



Oregon Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

Meeting Agenda

Thursday, March 19, 2026

Mission: *To ensure Oregon schools have access to well trained, effective and accountable education professionals so all students have the opportunity to reach their full potential.*

Vision: *Enhance our ability to deliver our core services, while expanding our contributions to the development of a diverse educator community that meets the evolving needs of Oregon's schools, students and education professionals.*

Values: *The following principles guide and inform fulfillment of our Mission, Vision and daily responsibilities:*

- **Equity, diversity, and inclusion** for every group and individual
- **Academic excellence** at all levels
- **Respect** for all people
- **Equal access** to education and educational opportunities
- **Professional ethics and integrity**
- **Listening to education professionals and partners**
- **Advocating for education professionals and K-12 students**
- **Promoting safety and welfare** of the education community
- **Continual growth and development** of ourselves and those we serve
- **A comprehensive approach** to education that encompasses the social, emotional, academic, physical, and ethical needs of all students and their communities

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2. **Educator Preparation & Pathway Committee**

Dr. Michelle York, Chair
Dr. Carrie Kondor
Samantha Herron
Dr. Alfonso Garcia Arriola
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3. **Welcome**

Dr. Michelle York, Chair

4. **New Program Proposals, Major Modifications, and Waivers**

Dr. Michelle York, Chair

4.1. **Major Modification Requests**

EP&PC members will determine whether to:

- Approve the requests and forward them to the full Commission for placement on the program consent agenda with a recommendation for approval;
- Require additional information from the requestor; or
- Disapprove the request.

4.1.1. George Fox University (GFU): Major modification request to the Undergraduate Teacher Education (UGTE) program for preservice candidates to revise coursework and program structure;
Dr. Bill Rhoades

4.1.2. George Fox University (GFU): Major modification request to the Undergraduate Accelerated Teaching Degree (ATD) program for

preservice candidates to restructure the program as a streamlined bachelor's degree licensure pathway

Dr. Bill Rhoades

5. **Committee Business Items**

5.1. **ORELA/NES Content Knowledge Assessment Revisions**

Dr. Bill Rhoades

- Commission action is required to adopt content knowledge assessments, approve new versions of exams and passing scores, and to retire the current exams that will be replaced.
- For this item, committee members will consider adoption of redeveloped versions of five Pearson ORELA/NES content knowledge assessments provided in the item table.
- If approved, these adoptions will become effective September 1, 2026, and the previous versions of redeveloped exams may be accepted to demonstrate content knowledge mastery until September 1, 2027.
- Required passing scores for these ORELA/NES exams is at the national benchmark of 220.

Redeveloped ORELA/NES Assessments

Endorsement	Assessment Name	Previous Test Code	Revised Test Code
Advanced Mathematics	Mathematics	304	326
Music	Music	504	513
Physical Education	Physical Education	506	516
Physics	Physics	308	323
Social Studies	Social Science	303	325

5.2. **Scheduling EP&PC Meetings**

Dr. Bill Rhoades

EP&PC meetings typically occur approximately three weeks prior to Commission meetings in order to consider program requests such as new program proposals, major modification requests, and Commission-required waiver requests. At the meeting, EP&PC members will determine if the meeting dates and times listed below are acceptable.

Proposed EP&PC Meeting Dates & Times <i>(approximately <u>three</u> weeks prior to Commission)</i>	Commission Meeting Dates
May 28, 2026, 3:30-5:30 p.m.	June 22-24, 2026
September 24, 2026, 3:30-5:30 p.m.	October 16, 2026
January 14, 2027, 3:30-5:30 p.m.	February 5, 2027
March 18, 2027, 3:30-5:30 p.m.	April 9, 2027

6. **Rule Proposals and Revisions: EP&PC Initial Review**

6.1. **Program Standards Updates to Align with Current Literacy Standards**

Dr. Bill Rhoades

Updates the following rules to align to current literacy standards and eliminates references to previous reading and dyslexia standards (OAR 584-420-0015 Reading Instruction: Program Standards and OAR 584-420-0016 Dyslexia and other Reading Difficulties: Program Standards).

- Aligned to OAR 584-440-0015 Literacy: Program Standards:
 - OAR 584-420-0345 Elementary Education — Multiple Subjects: Program Standards
 - OAR 584-420-0440 Reading Interventionist: Program Standards
 - OAR 584-420-0460 Special Education: Program Standards
- Aligned to OAR 584-430-0300 Administrator Literacy: Program Standards:
 - OAR 584-430-0100 Principal License: Program Standards
 - OAR 584-430-0200 Professional Administrator License: Program Standards

Planned timeline:

- **EP&PC: March 19, meeting** - Initial discussion;
- Rules Advisory Committee (RAC): April 23, 2026
- **EP&PC: May 28, 2026, meeting** (exact meeting date to be determined during this meeting) - Second review of language with RAC feedback;
- Commission review: June 22-24, 2026;
- Effective date: September 1, 2026.

7. **Information Items**

The remaining items are included for information only. If EP&PC members wish to discuss any of these matters further, the item(s) can be pulled for discussion at this point in the meeting.

Dr. Michelle York, Chair

7.1. **Early Literacy Implementation Update**

Dr. Bill Rhoades

Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs) continue to be deeply engaged in the planning and preparation for the implementation of Oregon's recently adopted early literacy standards. These standards were recommended by the Governor-appointed Early Literacy Educator Preparation Council (ELEPC) and adopted by TSPC in July of 2024. Since our last update:

- Winter Presentations: 11 of 14 EPPs have shared their Winter 2026 updated implementation plans and their presentations to TSPC staff in support of those plans. The EP&P team have begun initial reviews of the updated plans and are reviewing each more deeply as they meet with individual EPPs for their winter presentations.
- Capacity Building: A number of representatives of our EPPs are working to organize communities of practice to build capacity and support development of specific elements of their program and implementation planning. It was determined that we would extend our monthly Cross EPP sessions to make time

for these CoPs and we held our first session on March 4th. Our EPPs have been leading these strategy/tool sharing sessions as many are launching or piloting aspects of their revisions this winter and spring. Others have been able to share successful strategies and/or tools they have found or developed themselves.

- EP&P Recommendations to Commission: TSPC staff will ultimately present to the Commission a recommendation to "approve the staff recommendation that the (named) EPPs are on track for full implementation in the FALL of 2026. A number of plans will be presented at the April Commission and others at the June meeting. Again, full statewide implementation is scheduled to begin in Fall 2026.

We continue to appreciate the efforts of Oregon EPPs to build their capacity to deliver the early literacy standards. As we have stated before, this collaborative, continuous improvement-oriented process will ensure Oregon's future educators are prepared with strong Science of Reading-aligned literacy practices to support all students in becoming proficient readers.

7.2. ***Future Meetings***

Dr. Michelle York, Chair

- To be determined at this meeting

8. **Adjournment**

Dr. Michelle York, Chair



National Benchmark Conference Report

Conducted Online October 1, 2025
Mathematics (326)

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OVERVIEW

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- Mathematics (326)

The following three groups of educators were recruited to participate on the panels:

1. Experienced public-school educators who have worked directly with teacher candidates (student teachers)
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All panelists were approved by the Director of Assessment Programs or designee prior to being invited to serve on the National Benchmark Panel. For a breakdown of the panel composition, refer to Appendix A.

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NATIONAL BENCHMARK PROCESS

An iterative procedure was used in which panelists provided item-level ratings using procedures commonly referred to as a modified-Angoff method. After an orientation to the item rating methods, the panelists reviewed the test and were guided through two rounds of independent benchmark ratings. Each panel's aggregated ratings provided information about the expected test-level performance of just acceptably qualified candidates for initial licensure.

ORIENTATION

Panelists were provided an orientation that included the background to the National Evaluation Series™ test development, an overview of the test development process, including specific explanation of the benchmark process, the concept of the “just acceptably qualified candidate,” and the judgments about test items that the panelists would be asked to make. Panelists were encouraged to ask questions about the meeting's purpose before moving to the next step.

SIMULATED TEST-TAKING ACTIVITY

Panelists engaged in a simulated test-taking activity to familiarize themselves with the knowledge and skills measured by the test items. Each panelist was provided with a copy of the first operational test form and the test framework and was asked to read and answer the questions on the test without referring to the answer key. Panelists were then provided with the answer key and asked to score their own answers. Panelists were encouraged to write in their copy of the test booklet and to write notes to assist them with their review.

JUST ACCEPTABLY QUALIFIED CANDIDATE

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Just Acceptably Qualified Candidate

Just at the level of knowledge and skills important for effective job performance as a beginning teacher in a classroom in public schools

ROUND ONE: ITEM-BASED JUDGMENTS

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To prepare for making their judgments, panelists were informed of the factors potentially influencing candidate performance, such as complexity of the items, content tested, item context, and language. In addition, the panelists completed a training exercise with sample test items with a range of item difficulty.

Panel members were asked to consider the group of “just acceptably qualified candidates” having the baseline pedagogical content knowledge and knowledge of professional responsibilities as in the respective test frameworks. Applying their professional judgments in response to the question below, each panel member provided an independent rating for each multiple-choice item indicating what percent of this group would provide a correct response for each item.

Imagine a hypothetical group of individuals who are just at the level of knowledge and skills required to perform the job of an initially certified educator in this field in U.S. public schools.

What percent of this group would answer the item correctly?

0% - 10%	=	1	51% - 60%	=	6
11% - 20%	=	2	61% - 70%	=	7
21% - 30%	=	3	71% - 80%	=	8
31% - 40%	=	4	81% - 90%	=	9
41% - 50%	=	5	91% - 100%	=	10

ROUND ONE: ANALYSIS

After the panelists completed their item ratings, Pearson analyzed their rating forms to produce Round One Item Rating Summaries to be given to each panelist. The reports were prepared for each test and contained the panelist's rating, the median rating provided by all panelists rating the item, and the distribution of ratings across all panelists.

ROUND TWO: ITEM-BASED JUDGMENTS

For Round Two, panelists were provided with the Item Rating Summary from Round One. Pearson facilitators explained how to read and interpret the summary. Panelists were provided with an opportunity to ask for further clarification of how to read and interpret the analyses.

Each panelist was given an opportunity to review the ratings for each item on the test in their field made by the group of panelists and compare these ratings to his/her own. Panelists then had an opportunity to discuss the items. Based on their review of the analyses provided, panelists had the opportunity to provide a second rating to replace the first rating for any items.

ROUND TWO: ANALYSIS

After the panelists completed their Round 2 ratings, Pearson analyzed their rating forms. A Round 2 Rating Summary was produced and contained the following information: a) number of scorable items on the test form, b) number of raters, c) sum of item medians (i.e., panel-based standard for each component), and d) distribution of individual rater results sorted in descending order by score value. The Round 2 Rating Summary was based on the panel members' final rating on each item (i.e., either the unchanged Round 1 rating or the Round 2 rating if it is different from the Round 1 rating). The Round 2 Rating Summary was used by facilitators to confirm the completion of the benchmarking process. Panelists were not provided with a Round 2 Rating Summary, as the information they provided during Round 2 was final.

CONFERENCE EVALUATION

Following all activities, panel members completed a Conference Evaluation Form (see Appendix B) that allowed each panelist to anonymously rate various aspects of the National Benchmark Conference and record any comments they may have had, including about specific item content.

NATIONAL BENCHMARK RESULTS

Following the conference, Pearson calculated a recommended passing standard, or National Benchmark, for each test area based on second round ratings provided by the panel members. The National Benchmark was then scaled to a score of 220 on a scale of 100–300.

The recommended standard represents the number of multiple-choice questions a candidate must answer correctly to earn a scaled score of 220.

Table 1: National Evaluation Series™ Test Fields National Benchmarks

Field Test	Total # of Items	National Benchmark
Mathematics	80	58

Appendix A

National Benchmark Conference

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Mathematics	
National Benchmark Panel	
October 1, 2025	
Affiliation	
K-12	10
EPP	0
Gender	
Female	6
Male	4
Declined to State	0
Ethnicity	
American Indian/Alaska Native	0
Asian	0
Black/African American	2
Hispanic/Latino	2
Other	0
White	6
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Note:

EPP: Educator Preparation Program faculty member

Appendix B

Conference Evaluation Form



National Evaluation Series National Benchmark Conference Evaluation Form

Please respond to the following questions by selecting a rating on each scale.

1. Please enter the content area for the conference you are participating in.

Enter your answer

2. Rater ID Number (optional)

Enter your answer

3. How well do you feel you understood the training that you received for making your standard setting judgments?

1	2	3	4	5
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Not At All Well

Very Well

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4. How confident are you of the standard setting judgments you made?

1	2	3	4	5
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5. How satisfied are you that you were able to complete the work you were asked to do in the time that was provided?

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6. How successful were the coordination and logistics of the Standard Setting Conference?

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7. Overall, how satisfied are you with the standard setting review process in which you participated?

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8. Please provide any additional comments about the standard setting activities.

Enter your answer





National Benchmark Conference Report

Conducted Online November 14, 2024

Music (513)

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Physical Education (516)

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OVERVIEW

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- Physics (323)
- Physical Education (516)

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ORIENTATION

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Imagine a hypothetical group of individuals who are just at the level of knowledge and skills required to perform the job of an initially certified educator in this field in U.S. public schools.

What percent of this group would answer the item correctly?

0% - 10%	=	1	51% - 60%	=	6
11% - 20%	=	2	61% - 70%	=	7
21% - 30%	=	3	71% - 80%	=	8
31% - 40%	=	4	81% - 90%	=	9
41% - 50%	=	5	91% - 100%	=	10

ROUND ONE: ANALYSIS

After the panelists completed their item ratings, Pearson analyzed their rating forms to produce Round One Item Rating Summaries to be given to each panelist. The reports were prepared for each test and contained the panelist's rating, the median rating provided by all panelists rating the item, and the distribution of ratings across all panelists.

ROUND TWO: ITEM-BASED JUDGMENTS

For Round Two, panelists were provided with the Item Rating Summary from Round One. Pearson facilitators explained how to read and interpret the summary. Panelists were provided with an opportunity to ask for further clarification of how to read and interpret the analyses.

Each panelist was given an opportunity to review the ratings for each item on the test in their field made by the group of panelists and compare these ratings to his/her own. Panelists then had an opportunity to discuss the items. Based on their review of the analyses provided, panelists had the opportunity to provide a second rating to replace the first rating for any items.

ROUND TWO: ANALYSIS

After the panelists completed their Round 2 ratings, Pearson analyzed their rating forms. A Round 2 Rating Summary was produced and contained the following information: a) number of scorable items on the test form, b) number of raters, c) sum of item medians (i.e., panel-based standard for each component), and d) distribution of individual rater results sorted in descending order by score value. The Round 2 Rating Summary was based on the panel members' final rating on each item (i.e., either the unchanged Round 1 rating or the Round 2 rating if it is different from the Round 1 rating). The Round 2 Rating Summary was used by facilitators to confirm the completion of the benchmarking process. Panelists were not provided with a Round 2 Rating Summary, as the information they provided during Round 2 was final.

CONFERENCE EVALUATION

Following all activities, panel members completed a Conference Evaluation Form (see Appendix B) that allowed each panelist to anonymously rate various aspects of the National Benchmark Conference and record any comments they may have had, including about specific item content.

NATIONAL BENCHMARK RESULTS

Following the conference, Pearson calculated a recommended passing standard, or National Benchmark, for each test area based on second round ratings provided by the panel members. The National Benchmark was then scaled to a score of 220 on a scale of 100–300.

The recommended standard represents the number of multiple-choice questions a candidate must answer correctly to earn a scaled score of 220.

Table 1: National Evaluation Series™ Test Fields National Benchmarks

Field Test	Total # of Items	National Benchmark
Physics	80	57
Physical Education	80	57

Appendix A

National Benchmark Conference

Panelists

Physics	
National Benchmark Panel	
April 23, 2025	
Affiliation	
K-12	12
EPP	1
Gender	
Female	8
Male	5
Declined to State	0
Ethnicity	
American Indian/Alaska Native	0
Asian	2
Black/African American	3
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	1
White	7
Declined to State	0

Note:

EPP: Educator Preparation Program faculty member

Physical Education National Benchmark Panel April 28, 2025	
Affiliation	
K-12	8
EPP	4
Gender	
Female	8
Male	4
Declined to State	0
Ethnicity	
American Indian/Alaska Native	0
Asian	0
Black/African American	1
Hispanic/Latino	0
Other	0
White	11
Declined to State	0

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Appendix B

Conference Evaluation Form



National Evaluation Series National Benchmark Conference Evaluation Form

Please respond to the following questions by selecting a rating on each scale.

1. Please enter the content area for the conference you are participating in.

Enter your answer

2. Rater ID Number (optional)

Enter your answer

3. How well do you feel you understood the training that you received for making your standard setting judgments?

1	2	3	4	5
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Not At All Well

Very Well

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4. How confident are you of the standard setting judgments you made?

1	2	3	4	5
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Not At All Confident Very Confident

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8. Please provide any additional comments about the standard setting activities.

Enter your answer





National Benchmark Conference Report

Conducted Online September 30, 2025
Social Science (325)

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<u>Series 325: Social Science</u>	<u>2024 Oregon Social Science Standards</u>
I. World History and Historical Thinking and Skills	
0001 Understand major developments in world history from early civilizations to 1600 CE.	6/7.H.CH.3 6/7.H.CC.4-.5 6/7.H.CP.14-.15 6/7.C.PI.1-.2, .4 6/7.C.IR.6-.7 6/7.C.DP.9 6/7.E.IC.9 6/7.E.10.ST-.11.ST

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<p>0002 Understand major developments in world history from 1600 to the present.</p>	<p>HS.US.CC.7, .9 HS.US.CE.10 HS.US.CP.16 HS.WR.CH.1-.2 HS.WR.CC.3-.6 HS.WR.CE.7-.9 HS.WR.CP.10-.19 6/7.C.PI.4 6/7.E.IC.9 6/7.E.10.ST 8.E.MI.7</p>
<p>0003 Understand historical thinking and skills.</p>	<p>Essential Disciplinary Practices II, III, IV, V, VI, VII, VIII, IX</p>

II. U.S. History

0004 Understand major developments in early U.S. history to 1877.

- 6/7.H.CC.6
- 6/7.H.CE.7
- 6/7.H.CP.13
- 8.H.CH.1-.2
- 8.H.CC.4
- 8.H.CE.5-.8
- HS.US.CH.1, .3-.4
- HS.US.CP.18
- HS.WR.CH.2
- 8.C.PI.2-.5
- 8.C.CE.12
- 8.G.HE.7
- 6/7.E.10.ST
- 8.E.MI.6
- 8.E.ST.9
- HS.E.MI.7
- HS.E.ST.15

<u>Series 325: Social Science</u>	<u>2024 Oregon Social Science Standards</u>
<p>0005 Understand major developments in U.S. history from 1877 to the present.</p>	<p>HS.US.CH.2-.4 HS.US.CC.5-.8 HS.US.CE.10-.11 HS.US.CP.12-.19 HS.WR.CH.2 8.C.CE.13-.14, .18 HS.C.DP.12 8.E.MI.6 HS.E.MI.7 HS.E.ST.15</p>

<u>Series 325: Social Science</u>	<u>2024 Oregon Social Science Standards</u>
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<p>0006 Understand civic participation and skills, the roles and systems of government, and the rights and responsibilities of U.S. citizenship.</p>	<p>6/7.C.PI.3 6/7.C.IR.6, .8 6/7.C.CE.10 8.C.PI.1, .6 8.C.IR.9 8.C.CE.12-.14 HS.C.PI.1-2 HS.C.IR.9-10 HS.C.DP.17 HS.C.CE.19</p>
<p>0007 Understand basic principles of the U.S. Constitution and the structure and functions of different branches and levels of government in the United States.</p>	<p>6/7.C.PI.5 8.C.PI.7-.8 8.C.DP.10-.11 HS.C.PI.3, .5-.7 HS.C.IR.8 HS.C.IR.11 HS.C.DP.13-.16</p>

<u>Series 325: Social Science</u>	<u>2024 Oregon Social Science Standards</u>
IV. World Geography	
<p>0008 Understand spatial thinking, geographic tools and skills, and physical and cultural features of places and regions.</p>	<p>6/7.G.GR.1-.2 6/7.G.MM.3 6/7.G.HI.4 8.G.GR.1-.2 8.G.MM.3 8.G.HI.5-.6 8.G.HE.7 HS.G.GR.1 HS.G.MM.2 HS.G.HI.6-.7</p>
<p>0009 Understand human systems.</p>	<p>6/7.G.MM.3 6/7.G.HI.4-.5 6/7.G.HE.6-.7 8.G.GR.1-.2 8.G.MM.3-.4 8.G.HI.5-.6 8.G.HE.7 HS.G.MM.2-.5 HS.G.HI.7-8 HS.G.HE.9-.11</p>

<u>Series 325: Social Science</u>	<u>2024 Oregon Social Science Standards</u>
V. Economics and Financial Literacy	
0010 Understand the core ideas in economics.	6/7.E.MI.4-.7 6/7.E.IC.8 6/7.E.12.ST 8.E.MI.5 8.E.IC.8 HS.E.MI.1-.4, .6 HS.E.IC.8-.10 HS.E.ST.11-.14
0011 Understand fundamental concepts of financial literacy.	6/7.E.ES.1-.3 8.E.ES.1-.4 HS.E.MI.5