

VSBPE

Date: March 12, 2019

Item: SAT and ACT Cut Scores used in place of Praxis Core

ITEM: Shall the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators update the testing requirements for educator licensure and/or grant the Office the authority to do so?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the Vermont Standards Board for Professional Educators update the testing requirements for educator licensure and/or grant the Office the authority to do so.

BACKGROUND: Candidates for licensure are required to meet testing requirements as set by the VSBPE. The current Testing Requirements brochure states that the Qualifying SAT scores are a combined score of 1000 and minimum Verbal (420) and Math (470) scores if taken before April 1, 1995 and a combined score of 1100 and minimum Verbal (500) and Math (500) if taken after April 1, 1995.

The SAT test was changed in 2016, and ETS defined College Readiness as having an SAT score of: Verbal 480, Math 530. The Office suggests updating testing requirements to reflect these changes.

In addition, the Office is currently waiting to hear if the ACT has been updated and if it should change the Praxis Core equivalency for that test as well.