



Minnesota Basic Skills Requirements for Tier 4 License

You must meet the Minnesota Basic Skills requirement, and teach in MN for 3 years before moving to a Tier 4 license from a Tier 3 license. Basic Skills are not required for your initial tier 3 license.

Basic Skills Testing Requirements and Options

1) MN NES EAS (Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills)

Cutoff score: Reading \geq 520, Writing \geq 520, Mathematics \geq 520

- Register for MN NES EAS:

<http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Home.aspx>

http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/TestView.aspx?f=HTML_FRAG/MN188_TestPage.html

Students take all three MN NES EAS: Reading, Writing, and Math

2) ACT : Composite and ELS (or Combined English Writing)

Cutoff score: Composite Score \geq 22 and ELS (or Combined English/Writing) \geq 21

- The ACT Plus Writing must be taken as a complete exam.
- Those who have previously taken the standard version of the ACT must take the new ACT Plus Writing in its entirety, should they choose this option.
- Register for the ACT Plus Writing: <http://www.actstudent.org/regist/>
- To request scores be sent: <http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/>

3) SAT

Cutoff scores

1600 SAT (New) Reading + Writing \geq 550, Mathematics \geq 570

2400 SAT (Old) Reading \geq 510, Writing \geq 510, Mathematics \geq 520

- Register for the SAT: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-us-dates>
- To request SAT scores be sent: <http://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-old-sat-scores>

4) GRE

Cutoff scores

Taken prior to 8/1/2011

Verbal Reasoning \geq 450, Analytical Writing \geq 3, Quantitative Reasoning \geq 540

Taken after 8/1/2011

Verbal Reasoning \geq 150, Analytical Writing \geq 3, Quantitative Reasoning \geq 145

- Register for the GRE: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register/
- To request GRE scores be sent: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/send/

You will be required to submit your basic skills official scores to the PELSB. It is recommended that you include a copy of your official scores with your initial tier 3 application if you already met the basic skills cut-off scores. Otherwise, present the scores to the PELSB when applying for your tier 4 license. It will be your responsibility to obtain/retain a copy of your official scores, and present the score to the PELSB.