



Frequently Asked Questions about the Middle Grade/Early Secondary Level Mathematics Exam

Q1: Why is the Arizona Department of Education developing a Subject Knowledge exam for Middle Grade/Early Secondary Level Mathematics?

The current Arizona subject knowledge assessment for high school mathematics teachers, the National Evaluation Series (NES) Mathematics exam, requires subject knowledge competency needed to teach all levels of high school mathematics. School administrators have requested an option for educators to demonstrate subject knowledge competency needed to teach Algebra I, Geometry, and Foundational Mathematics courses, but that would not require competency needed to teach Algebra II, Trigonometry, Statistics, or Calculus. In response to this request, the Certification Unit is working with the Arizona educator testing company to develop a Middle Grade/Early Secondary Level Mathematics exam, which will authorize secondary certified educators to teach Middle Grade Mathematics, Algebra I, Geometry, and Foundational Mathematics courses in grades 6-12.

Q2: Why has the State Board approved the temporary adoption of the California Subject Knowledge Examinations for Teachers (CSET) Mathematics Subtest I (211) and Subtest II (212)?

The CSET Mathematics Subtests I and II are used by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing to meet the subject knowledge exam requirement for a Foundational-Level Mathematics credential, which is comparable to the Arizona Middle Grade/Early Secondary Mathematics approved area. Because the development of an Arizona educator exam takes several months, the State Board has approved the temporary adoption of the CSET Mathematics Subtests I and II so that teachers will have the option of becoming certified in Middle Grade/Early Secondary Level Mathematics prior to implementation of the Arizona exam.

Q4: What is the cost of the CSET Mathematics Subtest I and Subtest II?

The total cost for the CSET Mathematics Subtests I and II is \$198 (\$99 per subtest). Once available, the Arizona Middle Grade/Early Secondary Level Mathematics may be available at a lower cost.

Q5: How do I register for the CSET Mathematics Subtests I and Subtest II?

You may register for the CSET Mathematics Subtests I and II by visiting the California Educator Credentialing Examinations website at <http://www.ctcexams.nesinc.com/>.

Q6: When will an Arizona Middle Grades/Early Secondary Level Mathematics exam be available?

Development of an Arizona Foundational-Level Mathematics exam should be completed by the Fall of 2016.