

MTEL Information

Massachusetts Tests for Educator Licensure (MTEL)

[Licensure Requirements](#)

All educators seeking a Preliminary or Initial license in MA are required to take and pass the [Communications and Literacy Skill MTEL test \(01\)](#). Many licenses require educators to take and pass additional subject matter knowledge tests. This page includes general information about the MTEL tests as well as a link to the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education’s MTEL homepage and a [chart of required subject matter knowledge tests](#).

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| Elementary | 1-6 | General Curriculum (03) (multi-subject + math subtest (Elementary Math (53) , Middle School Math (47) or Mathematics (09) will also meet the math subtest requirement.)) + Foundations of Reading (90) (Reading Specialist (08) will also meet this requirement.) | 03 + 90 |
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| Teacher of Students with Moderate Disabilities | PreK-8 | General Curriculum (03) (multi-subject + math subtest (Elementary Math (53), Middle School Math (47) or Mathematics (09) will also meet the math subtest requirement.)) + Foundations of Reading (90) (Reading (08) will also meet this requirement.). In addition, a Competency Review is required for a Preliminary license. | 03 + 90 |
| | 5-12 | General Curriculum (03) (multi-subject + math subtest) OR one of the following MTEL subject matter tests at the 5-8 or 8-12 grade level: English, History, Middle School Humanities (English/History) (50), Middle School Math/Science (51), Mathematics (47 or 09 only), science (Biology, Chemistry, Earth Science, General Science, Physics), or Political Science/Political Philosophy. (Elementary Math (53), Middle School Math (47), or Mathematics (09) will also meet the math subtest requirement.) + Foundations of Reading (90) (Reading (08) will also meet this requirement.). In addition, a Competency Review is required. | 03 + 90 OR subject matter test + 90 |
| Teacher of Students with Severe Disabilities | All | General Curriculum (03) (multi-subject + math subtest (Elementary Math (53), Middle School Math (47) or Mathematics (09) will also meet the math subtest requirement.)). In addition, a Competency Review is required. | 03 |