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# **SBE Rule 6A-4.0021 Florida Teacher Certification Examinations (FTCE) Rule Changes**

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# Florida Teacher Certification Examinations June 2016 Rule Updates

- Adopt “Competencies and Skills Required for Teacher Certification in Florida, Twenty-third Edition,” which includes updated competencies and skills for the Exceptional Student Education K-12 subject area examination.
- Adopt new passing scores for Business Education 6-12 and Spanish K-12 subject area examinations.

## FTCE Changes: Competencies and Skills

- June 2016 Recommendations for revisions to Competencies and Skills:
  - **Exceptional Student Education K-12**

## FTCE Changes: Passing Scores

- June 2016 Recommendations for Passing Scores:
  - **Business Education 6-12**
  - **Spanish K-12** (*3 sections*)
    - *multiple-choice, writing, and speaking sections; compositely scored*

## Passing Scores

- Changes to Passing Scores Impact:
  - Student matriculation (*e.g., college enrollment, academic progress*)
  - Initial Certification: passing scores are required for the subject area examinations and the General Knowledge Test (all subtests)
  - Employment within Florida public schools
  - Diversity of Certified Educators
    - (*e.g., African American, Hispanic, White*)

## Analysis of Committee Recommendations

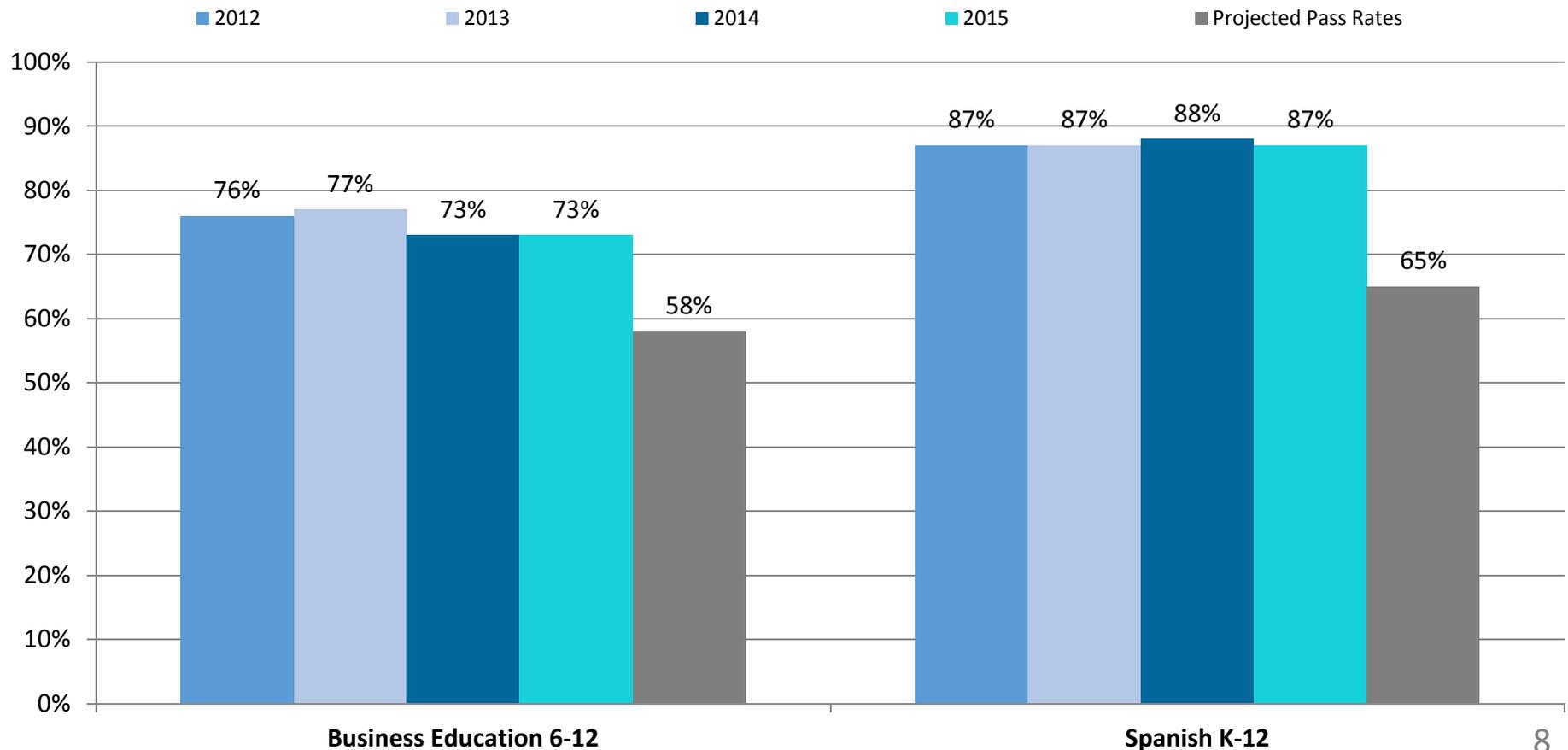
- The Office of Assessment analyzed the committee recommendations considering
  - pass rates,
  - test form difficulty,
  - subgroup performance, and
  - potential impacts on certification needs.
- Using the appropriate measurement and psychometric guidelines, the following passing score recommendations were made.

## Final Recommendations for Passing Scores

FTCE Examination	Recommended Number Correct	Recommended Percentage Correct
Business Education 6-12	81/120	68%
Spanish K-12 (Multiple Choice (MC), Speaking, and Writing Sections)	93/130	72%

**Note:** Composite scores for Spanish K-12 were calculated from the committee sectional recommendations of 58 out of 78, 8 out of 10 and 33 out of 48 with weightings of 60%, 15%, and 25% for multiple-choice, writing, and speaking respectively. The Spanish composite score range is 0 to 130 implementing the weightings and total sectional score points available.

# Historical Examinee Pass Rates: Business Education 6-12 and Spanish K-12 (First-Time Examinees 2012–2015)



# Impact Data and Passing Rates by Subgroups: Business Education 6-12 and Spanish K-12

FTCE Examination	Linked (Current) Passing Score	Recommended Passing Score	Subgroup	Linked (Current) Passing Rates		Projected Passing Rates	
				N	%	N	%
Business Education 6-12	70/120 (58%)	81/120 (68%)	<b>Total</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>89</b>	<b>58%</b>
			Female	45	67%	45	51%
			Male	40	88%	40	63%
			Black	25	72%	25	40%
			Caucasian	42	86%	42	67%
			Hispanic	5	NA	5	NA
Spanish K-12	85/130 (66%)	93/130 (72%)	<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>78%</b>	<b>148</b>	<b>65%</b>
			Female	126	77%	126	64%
			Male	19	79%	19	63%
			Black	3	NA	3	NA
			Caucasian	22	55%	22	36%
			Hispanic	112	83%	112	70%

NA: Pass rates for less than 10 are not reported

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Note 2: Pass rates were projected based on first-time examinees taking these exams from January to March 2016.



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