# Core EC-6 TExES Exam

Candidate Certification Testing Requirements

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| **Important Dates to Remember** | |
| **Spr. 2027/Spr. 2028**  **Summer 2027/2028 Aug. 31, 2027** | * Phase 1 Preparation Manual Available/Phase 2 Preparation Manual Available * Rep Exam/ Interactive Practice Test Available * Last day to take 391 Core Subjects EC-6 TExES exam for Core Subjects w/ STR Early Childhood–Grade 6 certification * Launch of Core EC-6 TExES and aligned certificates **(Phase 1)** * Last day to apply and recommend using Core Subjects EC-6 TExES exam for Core Subjects with STR Early Childhood–Grade 6 * Launch of Core EC-6 TExES and aligned certificates **(Phase 2)** |
| **Sept. 1, 2027**  **Aug. 31, 2028** |
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| **Frequently Asked Questions** | **Answers** |
| **Exam Launch and Candidate Registration** | |
| How is the redesigned Core EC-C exam different from the old exam? | With the new Core EC-6 exam, teacher candidates will have the option to choose between a 4-subtest exam (ELAR, Math, Science, Social Studies) or a 5-subtest exam (ELAR, Math, Science, Social Studies, plus optional Specialty Subtest).  Candidates who select the 5-subtest exam will select one of the following specialty subtests: **Fine Arts** (FA), **Physical Education** (PE), **Health** (H); **Special Education** (SpEd); **Bilingual Spanish Proficiency** (BLSP); or **English as a Second Language** (ESL). For additional flexibility, candidates will not have to sit for the entire exam and will have the option to schedule subtests on different dates.  Pending updates to the SBEC’s rules, candidates who have met the requirements to earn the **Core w/STR: EC-6 certificate** or any of the specialty certificates will have the option to sit for any of the specialty subtests after initial certification. If candidates earn a passing score on any specialty subtest, they can apply for the corresponding specialty certificate. |
| When does this exam launch? | The new Core EC-6 TExES exam will launch in two phases. **Phase 1** launches **September 1, 2027,** and includes the 4-subtest exam (Core EC-6) and two options for a 5-subtest exam (Core/FAPEH or Core/SpEd). **Phase 2** launches **September 1, 2028,** and includes two additional options for a 5-subtest exam (Core/BLSP or Core/ESL). Frameworks for Phase 1 will be available no earlier than Summer 2025. Frameworks for Phase 2 will be available no earlier than Spring 2026. |
| Who should take the new Core EC-6 exam? | Candidates seeking a Core EC-6 (previously Core Subjects EC-6) certification will take the new exams beginning **September 1, 2027**. Preparation programs will admit candidates under one of the 5 new Core certificate pathways and approve testing for the area admitted. |
| **Exam Transition and Program Requirements** | |
| When is the deadline for candidates to take the current Core Subjects TExES exam for Core Subjects EC-6 certification? | Candidates seeking Core Subjects EC-6 certification have until **August 31, 2027** to take the current Core Subjects EC-6 exam. *\*All candidates seeking the current or new Core EC-6 certification are required to pass pedagogy and Science of Teaching Reading exams.* |
| When is the last day to recommend candidates using the current Core Subjects EC-6 exam? | The last day to apply and recommend candidates using the current Core Subjects EC-6 TExES exam score is **August 31, 2028.** Scores from the current 391 Core Subjects EC-6 exam and subtests cannot be used in combination with the new updated 491 Core EC-6 exam and subtests. |
| Is this a new certification area? | No; however, the name of the certificate has changed. The new Core EC-6 exams are aligned to five new certificate pathways: **Core** w/STR: EC-6**; Core/FA/PE/H** w/STR: EC-6; **Core/Special Education** w/STR: EC-6; **Core/ESL** w/STR: EC-6; **Core/Bilingual Education Spanish** w/STR: EC-6. Programs will have to submit an **amendment request** to continue offering these new certificates. |

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| Will candidates who earn Core EC-6 specialty certificates be able to serve in EC- 12 assignments? | No; candidates who earn Core EC-6 specialty certificates will only be able to serve in EC- 6 assignments. This applies to the following certificates: **Core/FA/H/PE** w/STR: EC-6; **Core/Special Education** w/STR: EC-6; **Core/ESL** w/STR: EC-6; **Core/Bilingual Education Spanish** w/STR: EC-6. |
| **Exam Preparation and Resources** | |
| When will the Preparation Manual for this exam be available? | The preparation manual for **Phase 1** of the new Core EC-6 TExES exam will be available **Spring 2027**. The preparation manual for **Phase 2** of the new Core EC-6 TExES exam will be available **Spring 2028**. |
| When will the Representative and Practice exams be available? | Both the representative and practice exams for **Phase 1** of the Core EC-6 TExES exam will be available **Summer 2027.** Both the representative and practice exams for **Phase 2** of the Core EC-6 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. **Phase 1** standard-setting activities will conclude Summer 2026. **Phase 2** standard-setting activities will conclude Summer 2028. Following these activities, the passing standard can be found in the [Commissioner's Rules Concerning Passing Standards for Educator Certification Examinations](https://tea.texas.gov/about-tea/laws-and-rules/texas-administrative-code/19-tac-chapter-151). |