

# National Evaluation Series (NES)

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### What is the NES?

[The NES](#) is a contemporary, 100 percent computer-based teacher certification testing program, using cutting edge methods in test development, delivery, and support. A comprehensive, dynamic testing program aligned to professionally accepted national learning standards, the NES offers states a new choice in teacher certification tests.

### What is pilot testing?

Pilot testing is designed to collect information about the test items. The pilot test forms will contain a sample of multiple-choice and open-response items. Open response items are only included on select tests. A pilot test form will take about two hours to complete. Each participant is eligible for compensation for a maximum of **eight** pilot tests.

### What are the benefits of participating?

For each pilot test form completed, participants will receive one of the following incentives:

\$75.00 electronic [Penguin Books](#) gift code  
\$40.00 check

### How will I receive my incentive?

At the end of the test, you will be asked to select one of the incentives. If you select either of the gift code options, a screen will prompt you to enter and confirm your email address. If you select the check option, you will be provided with instructions that direct you to send in your physical test administration receipt, and to include your valid social security number. Test administration receipts must be sent to:

Evaluation Systems group of Pearson  
Attn: NES Pilot Incentive  
P.O. Box 226  
Amherst, MA 01004

Please allow approximately 14 days for your electronic incentive to arrive via email, and 6 to 8 weeks for your check to arrive via postal mail.

### If I am a Faculty member, are there incentives for me if my students participate?

Faculty members are encouraged to share pilot test information with their students. If a faculty member provides the names and contact information of 10 students who register and take a pilot test, the faculty member will be eligible for a \$50 [Penguin Books](#) voucher. Each faculty member is eligible to submit **up to 100** student names. (Note: all students must register and take a pilot test.)

### How do faculty members provide student names?

1. Faculty members are encouraged to pass along pilot test information to their students, including registration process details.
2. Faculty members can send an email to [NESTestRecruit@pearson.com](mailto:NESTestRecruit@pearson.com), and include the names and email addresses for **groups of 10** students who have been informed of pilot test opportunities. Each faculty member is eligible to submit **up to 100** student names. (Note: all students must register and take a pilot test.)
3. Faculty members must include their own name and contact information in the email for incentive tracking purposes.

Students are responsible for registering to take pilot tests. Faculty members are encouraged to remind their students of the pilot test opportunities and the cancellation policy.

### How do I register for a NES pilot test?

There is no cost for you to take a pilot test. Please register [online](#). Select *create a new web account* in order to create your personal profile. Then, you will be able to register for a NES pilot test at one of many Pearson VUE sites across the country.

### Who is eligible to take a NES pilot test?

Candidates who will be seeking a teaching license and would be required to take any licensure examination, including students in educator preparation programs, students with post-secondary education, and persons who have recently been licensed. Faculty members are not eligible to participate.

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### How do I prepare for the NES pilot test?

A good pilot tester is someone who makes an earnest effort to complete the test and to carefully review all test questions. A good pilot tester should thoughtfully consider test item answers.

### Will I receive score information?

Because information from the pilot tests will be used to evaluate test questions for the NES program, score information will not be provided. Pilot test results will be kept confidential.

### How are the tests developed?

The NES has been developed by the most experienced company in standards-based teacher certification testing. Each of the NES tests was carefully developed using the rigorous process described on our NES program [Web site](#).

### How do I re-schedule my appointment?

If you currently have a scheduled exam in one or more of the NES pilot test fields listed below, please note that if you need to cancel that you will not be able to re-schedule your exam(s) for the same field(s).

Because pilot test registration quotas have been met in these fields, they are no longer open for new registrations, which include re-scheduling appointments.

001 Essential Academic Skills Subtest I: Reading  
002 Essential Academic Skills Subtest II: Writing  
003 Essential Academic Skills Subtest III: Mathematics  
004 Essential Academic Skills Subtest IV: Technology Literacy  
051 Assessment of Professional Knowledge-Elementary  
052 Assessment of Professional Knowledge-Secondary  
101 Early Childhood Education  
102 Elementary Education 1  
103 Elementary Education 2  
104 Essential Components of Elementary Reading Instruction  
201 Middle Grades English Language Arts  
202 Middle Grades Social Science  
203 Middle Grades Mathematics  
204 Middle Grades General Science  
301 English Language Arts  
302 History  
303 Social Science  
304 Mathematics  
305 Biology  
307 Earth and Space Science  
310 Family and Consumer Sciences  
401 Spanish  
501 School Counselor  
503 Art  
504 Music  
505 Health  
506 Physical Education  
507 English to Speakers of Other Languages  
601 Special Education

Please note these fields are still available for currently scheduled examinees to take and complete their tests.

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If you are unable to keep a currently scheduled appointment for one or more of the test fields (listed above, on page 2) that are no longer open for new registrations, including re-scheduling appointments, for any reason, please:

1. **Reschedule** for a different field for which you feel qualified and which is currently open, **or**
2. Plan to **cancel** your currently scheduled test at least 24 hours before your scheduled test time by logging in to your Pearson VUE account.

### What if I need cancel my appointment?

If you are unable to take your test at the date, time, and location for which you registered, or if you are unable to attend any test session, please log in to your Pearson VUE account to cancel your session. You must cancel at least 24 hours in advance. *Evaluation Systems group of Pearson is charged for no-shows and cancellations less than 24 hours in advance of your scheduled test, so please make every effort to reschedule or cancel. Thank you.*

### Will I need to bring a graphing calculator for the Mathematics pilot test?

Yes, see information below.

## Approved Graphing Calculators

Examinees taking the 304 Mathematics pilot test must bring their own graphing calculator but may **not** bring a calculator manual. No graphing calculators will be provided to examinees by Pearson VUE or Evaluation Systems.

The brands and models listed below may be used. Approved calculator brands and models are subject to change.

Manufacturer	Approved Models
Casio	FX 1.0-PLUS, FX7400G, FX7400G-PLUS, FX9750G-PLUS, CFX-9850G, CFX-9850G-PLUS, CFX-9850GA, CFX-9850GA-PLUS, CFX-9850GB-PLUS, CFX-9850GB-PLUS-we, CFX-9850GC-PLUS, CFX-9970G, Algebra FX 2.0 (ALGFX2.0) (and similar models)
Sharp	EL-9300, EL-9600, EL-9600c, EL-9900 (and similar models)
Texas Instruments	TI-73, TI-80, TI-81, TI-82, TI-83, TI-83 Plus, TI-83 Plus Silver, TI-84, TI-84 Plus, TI-84 Plus Silver, TI-85, TI-86 (and similar models)
Hewlett-Packard	HP 9g, HP 40g (and similar models)

Calculator memories need **not** be cleared. Computers, calculators with QWERTY (typewriter) keyboards, and electronic writing pads are **NOT** allowed.

**Cameras, cell phones, and other communication devices are NOT permitted in the testing room.**

### What if I have additional questions?

Please contact us via email at [NESTestRecruit@pearson.com](mailto:NESTestRecruit@pearson.com) or via telephone at 1-800-877-4595.