

Date: 6/25/2014  
 To: LEA Human Resource Officers  
 From: Licensure Operations  
 RE: Code 49-6-6006

Public Chapter 49 -6-6006, as enacted, specifies that an educator may not teach a course in which an end-of-course examination is required for students to satisfy graduation requirements set by the state board of education, if the educator does not possess a content specific endorsement for the subject area of the course, unless the teacher demonstrates sufficient content knowledge in the course material by taking, at the educator's own expense, and passing a standardized or criterion-referenced test for the content area.

All teachers of record for courses in which there is a state-level, end of course exam must meet one of these requirements on or before 1/1/14:

- A. Hold the subject specific endorsement to teach the course, **OR**
- B. Pass the relevant content assessment indicating sufficient content knowledge.

All teachers who are endorsed in the subject specific content area for the end of course class(es) that they teach **OR** have already taken and passed the relevant content specialty exam are already in compliance with the new law.

End-Of-Course Class	Requirements
Algebra I and Integrated I	<b>5161</b> – Mathematics: Content Knowledge  <b>OR</b>  <b>5169</b> – Middle School: Mathematics <i>(educators electing to take this test <b>must</b> also attend a state-approved training in Algebra I in accordance with TN 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).</i>
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

Questions related to compliance should be directed to the Office of Educator Licensing by phone at 615532-4885 or by email at [Education.Licensing@tn.gov](mailto:Education.Licensing@tn.gov).