

## Teaching Endorsement Testing Requirements

**Washington State Requirement:** All teacher certification candidates and teachers adding endorsements pass specific content knowledge test(s) for each endorsement they will earn.

**WEST E / NES Endorsement Area Test is an entrance requirement for Washington State Alternative Route to Certification Programs (RCW 28A.660.040).**

### **The Content Knowledge Tests are:**

Washington Educator Skills Test-Endorsement (WEST-E): [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com)

National Evaluation Series (NES) tests: [www.west.nesinc.com](http://www.west.nesinc.com)

**Test Preparation:** Preparation materials are available on the test vendor's website. Take time to review all the free preparation materials.

**Test administration:** All tests are multiple-choice, computer-based and offered year round. You must wait 30-45 calendar days after taking a test before retaking the same test. There are many test sites throughout Washington. Most test sites are open Monday – Friday; a few locations are open on Saturday.

### **Registration is a two-step process:**

1. Set up your account with the test vendor, indicate the test(s) you need to take and pay. Payment is valid for any test date in the testing year.
  2. The test vendor emails you an 'authorization to test.' Using this, you sign back in and select the site, date and time you want. Seat availability is first come/first serve.
- **Vouchers:** A very limited number of financial aid vouchers are available to cover the cost of a WEST-E test. Go to <https://wce.wwu.edu/cert/content-test-resource-site> to apply.
  - **Fee Waivers:** For NES tests: (Early Childhood Education; Elementary Education; English Language Arts; Mathematics; and Reading). Apply directly to the test vendor: [www.nestest.com/Content/Docs/NES\\_FeeWaiverRequestForm.pdf](http://www.nestest.com/Content/Docs/NES_FeeWaiverRequestForm.pdf).
  - **Score reporting:** You will receive unofficial results at the conclusion of your test. Official test results will be posted on the test vendor's website 2 to 4 weeks later. Keep your official test results with your important documents for future reference.

**Language Testing:** American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL), Oral and Written tests for candidates seeking a foreign language or bilingual endorsement. See the ACTFL informational flyer: <https://wce.wwu.edu/cert/content-test-resource-site>

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## 2016 – 2017 Testing Year

**WEST-E conversion to NES tests:** If you have passed a WEST-E test, your passing test score is valid for endorsement and/or certification.

Tests listed alphabetically by name (WEST-E unless designated NES)	Testing Time
NES: Art (503)	135 minutes
Bilingual Education (050) must also pass the **ACTFL tests at the Advanced-Mid Level or higher	135 minutes
NES: Biology (305)	150 minutes
NES: Chemistry (306)	150 minutes
Dance (054)	135 minutes
Designated World Languages (100) Required for Spanish, German, Japanese, Mandarin-Chinese or French endorsement, along with passage of the **ACTFL tests at the Advanced-Low Level or higher	75 minutes
NES: Early Childhood Education (101)	180 minutes
Early Childhood Special Education (071)	135 minutes
NES: Earth and Space Science (307)	150 minutes
NES: Elementary Education Subtest 1: Reading, English Language Arts, Social Studies (102)	90 minutes
NES: Elementary Education Subtest 2: Math, Science, The Arts, Health & Fitness (103)	90 minutes
NES: English Language Arts (301)	180 minutes
English Language Learners (051)	135 minutes
Health & Fitness (029)	150 minutes
NES: Mathematics (304)	255 minutes
NES: Middle Grades General Science (204)	150 minutes
Middle Level Humanities: Subtest 1: English (052)	75 minutes
Middle Level Humanities: Subtest 2: Social Studies (053)	75 minutes
*NES: Music (504)	135 minutes
*Music: Choral (056)	135 minutes
*Music: Instrumental (057)	135 minutes
NES: Physics (308)	225 minutes
NES: Essential Components of Elementary <b>Reading</b> Instruction (104)	180 minutes
NES: Science (311)	150 minutes
Social Studies (028)	150 minutes
Special Education (070)	135 minutes
Theatre Arts (055)	135 minutes

\* Offered at a limited number of locations (closest are Seattle, WA and Vancouver, Canada)

\*\* For information on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Language (ACTFL) tests see the ACTFL informational flyer: <https://wce.wvu.edu/cert/content-test-resource-site>