

## HOW TO READ YOUR SCORE REPORT

### General Information

This report provides your scores for the New York State Teacher Certification Examinations™ (NYSTCE®) that you took on the test administration date indicated on the report. For each test that you took, the report specifies (1) whether you met the minimum passing score, (2) your total score, (3) the minimum passing score, and (4) your performance in each subarea of the test. The NYSTCE were developed specifically for the purpose of New York State educator certification.

### Test Status and Total Score

"Pass" or "Did Not Pass" status is based on your total score for the test. Your total score is based on the total number of multiple-choice test questions that you answered correctly and your score(s) on any constructed-response assignment(s) on the test. Total test results are reported as scaled scores in a range from 100 to 300. A scaled score of 220 represents the minimum passing score for each test. The minimum passing score for each test was established by the New York State Commissioner of Education with input from New York State educators and is designed to reflect the level of knowledge and skills required to be an educator in New York State public schools. Candidates who score within 0.5 standard error of measurement (SEM) of the passing score on a required NYSTCE test may apply for a waiver. Information about the waiver process is available on the NYSTCE website.

### Subarea Information

This report also provides information on your performance in each of the major subareas of the test, so that you may better assess your areas of strength and weakness. Like your total test score, subarea performance is reported in a range from 100 to 300, **but you do not "pass" or "fail" a subarea**. Your total test score is **not** the average of your subarea performance results. Because subareas of the test may contain different numbers of questions, it is not possible to average your performance results across subareas to arrive at your total test score. Subarea performance should be interpreted with caution because it is based on fewer questions than the total test score is based on, and the number of questions in some subareas may be small.

The test objectives assessed in each subarea are included in the preparation guide for the test. Preparation guides are available on the NYSTCE website at [www.nystce.nesinc.com](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com).

Subareas with more objectives generally have more multiple-choice questions on the test. The score report indicates a range for the number of questions in each multiple-choice subarea.

For subareas that consist of constructed-response assignments, results are again reported in a range from 100 to 300. Constructed-response assignments are typically scored by New York State educators according to standardized procedures.

### Use of Test Scores

The test scores indicated on this report are for the purpose of New York State educator certification only. They are **not** intended to be used for employment decisions, college admissions screening, or any other purpose. Candidates are not obligated to provide potential employers with copies of NYSTCE score reports.

### Reporting of Scores

Your test scores have been reported directly to the New York State Education Department (NYSED), where they will be added to your certification application file automatically. Keep this official score report in your permanent records, as you will not be able to obtain a replacement copy from NYSED. Your test scores have also been reported to the New York State institution that you indicated when you registered, unless you provided written notification when you registered that your scores should not be released to that institution (not applicable for Assessment of Teaching Assistant Skills [ATAS]).

### Retaking a Test

Candidates who do not pass a test may retake it as often as necessary until a passing score is achieved. Candidates who have passed a NYSTCE examination have met that part of the testing requirement for certification and, therefore, are not eligible to retake the test. Consult the NYSTCE website at [www.nystce.nesinc.com](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com) for information about registering.

### Reading Your Score Report: A Sample

Below is a sample score report.

<b>Test: 079 VISUAL ARTS</b>		<b>Total Score: 211</b> ← <b>(A)</b>
<b>Status: Did Not Pass</b>		<b>Minimum Passing Score: 220</b> ← <b>(B)</b>
Number of Questions in Multiple-Choice Subareas	Subarea Name	Subarea Information
11 to 20	Visual Arts Materials and Processes.....	227
11 to 20	Principles & Elements of Art & Design.....	208
21 to 30	Visual Arts and Culture .....	198
11 to 20	Aesthetic & Interdiscipl. Connections.....	222
Constructed-Response Assignment	Visual Arts and Culture .....	220

According to this sample score report, the candidate did not pass the test. The candidate's total score of 211 **(A)** on the test did not meet the minimum passing score of 220 **(B)**. The candidate's highest results were in the Visual Arts Materials and Processes subarea (227) while the lowest results were in the Visual Arts and Culture subarea (198).

When preparing to retake the test, the candidate may wish to refer to the preparation guide for this test, which is available on the NYSTCE website at [www.nystce.nesinc.com](http://www.nystce.nesinc.com). The preparation guide includes the test objectives for each subarea and sample test questions. It also includes a sample constructed-response assignment, an exemplary response to the assignment, and an evaluation of the response.