

TO: LEA Human Resource Officers  
 FROM: Office of Educator Licensure and Preparation  
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 SUBJECT: **Requirements for teachers of courses with an EOC**

T.C.A. § 49-6-6006 specifies that an educator **may not** teach a course required for graduation in which an end-of-course (EOC) examination is given unless the educator has a **content-specific endorsement** for that subject, **or** the educator has demonstrated sufficient content knowledge in the course material by providing **passing scores on a standardized or criterion-referenced test for the content area.**

In order to be in compliance with this law, all teachers of record for courses in which there is a state-level EOC exam must meet one of the following requirements:

- A. Hold the subject-specific endorsement to teach the course; **or**
- B. Pass the relevant content assessment identified in the table below indicating sufficient content knowledge.

Teachers of a course required for graduation in which an end-of-course (EOC) examination is given who do not currently meet these requirements must submit an endorsement application or passing scores on an application examination by XXX to be in compliance with state law.

End-of-Course Class	Requirements: Content Area Tests
Algebra I and Integrated I	<b>5161</b> – Mathematics: Content Knowledge  <b>or</b> <b>5169</b> – Middle School: Mathematics  <b>Note:</b> Educators electing to take this test <b>must</b> also attend a state-approved training in Algebra I in accordance with Tennessee State Board Rule <b>or</b> take and pass a supplemental test approved by the department. These tests include the College Board CLEP test: College Algebra (passing Score 60) or College Board CLEP test: College Mathematics (passing score 60).
Geometry, Algebra II, Integrated II, and Integrated III	<b>5161</b> – Mathematics: Content Knowledge
Biology	<b>0235</b> – Biology: Content Knowledge
Chemistry	<b>0245</b> – Chemistry: Content Knowledge
English I, II and III	<b>5038</b> – English Language, Literature and Composition: Content Knowledge
U.S. History and Geography	<b>5941</b> – World and U.S. History: Content Knowledge  <b>or</b> <b>5921</b> – Geography

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