

PROPOSED PASSING SCORE STANDARDS FOR THE NEW AND REVISED CALIFORNIA TEACHING PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENTS



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New & Revised Assessments

New CalTPA Math Cycle

- Multiple Subjects (MS) + Education Specialist (EdSp) Mild/Moderate Support Needs (MMSN), and Extensive Support Needs (ESN)
- Multiple Subject and Education Specialist candidates are required to complete a math assessment, as outlined in the Performance Assessment Design Standards (PADS)
- Creation of Literacy Performance Assessment required development of Math PA
 - Incorporated learning from LPA

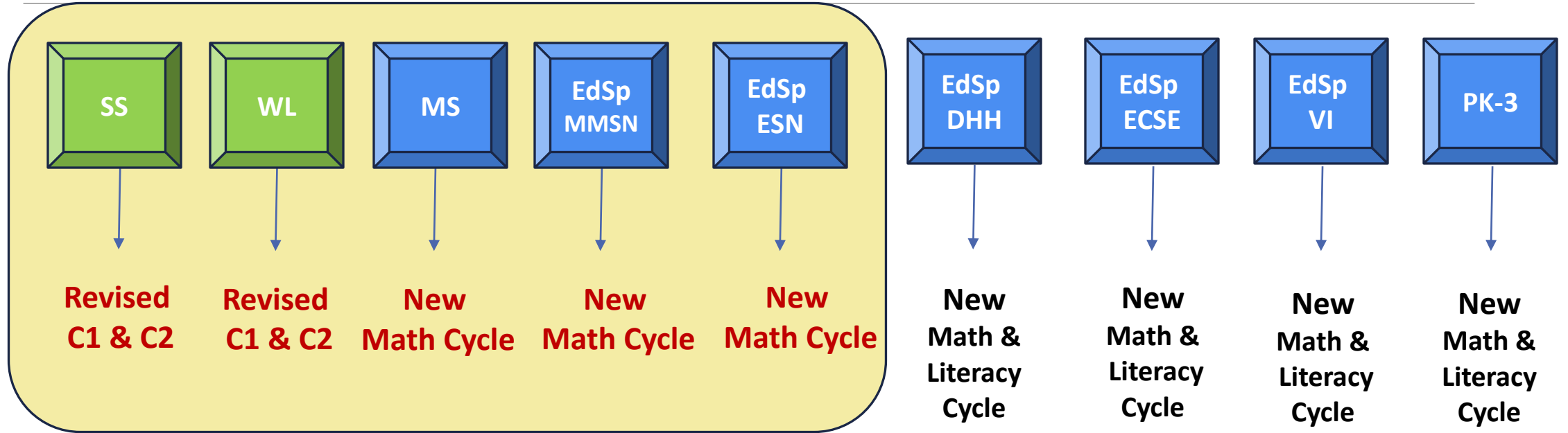
Revised CalTPA SS & WL

- Revised existing assessments to align with changes reflected in LPA and MPA
- Goal to ensure have best possible assessments for candidates

Will become operational July 1, 2025



CalTPA Overview 2025-26



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Historical Use of Preliminary and Secondary Passing Standards

Preliminary Passing Standard History

- Set for first-year implementation of revised CalTPA (MS, SS, WL) in 2019
- Aligned with field test passing standards
- Informed by first-year data; followed by standard setting studies

Secondary Passing Standard

- Approved in December 2023 for all TPAs
 - Initially set at –1 SEM
- Candidates within secondary passing standard may qualify for preliminary credential
 - Must demonstrate competence across all TPEs
 - Must meet all other credential requirements



Current Operational CalTPA Passing Standards

- Secondary Passing Standard applies to all CalTPA assessments *except* ESN
- Includes a **side condition**:
 - Candidates may receive **no more than one rubric score of 1**
 - If a candidate receives **two or more 1s**, they **do not pass**
 - Applies **regardless of total score**
- Candidates with multiple rubric 1s can **revise and resubmit**



Current Operational CalTPA Passing Standards

Table 1: Current Operational CalTPA Passing Standards (MS, SS, WL)

CalTPA Credential Type	Version 7 (V7) 8/2024-7/2025	2024-25 Approved Passing Standard	Secondary Passing Standard 2024-25	# Rubrics/Maximum Points
MS – Cycle 1	V7	19 (max 1 of 1)*	16 (max 1 of 1)	8 Rubrics/40 points
SS/WL – Cycle 1	V7	19 (max 1 of 1)*	16 (max 1 of 1)	8 Rubrics/40 points
SS/WL – Cycle 2	V7	21 (max 1 of 1)*	18 (max 1 of 1)	9 Rubrics/45 points

**Secondary Passing Standard (-1 SEM) applicable*

Table 2: Current Operational EdSp CalTPA Passing Standards (MMSN, ESN)

EdSp CalTPA Credential Type	Version 3 (V3) 8/2024-7/2025	2024-25 Approved Passing Standard	Secondary Passing Standard 2024-25	# Rubrics/Maximum Points
MMSN – Cycle 1	V3	17 (max 1 of 1)*	15 (max 1 of 1)	8 Rubrics/40 points
ESN – Cycle 1	V3	15*	12	8 Rubrics/40 points

**Secondary Passing Standard (-1 SEM) applicable*

Proposed CalTPA Passing Standards

Temporary Passing Standard:

- **Score of 16 out of 40** points
 - Equates to an **average rubric score of 2** on a 5-point scale
- **No side conditions** (e.g., rubric 1 limit)

Secondary Passing Standard (per Ed Code §44320.2(e)(2))

- Score of **14** serves as **secondary passing standard**

Rationale:

- Supports a **developmental standard** during early implementation
- Enables **compensatory scoring**: stronger rubric scores offset weaker ones
- Reflects principles of **fairness, growth, and beginning teacher potential**

Both standards are **temporary** for 1 year



Proposed CalTPA Passing Standards

Table 3: Proposed CalTPA Math Cycle and MS, SS & WL Passing Standards

CalTPA Credential Type	Version 1 8/2025- 7/2026	Proposed Passing Standard 2025-26	Proposed Secondary Passing Standard 2025-26	# Rubrics/ Maximum Points
MS – Math Cycle (New)	V1	16	14	8 Rubrics/40 points
SS/WL – Cycle 1 (Revised)	V1	16	14	8 Rubrics/40 points
SS/WL – Cycle 2 (Revised)	V1	16	14	8 Rubrics/40 points

Table 4: Proposed EdSp CalTPA Math Cycle Passing Standards (MMSN, ESN)

EdSp CalTPA Credential Type	Version 1 8/2025- 7/2026	Proposed Passing Standard 2025-26	Proposed Secondary Passing Standard 2025-26	# Rubrics/ Maximum Points
MMSN – Math Cycle (New)	V1	16	14	8 Rubrics/40 points
ESN – Math Cycle (New)	V1	16	14	8 Rubrics/40 points

Next Steps

Standard Settings Spring 2026

- Data gathered Fall 2025 and Winter 2026 for each assessment
 - PK3, MS, SS, WL, ES MMSN, ES ESN, ECSE, DHH, VI
- Standard settings held Spring 2026
- Results reported to Commission June 2026

Staff Recommended Actions

Adopt a minimum passing standard of 16 points across 8 rubrics, with no side conditions, for

- Multiple Subject – Math cycle
- Single Subject Cycles 1 and 2
- World Languages Cycles 1 and 2
- Education Specialist: MMSN and ESN – Math cycles assessments

Adopt a secondary passing standard of 14 points across 8 rubrics, with no side conditions, for all assessments