

FTCE/FELE Maximum Percentages of Correct Answers Needed to Achieve a Minimum Passing Score

The raw passing scores (number of correct multiple-choice items equivalent to a scaled score of 200) that are published in [State Board of Education Rule 6A-4.0021, F.A.C.](#) (FTCE), and [Rule 6A.400821, F.A.C.](#) (FELE), refer to the standard setting test forms (base forms) that were administered within the date ranges listed in the applicable sections of each Rule. The Florida Department of Education administers multiple test forms for each test area to maintain test integrity and test security. Accordingly, different test forms may show slight differences in difficulty. To account for such slight differences in difficulty, all test forms are scaled and equated to the base forms to ensure fairness across test forms and to generate equivalent raw scores.

In following with the process described above, the table below provides the **maximum percentage** of correct answers needed to pass each FTCE/FELE multiple-choice test or subtest currently being administered. For example, 71% is the maximum percentage of correct answers needed to pass a particular test form for Biology 6–12; slightly more difficult test forms for this examination may require only 70% of correct answers in order to achieve the passing score.

Note: Fields undergoing additional post-administration quality-control reviews may be subject to slight increases to the percentages reflected below.

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% of Correct Answers Needed to Pass	Test/Subtest Name
Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE)	
70	FELE - Subtest 1: Leadership for Student Learning
70	FELE - Subtest 2: Organizational Development
70	FELE - Subtest 3: Systems Leadership Multiple-Choice Section
See #1 Below	FELE - Subtest 3: Systems Leadership Written-Performance Section
General Knowledge (GK) Test	
See #2 Below	GK – Subtest 1: Essay
71	GK – Subtest 2: English Language Skills
75	GK – Subtest 3: Reading
72	GK – Subtest 4: Mathematics
Professional Education Examination	
71	Professional Education
Subject Area Examinations	
71	Agriculture 6–12
69	Art K–12
71	Biology 6–12
69	Business Education 6–12
72	Chemistry 6–12
72	Computer Science K–12
68	Drama 6–12
70	Earth-Space Science 6–12
73	Educational Media Specialist PK–12

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% of Correct Answers Needed to Pass	Test/Subtest Name
	Elementary Education K-6
74	K-6 – Subtest 1: Language Arts and Reading
71	K-6 – Subtest 2: Social Science
71	K-6 – Subtest 3: Science
72	K-6 – Subtest 4: Mathematics
75	Engineering and Technology Education 6-12
71	English 6-12 Multiple-Choice Section
See #3 Below	English 6-12 Written-Performance Section
70	English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) K-12
70	Exceptional Student Education K-12
74	Family and Consumer Science 6-12
See #4 Below	French K-12
See #5 Below	German K-12
69	Guidance and Counseling PK-12
71	Health K-12
68	Hearing Impaired K-12
61	Humanities K-12
70	Latin K-12
65	Marketing 6-12
67	Mathematics 6-12
74	Middle Grades English 5-9 Multiple-Choice Section
See #3 Below	Middle Grades English 5-9 Written-Performance Section
72	Middle Grades General Science 5-9
71	Middle Grades Mathematics 5-9
61	Middle Grades Social Science 5-9
66	Music K-12
73	Physical Education K-12
67	Physics 6-12
	Prekindergarten/Primary PK-3
67	PK-3 – Subtest 1: Developmental Knowledge
71	PK-3 – Subtest 2: Language Arts and Reading
68	PK-3 – Subtest 3: Mathematics
64	PK-3 – Subtest 4: Science
72	Preschool Education (Birth-Age 4)
72	Reading K-12
70	School Psychologist PK-12
74	Social Science 6-12
See #4 Below	Spanish K-12
65	Speech-Language Impaired K-12
71	Visually Impaired K-12

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Tests/Subtests with Performance Components

Performance components, such as an essay or a recorded oral interview response, are holistically scored by at least two independent and qualified raters at standardized scoring sessions. The two independent scores are then combined as a total score for the performance component. For example, if two independent raters each assign a score of 3 for a General Knowledge Essay response, the reported total score for the response is 6 (3 + 3).

1. Florida Educational Leadership Examination (FELE)

FELE Subtest 1 – Leadership for Student Learning

FELE Subtest 2 – Organizational Development

FELE Subtest 3 – Systems Leadership Multiple-Choice Section

FELE Subtest 3 – Systems Leadership Written-Performance Section (see below)

Effective January 1, 2015, FELE Subtest 3, Systems Leadership, has been administered, scored, and reported as a two-section subtest: Multiple Choice and Written Performance. Examinees must pass both sections independently in order to pass FELE Subtest 3.

The passing score for the FELE Written Performance section is **7 out of 12 points**.

FELE subtests/sections are administered, scored, and reported independently. If an examinee fails one or more of the FELE subtests and/or sections, the examinee is required to retake only the section or subtest(s) failed. For example, if an examinee passes FELE Subtests 1 and 2 and the FELE Subtest 3 Multiple-Choice section but fails the FELE Subtest 3 Written-Performance section, then the examinee must retake only the FELE Subtest 3 Written-Performance section.

2. General Knowledge (GK) Test

GK Subtest 1 – Essay (see below)

GK Subtest 2 – English Language Skills (ELS)

GK Subtest 3 – Reading

GK Subtest 4 – Mathematics

Effective January 1, 2015, the passing score for the GK Essay is **8 out of 12 points**.

GK subtests are administered, scored, and reported independently. If an examinee fails one or more GK subtests, the examinee is required to retake only the subtest(s) failed. For example, if an examinee passes the GK ELS, GK Reading, and GK Mathematics subtests but fails the GK Essay, then the examinee must retake only the GK Essay.

3. English 6–12 and Middle Grades English 5–9

Effective January 1, 2015, English 6–12 and MG English 5–9 have been administered, scored, and reported as two-section tests that include a multiple-choice section and a written-performance section. Examinees must pass both

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sections independently in order to pass English 6–12 or MG English 5–9.

The passing score for the English 6–12 or MG English 5–9 Written-Performance sections is at least **5 out of 8 points using new scoring rubric** (equivalent to a score of 8 out of 12 points on previous scoring rubric).

English 6–12 and MG English 5–9 sections are administered, scored, and reported independently. If an examinee fails one section, the examinee is required to retake only the section failed. For example, if an examinee passes the multiple-choice section but fails the written-performance section, then the examinee must retake only the written-performance section.

4. French K–12 and Spanish K–12

French K–12 and Spanish K–12 tests include multiple performance components in addition to multiple-choice items. These two tests are scored and reported as a combination of the three components. An examinee must pass the whole test by achieving the composite score equivalent to the 200 scaled score needed for each test. A composite score is calculated using a combination of a multiple-choice score and performance scores based on the weightings listed below.

French K–12: 40% Speaking, 10% Essay, 50% Multiple-Choice
The composite score needed to pass French K–12 is approximately 60% of the combined scores.

Spanish K–12: 25% Speaking, 15% Essay, 60% Multiple-Choice
The composite score needed to pass Spanish K–12 is approximately 72% of the combined scores.

5. German K–12

German K–12 is administered, scored, and reported as two subtests. Examinees must pass both subtests independently in order to pass German K–12.

German K–12 Subtest 1 includes an essay and multiple-choice items and is reported as a composite score that is calculated using a combination of these two sections based on the weightings listed below. An examinee must pass German K–12 Subtest 1 by achieving the composite score equivalent to the 200 scaled score needed. German K–12 Subtest 2 is an oral interview and is scored as Pass or Fail.

German K–12:

Subtest 1: 20% Essay, 80% Multiple-Choice
The composite score needed to pass German K–12 Subtest 1 is approximately 69% of the combined scores.

Subtest 2: Interview scored as Pass or Fail (A score of intermediate/high needed to pass)

If an examinee fails one subtest, the examinee is required to retake only the subtest failed. For example, if an examinee passes German Subtest 1 but fails German Subtest 2, then the examinee must retake only German Subtest 2.