



## PAPA Composite Score Option

Effective September 1, 2012, the Pennsylvania Department of Education implemented the "Composite Score Option" for the Pre-service Academic Performance Assessments (PAPA). This option provides an alternative means by which candidates may pass the PAPA. Candidates who took a PAPA test on or after September 1, 2012, may be able to pass the PAPA series using this option.

The Composite Score Option for PAPA was initiated to enable a candidate who may excel in one area such as mathematics, but who is not strong in another PAPA area, to receive a passing score on the PAPA series. In order to qualify, a candidate must meet or exceed a minimum score in each test area (Reading, Mathematics, and Writing) and meet or exceed the PAPA Qualifying Score (220) in at least one area. The candidate's test scores are added together, and if the scores total 686, the candidate has passed the PAPA series. The Minimum Scores required for the Composite Score Option are shown below.

Test Name	Test #	PAPA Qualifying Score	Minimum Composite Score
PAPA Reading	001	220	<b>193</b>
PAPA Mathematics	002	220	<b>197</b>
PAPA Writing	003	220	<b>192</b>
Minimum Composite Score Total: 686			
The sum of the three PAPA test scores must total or exceed 686. This total does not represent the sum of the three minimum scores. Candidates must achieve the PAPA Qualifying Score (220) in at least one area and also reach the Minimum Composite Score Total.			

Candidates can also pass the PAPA series by the standard method of achieving a score of 220 or higher on all three PAPA tests.

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