

VSBPE

Date: Aug. 5, 2021

Item: Adoption of Praxis II 5442 for MG Science

ITEM: Shall the VSBPE adopt the updated Praxis II Content test for Middle School Science test code 5442, which is replacing Praxis II Content test for Middle School Science test code 5440?

AGENCY RECOMMENDED ACTION:

That the VSBPE adopt the updated Praxis II Content test for Middle School Science test code 5442 with a Passing Score of 152.

BACKGROUND: ETS is discontinuing the use of the Praxis II Content test for Middle School Science test code 5440 and replacing it with the new test code 5442. ETS regularly changes or replaces tests based on their research and updates to national standards. Test Code 5440 was developed based on the National Science Education Standards (NSES) developed in 1996. Test code 5442 is based on Next Generation Science Standards (NGSS), currently used in Vermont. The recommended passing score of 152 is based on a Multistate Standard-Setting Study conducted by ETS in collaboration with 19 states and the District of Columbia. Vermont did not participate in this study but is aligned with many of these states in other content areas.

SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS:

Praxis Study Companions for Middle School Science (5440)

Praxis Study Companions for Middle School Science (5442)

ETS Test Requirement Change Form