



Washington Educator Skills Tests—Endorsements™ (WEST–E™)

Shape the Future of Education

The Washington Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) has initiated redevelopment of the exams that are needed for K–12 educator endorsements. Endorsements are required for residency teaching certificates to demonstrate that teachers have the appropriate content knowledge for their teaching assignments. The NEW Washington Educator Skills Tests—Endorsements™ (WEST–E) exams will be fully aligned with state standards, including the educator endorsement competencies, the Essential Academic Learning Requirements, and the Grade Level Expectations. The PESB, along with the Evaluation Systems group of Pearson, is currently recruiting educators to assist in the development of these new exams.

Exemplary Educators Needed!

The PESB and Evaluation Systems are seeking educators who are:

- ▶ representative of all areas and populations in the state.
- ▶ exemplary in their subject areas, including both certified/practicing teachers and college faculty preparing teacher candidates.

You are qualified if you are:

- ▶ an experienced teacher or administrator certified and currently working in one or more of the fields listed on the following page; or
- ▶ a new teacher or administrator with 1 to 5 years of experience certified and currently working in one or more of the fields listed on the following page; or
- ▶ a college faculty member preparing teacher candidates at the undergraduate or graduate level.

Participants will:

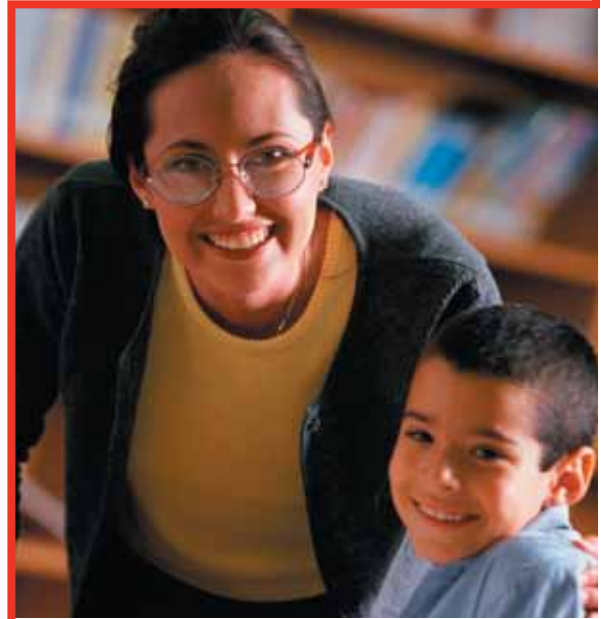
- ▶ receive substitute reimbursement for their school districts if they are public school teachers.
- ▶ be asked to make a one- to two-day commitment.
- ▶ be reimbursed for their travel and meal expenses.
- ▶ be provided with hotel accommodations, if necessary.

How Can I Participate?

Please complete and fax your application to Evaluation Systems at (866) 565-4877 (toll free), or nominate colleagues by faxing a completed nomination form to Evaluation Systems. Applications and nomination forms are available online at:

www.warecruit.nesinc.com

Once an application is received by Evaluation Systems, it will be sent to the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board (PESB) for review. The PESB will then send out an invitation to eligible educators.



"The PESB is committed to involving exemplary Washington educators in all aspects of the test development process. This helps us to ensure that certified teachers have the subject-area content knowledge that is important for the job of an educator in Washington public schools."

*Esther Baker
Program Director, Teacher Assessments
Washington Professional Educator Standards Board*



Test Fields Being Redeveloped for the WEST-E

2008–2009 Development

Agriculture Education

Business and Marketing Education

Designated World Languages

Designated World Languages: Latin

Early Childhood Education

Early Childhood Special Education

Family and Consumer Sciences Education

Library Media

Special Education

Technology Education

Traffic Safety



How Are Washington Educators Involved in the WEST-E Redevelopment Process?

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endorsement competencies, the Essential Academic Learning Requirements, and the Grade Level Expectations.

As a Washington educator, you could be involved in the following types of test development activities.

Test Development Conference

At this meeting, educators review draft test materials, including the test framework and the test items. The Test Development Conference is typically a two-day meeting for each test.

Passing Score Review Meeting

This meeting occurs close to the first administration of the test. At this meeting, educators participate in a process for recommending a passing score for the test to the PESB. The Passing Score Review Meeting is typically a one-day meeting.



If you have questions about...

- ▶ the test development committee application process or the test development process, please contact the Committee Recruitment Group at Evaluation Systems at **(866) 613-3286 (toll free)** or at **EvaluationSystemsCRG@nesinc.com**.
- ▶ the Washington Educator Skills Tests—Endorsements program, please contact the Washington Professional Educator Standards Board at **pesbassessment@k12.wa.us**.