprised of:
	1. Teaching Reading Subtest (7002): Passing Score - 143
	2. Mathematics Subtest (7003): Passing Score - 157
	3. Social Science Subtest (7004): Passing Score - 155
	4. Science Subtest (7005): Passing Score - 159
Elementary Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher (11291) ***Content Test is based on language that the educator is seeking***	English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362): Passing Score - 155
	AND the appropriate language test:
	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634): Passing Score – 170 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Chinese (Mandarin) World Language (5665): Passing Score – 164 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	French World Language (5174): Passing Score – 162 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	German World Language (5183): Passing Score – 163 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Latin (5601): Passing Score – 161
	Spanish World Language (5195): Passing Score – 168 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Japanese World Language (5661): Passing Score – 156 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Russian World Language (5671): Passing Score - 130 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
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Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
Middle Grades English Teacher (11301)	Middle School English Language Arts (5047): Passing Score - 164 OR English Language Arts Content and Analysis (5039): Passing Score - 168
Middle Grades English Teacher – Elementary Extension (11331)	Middle School English Language Arts (5047): Passing Score - 164 OR English Language Arts Content and Analysis (5039): Passing Score - 168
Middle Grades English Teacher – Secondary Extension (11341)	Middle School English Language Arts (5047): Passing Score - 164 OR English Language Arts Content and Analysis (5039): Passing Score - 168
Middle Grades Math Teacher (11302)	Middle School Mathematics (5164): Passing Score - 157 OR Mathematics (5165): Passing Score - 159
Middle Grades Math Teacher – Elementary Extension (11332)	Middle School Mathematics (5164): Passing Score - 157 OR Mathematics (5165): Passing Score - 159
Middle Grades Math Teacher – Secondary Extension (11342)	Middle School Mathematics (5164): Passing Score - 157 OR Mathematics (5165): Passing Score - 159
Middle Grades Science Teacher (11303)	Middle Grades Science (5442): Passing Score - 152 OR General Science (5436): Passing Score - 141
Middle Grades Science Teacher – Elementary Extension (11333)	Middle Grades Science (5442): Passing Score - 152 OR General Science (5436): Passing Score - 141
Middle Grades Science Teacher – Secondary Extension (11343)	Middle Grades Science (5442): Passing Score - 152 OR General Science (5436): Passing Score - 141

Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
Middle Grades Social Studies Teacher (11304)	Middle Grades Social Studies (5589): Passing Score - 149
	OR
	Social Studies (5581): Passing Score - 153
Middle Grades Social Studies Teacher – Elementary Extension (11334)	Middle Grades Social Studies (5589): Passing Score - 149
	OR
	Social Studies (5581): Passing Score - 153
Middle Grades Social Studies Teacher – Secondary Extension (11344)	Middle Grades Social Studies (5589): Passing Score - 149
	OR
	Social Studies (5581): Passing Score - 153
Middle Grades Special Education Teacher (11382)	Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (5355): Passing score - 145
Middle Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher (11391) *Content Test is based on language that the educator is seeking*	English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362): Passing Score - 155
	AND the appropriate language test:
	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634): Passing Score - 170
	Chinese (Mandarin) World Language (5665): Passing Score – 164 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	French World Language (5174): Passing Score – 162 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	German World Language (5183): Passing Score – 163 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Latin (5601): Passing Score – 161
	Spanish World Language (5195): Passing Score – 168 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Japanese World Language (5661): Passing Score – 156 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Russian World Language (5671): Passing Score - 130 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
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Secondary Grades Certificate Areas

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Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
Secondary Grades Agriculture Teacher (11401)	Agriculture (5701): Passing Score - 147
Secondary Grades Biology Teacher (11402)	Biology (5236): Passing Score - 154
Secondary Grades Business Education Teacher (11403)	Business Education: Content Knowledge (5101): Passing Score - 167
Secondary Career and Technical Education Teacher (11404)	Appropriate NOCTI test and passing score, where applicable
Secondary Grades Chemistry Teacher (11405)	Chemistry (5246): Passing Score - 146
Secondary Grades English Teacher (11406)	English Language Arts Content and Analysis (5039): Passing Score - 168
Secondary Grades General Science Teacher (11407)	General Science (5436): Passing Score - 141
Secondary Grades Mathematics Teacher (11408)	Mathematics (5165): Passing Score - 159
Secondary Grades Physics Teacher (11409)	Physics (5266): Passing Score - 145
Secondary Grades Social Studies Teacher (11410)	Social Studies (5581): Passing Score - 153
Secondary Grades Special Education Teacher (11482)	Special Education: Foundational Knowledge (5355): Passing score - 145
Secondary Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher (11491) *Content Test is based on language that the educator is seeking*	English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362): Passing Score - 155
	AND the appropriate language test:
	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634): Passing Score - 170
	Chinese (Mandarin) World Language (5665): Passing Score – 164 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	French World Language (5174): Passing Score – 162 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	German World Language (5183): Passing Score – 163 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Latin (5601): Passing Score – 161
	Spanish World Language (5195): Passing Score – 168 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Japanese World Language (5661): Passing Score – 156 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Russian World Language (5671): Passing Score - 130 or ACTFL OPI & WPT

Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
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Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
All Grades Art Teacher (11501)	Art: Content Knowledge (5134): Passing Score - 158
All Grades Dance Teacher (11502)	No test currently available
All Grades Family and Consumer Science Teacher (11502)	Family and Consumer Sciences (5123): Passing Score - 151
All Grades Health Teacher (11504)	Health Education (5551): Passing Score - 162
All Grades Health/Physical Education/Adaptive Physical Education (11513)	Health and Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5857): Passing Score – 160
	OR
	Health Education (5551): Passing Score - 162
	AND
	Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5091): Passing Score - 154
All Grades Library Media Teacher (11505)	School Librarian (5312): Passing Score - 154
All Grades Music Teacher (11506)	Music: Content Knowledge (5113): Passing Score - 160
All Grades Physical Education Teacher (11507)	Physical Education: Content Knowledge (5091): Passing Score - 154
All Grades School Nurse Teacher (11508)	No test currently available
All Grades Technology Education Teacher (11509)	Technology and Engineering (5053): Passing Score - 157

Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
All Grades Theatre Teacher (11510)	Theatre (5641): Passing Score - 159
All Grades World Language Teacher (11512)	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634): Passing Score - 170
	Chinese (Mandarin) World Language (5665): Passing Score – 164 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	French World Language (5174): Passing Score – 162 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	German World Language (5183): Passing Score – 163 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Latin (5601): Passing Score – 161
	Spanish World Language (5195): Passing Score – 168 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Japanese World Language (5661): Passing Score – 156 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Russian World Language (5671): Passing Score - 130 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
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All Grades Special Education - Deaf and Hard of Hearing- American Sign Language (11586)	Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (5272): Passing Score - 160
	AND
	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634): Passing Score - 170
All Grades Special Education - Deaf and Hard of Hearing (11587)	Education of Deaf and Hard of Hearing Students (5272): Passing Score - 160
	AND one of the following:
	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634): Passing Score - 170
	OR
	3 credits in American Sign Language
All Grades Special Education - Visually Impaired (11588)	Special Education Teaching Students with Visual Impairments (5282): Passing Score - 163
	AND
	Braille Proficiency (0633): Passing Score - 169
All Grades Special Education – Severe Intellectual Disability (11589)	Special Education: Severe to Profound (5547): Passing Score - 156
All Grades Bilingual and Dual Language Education Teacher (11591)	English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362): Passing Score - 155
	AND the appropriate language test:
	American Sign Language Proficiency Interview (ASLPI) (0634): Passing Score - 170
	Chinese (Mandarin) World Language (5665): Passing Score – 164 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	French World Language (5174): Passing Score – 162 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	German World Language (5183): Passing Score – 163 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
	Latin (5601): Passing Score – 161
	Spanish World Language (5195): Passing Score – 168 or ACTFL OPI & WPT
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All Grades English as a Second Language Teacher (11594)	English to Speakers of Other Languages (5362): Passing Score - 155

Administrator Certificate Areas (Back to Top)

Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
Building Level Administrator (12001)	School Leader Licensure Assessment (6990): Passing Score - 151
Superintendent of Schools (12016)	School Superintendent Assessment (6991): Passing Score - 162

Support Professional Certificate Areas (Back to Top)

Certificate Area (with Code)	Content Test (with passing score)
School Counselor (13001)	School Counselor (5422) Passing Score - 159
School Psychologist (13002)	School Psychologist (5403): Passing Score - 155
Speech and Language Pathologist (13004)	Speech and Language Pathologist (5331): Passing Score - 162
Reading Specialist/Consultant (13011)	Reading Specialist (5302): Passing Score -165
All certificate areas when the prospective educator was prepared for certification at an institution where English was not the language of instruction.	Versant Pro Speaking and Writing English: Passing Score-64