

254 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES

Candidate Certification Testing Requirements

Important Dates to Remember

Spring 2028	• Preparation Manual Available
Summer 2028	• Rep Exam/ Interactive Practice Test Available
Sept. 1, 2028	• 254 English as a Second Language Supp. TExES Exam Launch
Aug. 31, 2028	• Last day to take 154 English as a Second Language Certification
Sept. 1, 2028	• All candidates seeking English as a Second Language certification will take the new (254) exam.
Aug. 31, 2029	• Last day to apply and recommend candidates using 154 scores for English as a Second Language certification (candidates must meet all other requirements for certification).



Frequently Asked Questions

Answers

Exam Launch and Candidate Registration

When does this exam launch?	The new 254 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES exam is scheduled to launch September 1, 2028 . The exam framework can be found here .
Who should take the new English as a Second Language Supplemental (254) exam?	Candidates seeking an English as a Second Language Supplemental certification will have the option to take the new 254 exam beginning September 1, 2028 . The ESL Supplemental exam does not lead to a standalone certificate pathway. A passing score on the new exam will qualify candidates to add an ESL Supplemental certificate to an approved certificate area.

Exam Transition and Program Requirements

When is the deadline for candidates to take the current 154 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES exam?	Candidates seeking English as a Second Language Supplemental will have the option to take the current 154 exam until August 31, 2028 . Beginning September 1, 2028 , the current 154 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES exam will no longer be available, and all candidates seeking this certification will need to take and pass the new 254 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES exam.
When is the last day to recommend candidates using scores from the current 154 English as a Second Language Supplemental exam?	The last day to apply and recommend candidates using the older 154 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES exam scores is August 31, 2029 . The ESL Supplemental exam does not lead to a standalone certificate pathway. A passing score on the sunset 154 exam will qualify candidates to add an ESL Supplemental certificate to an approved certificate area.
Is this a new certification area?	No. The 254 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES exam is not aligned to a new certification area. Programs who currently offer the 154 English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES certificate will not need to reapply to continue offering this certificate.

Exam Preparation and Resources

When will the Preparation Manual for this exam be available?	The preparation manual for the new English as a Second Language Supplemental TExES exam will be available Spring 2028 .
When will the Representative and Practice exams be available?	Both the representative and practice exams for the English as a Second English Supplemental TExES exam will be available Summer 2028 .
Will there be an introductory period for this exam?	There will not be an introductory period for this exam. All candidates must meet the minimum passing standard recommended by the committee. Standard-setting activities will conclude Summer 2027. Following these activities, the passing standard can be found in the Commissioner's Rules Concerning Passing Standards for Educator Certification Examinations .

