



Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure® (MTEL®)

NOTICE TO CANDIDATES NOV. 21, 2009, ADMINISTRATION

Take an MTEL® Pilot Test AND

You can earn a **\$35 voucher** toward your future MTEL test fee or **\$30 in Barnes & Noble gift cards**

WHERE CAN I TAKE THE PILOT TEST?

Pilot testing will be available at the following test sites:

Arlington High School
Quincy High School
Somerville High School
Lynn English High School

Billerica Memorial High School
Norton High School
Braintree High School
Burncoat High School

Agawam High School
Drury High School
Dartmouth High School

WHAT FIELDS CAN I TAKE?

Business (19)
Communication & Literacy Skills (01)
English as a Second Language (54)
Health/Family & Consumer Sciences (21)

Latin & Classical Humanities (15)
Physical Education (22)
Visual Art (17)

PURPOSE OF THE MTEL PILOT TEST

An important step in the test development process is the pilot-testing of test items. Pilot-testing is designed to collect information about the items.

WHAT IS THE PILOT TEST?

The pilot test consists of responding to multiple-choice questions and/or open-response assignments. The pilot test takes approximately 1½ to 2 hours to complete. For each pilot test that you complete, you will receive either a \$35 voucher to use for a future MTEL registration or \$30 in Barnes & Noble gift cards. Participants may take up to three pilot tests.

AM I ELIGIBLE TO TAKE A PILOT TEST?

Those eligible to participate in the pilot test are candidates who will be seeking a Massachusetts license in one of the fields listed above, including students in educator preparation programs, students with post-secondary education, and persons who have been recently licensed. Faculty members at educator preparation programs are not eligible to participate.

ARE PILOT-TEST SCORES RELEASED?

Because information from the pilot test will be used to evaluate the test questions, score information will not be provided to participants, institutions, or the Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. Pilot-test results will be analyzed as group data only and will be kept confidential. Performance on a pilot test will not affect your test scores or licensure status.

HOW CAN I COMPLETE A PILOT TEST?

To take a pilot test, please go to the room(s) designated at the test site for this purpose. See posted signs or go to the Information Table for room location(s).

If you are not registered to take the MTEL on November 21, but want to participate in the pilot test, PLEASE BE SURE TO BRING A VALID PHOTO ID (DRIVER'S LICENSE OR COLLEGE ID) FOR ADMITTANCE INTO THE PILOT TEST. Pilot testing is available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. for non-registered candidates. **NO ADMITTANCE PRIOR TO 10 A.M.**

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