16 NCAC 06 C .0391 is proposed for adoption as follows:

16 NCAC 06 C .0391 TESTING EXEMPTIONS FOR ADMISSION INTO AN EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM

(a) A student seeking admission to an Educator Preparation Program (EPP) shall be exempt from taking the Praxis assessment if he or she meets one of the following conditions:

1. For SAT scores prior to March 2016:
   
   (A) Individuals with a total SAT score of 1100 are exempt from Praxis Core testing requirements;
   
   (B) Individuals with a total SAT score of less than 1100 but a score of at least 550 on the Verbal test are exempt from the Preprofessional Skills Tests in Reading and Writing; and
   
   (C) Individuals with a total SAT score of less than 1100 but a score of at least 550 on the Math test are exempt from the Preprofessional Skills Test in Mathematics.

2. For SAT scores after March 2016:

   (A) Individuals with a total SAT score of 1170 are exempt from Praxis Core testing requirements;
   
   (B) Individuals with a total SAT score of less than 1170, but a score of at least 600 on the evidence-based reading and writing test are exempt from the Preprofessional Skills Tests in Reading and Writing; and
   
   (C) Individuals with a total SAT score of less than 1170 but a score of at least 570 on the Math test are exempt from the Preprofessional Skills Test in Mathematics.

3. For ACT scores:

   (A) Individuals with a composite ACT score of 24 or higher are exempt from Praxis Core testing requirements;
   
   (B) Individuals with a composite ACT score of less than 24, but with a score of at least 24 on the English test are exempt from the Preprofessional Skills Tests in Reading and Writing; and
   
   (C) Individuals with a composite ACT score of less than 24, but a score of at least 24 on the Math test are exempt from the Preprofessional Skills Test in Mathematics.

(b) In the event that either the College Board or ACT changes the scaling of their respective assessments, the SBE shall use concordance information from the testing vendor to establish new cut scores for exemption from the Praxis assessments.

(c) The passing scores for the Praxis assessment are established by the test vendor and approved by the State Board of Education.

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