Key Licensure Assessment #8:
Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Test: Grades 5-9

Middle Childhood Education
Overview
Undergraduate Initial Teacher Preparation Program
Educator Preparation Unit
Muskingum University

1. Description of the Assessment and Its Use in the Program

Key Licensure Assessment #8 is an Educational Testing Service (ETS) test required by the State Board of Education of Ohio. The test assesses four areas: (a) Students as Learners: student development and the learning process, students as diverse learners, and student motivation and the learning environment; (b) Instruction and Assessment: instructional strategies; planning instruction, and assessment strategies; (c) Teacher Professionalism: reflective practitioner and the larger community; and (d) Communication Techniques: basic, effective verbal and nonverbal communication techniques; effect of cultural and gender differences on communications in the classroom; and types of communications and interactions that can stimulate discussion in different ways for particular purposes. For purposes of Key Licensure Assessment #8, interest is only on the Teacher Professionalism categories of the test.

In order to (a) exit the licensure program at Gateway 3 and (b) be recommended to the Ohio Department of Education for licensure, a candidate must meet one of the following conditions:

(1) Raw Points Earned for the Teacher Professionalism (multiple-choice questions) test category plus Raw Points Earned for the Teacher Professionalism (case history/short-answer questions) test category divided by the total Raw Points Available for both test categories must be equal to or greater than 60 percent

OR

(2) Raw Points Earned for the Teacher Professionalism (multiple-choice questions) test category must fall with Average Performance Range and Raw Points Earned for the Teacher Professionalism (case history/short-answer questions) test category must fall within Average Performance Range.

2. Description of How the Assessment Specifically Aligns with the Association of Middle Level Education (AMLE) Standards (2001)

The following elements of the AMLE standards are evaluated through this key licensure assessment.

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<th>Element 7K2:</th>
<th>Understand the importance of their influence on all young adolescents</th>
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<td>Element 7K3:</td>
<td>Are knowledgeable about their responsibility for upholding high professional standards</td>
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3. **Assessment Instrument**

The *Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Test: Grades 5-9* assessment (#0523) is a two-hour test. The test consists of 12 short-answer questions and 24 multiple-choice questions. The test is administered through and graded by Educational Testing Service (ETS).

4. **Scoring Guide**

The Institution is unable to provide the scoring guide for the assessment since the *Praxis II Principles of Learning and Teaching Test: Grades 5-9* is the property of Educational Testing Service (ETS).