

Preparing Effective Teachers and Administrators



MEGA

Effective educators are key for students to gain the knowledge and skills they need for college, other postsecondary training and a career. The Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has developed a comprehensive approach for assessing the preparation of educators in the state. The Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA) are a series of assessments for prospective teachers, counselors, librarians, principals and superintendents. The assessments include:

Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA)

This test for admission into undergraduate educator preparation programs in Missouri includes sections on English language arts, writing, mathematics, science and social science. The assessment began in September 2013 and replaced the College BASE (CBASE) test.

Missouri Educator Profile (MEP)

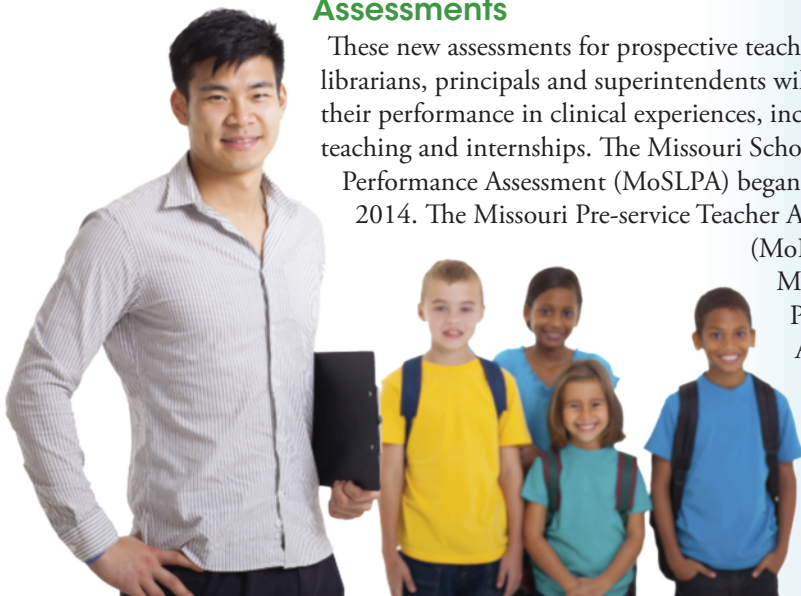
This assessment is designed to measure a person's work style to support the development of effective educator work habits. The MEP began in September 2013 and assesses the characteristics of individuals pursuing certification as a teacher, counselor, librarian or school leader. There are no right or wrong answers on this test.

Missouri Content Assessments

These exit exams must be completed by prospective educators, including teachers, counselors, librarians, principals and superintendents, for all areas of certification they are seeking. The assessments are aligned with state and national standards and began in September 2014. They replaced the Praxis tests.

Missouri Standards-Based Performance Assessments

These new assessments for prospective teachers, counselors, librarians, principals and superintendents will measure their performance in clinical experiences, including student teaching and internships. The Missouri School Leader Performance Assessment (MoSLPA) began in September 2014. The Missouri Pre-service Teacher Assessment (MoPTA) and Missouri Performance Assessments for counselors (MoSCPA) and librarians (MoLPA) will begin in Fall 2015.



Developing Effective Educators

Research shows that teachers are the single most important in-school factor in a student's learning.

The Missouri State Board of Education is responsible for establishing standards for the education, assessment and certification of all public school teachers and administrators.

Missouri is implementing new standards for the development of effective educators, including enhanced field and clinical experiences, new assessments and higher grade point averages.

Students graduating after Dec. 31, 2016, will need the following GPAs for certification:

- 2.75 cumulative GPA in all college coursework
- 3.0 GPA in professional education classes
- 3.0 GPA in content classes related to the certification a person is seeking

