

Elem/Middle Level (4-8) PDE Testing Requirements*

(*Must have successfully completed PAPA tests)

Educators applying for an initial Instructional I Elem/Middle Level 4–8 certification are required to pass the PAPA (Pre-Service Academic Performance Assessment) in addition to passing the Level 4-8 Core Assessment and Subtests PA Certification (5152, 5153, 5154, 5155). The PAPA module series must be taken first, then next the Core Assessment prior to taking the Subject Concentration tests. PAPA information and registration can be found at www.pa.nesinc.com.

Pennsylvania teacher education program candidates may now register for the Middle Level 4-8 pedagogy, core and subject matter content tests at www.ets.org.

The ETS web site has been updated to provide information on 4-8 testing and program services, information, and transactions. Candidates have direct access to components of the 4-8 Praxis Tests, including:

information about the tests that are available and what test(s) they need to take

information about registering for a test and scheduling a test session (including test dates and sites)

Information about testing policies and alternative testing arrangements

test preparation materials, including study guides information about reference materials provided for a test (e.g., a calculator or glossary)

information about their test results (i.e., score reports)

To Be Certified in	You Need to Take	Test Code	Qualifying Score
Middle Level 4–8 <i>(All ML certification candidates must take these tests before proceeding to Subject Concentration Test which are listed below.)</i>	Pennsylvania Grades 4–8 Core Assessment (PDF)*	5152	NA
	Pedagogy Subtest (PDF)	5153	162
	English Language Arts and Social Studies Subtest (PDF)	5154	152
	Mathematics and Science Subtest (PDF)	5155	164
	* To pass the Pennsylvania Grades 4–8 Core Assessment you must receive a passing score on each subtest. You must take the full test on your initial attempt. If, after your first attempt you did not pass one of the individual subtests, you may take just that subtest again for a reduced fee.		
After passing above Core Assessment and Subtests, test takers seeking certification in Middle Level 4-8 must ALSO take the Subject Concentration test(s) for the area(s) they plan to teach.			
Middle Level Social Studies 4–8	Pennsylvania Grades 4–8 Subject Concentration: Social Studies (PDF)	5157	150
Middle Level English 4–8	Pennsylvania Grades 4–8 Subject Concentration: English Language Arts (PDF)	5156	156
Middle Level Mathematics 4–8	Pennsylvania Grades 4–8 Subject Concentration: Mathematics (PDF)	5158	173
Middle Level Science 4–8	Pennsylvania Grades 4–8 Subject Concentration: Science (PDF)	5159	156