

How to Read Your PLACE® Score Report

Overview. This report provides your scores for the Program for Licensing Assessments for Colorado Educators® (PLACE®). For each test you took, it indicates your overall score, whether or not you passed, and your performance on each subarea of the test.

Total Score. A total score is calculated for each test. Results are reported on a scale with a range of 100–300. A scaled score of 220 represents the minimum passing score for each test. Passing scores for the PLACE were established by the Colorado State Board of Education based on recommendations of panels of Colorado educators. The passing score is designed to reflect the level of knowledge and skills required for effective performance in Colorado schools. Your total score is based on the number of multiple-choice questions you answered correctly in combination with the score(s) on any performance assignments on your test.

Subarea Performance. The report indicates your performance on each subarea of the test. The information will help you understand your areas of strength or weakness; you do not "pass" individual subareas. Subarea performance information should be interpreted with caution since subareas contain different numbers of questions. For each subarea you will see one of the following designations.

- ++++ if you answered most of the questions correctly
- +++ if you answered many of the questions correctly
- ++ if you answered some of the questions correctly
- + if you answered few or none of the questions correctly

Performance Assignment Subarea Scores. Written and oral responses to performance assignments are reviewed and evaluated independently by at least two scorers using four-point score scales that describe varying levels of performance (the score scales are provided in study guides available on the PLACE Web site). For each performance assignment, you will see one of the following designations.

- ++++ if your response showed strong skills (see score point description "4")
- +++ if your response showed satisfactory skills (see score point description "3")
- ++ if your response showed limited skill (see score point description "2")
- + if your response showed a lack of skill (see score point description "1")

Descriptions of each test, including the list of subareas and objectives, are included in the study guide for the test. Study guides are available on the PLACE Web site at www.place.nesinc.com.

Basic Skills Test. For the Basic Skills test, your status on each section (Reading, Mathematics, Writing) taken at this administration is provided along with your section score. In "Cumulative Status," you will find your overall status for each section: "Passed," "Not Yet Passed," or "Not Yet Taken."

Status. Your score report also indicates your test status. A "Passed" indicates that you passed the test. A "Did Not Pass" indicates that you did not pass. Examinees must attempt all performance assignments on a test or they cannot pass the test regardless of their scores on other subareas.

Reading a Sample Score Report. A sample score report is provided below.

Total Score: 211 ← (A)		Test: 032 Physical Education Minimum Passing Score: 220		Status: Did Not Pass	
# of Questions in Subarea	Subarea	Subarea Performance Index	# of Questions in Subarea	Subarea	Subarea Performance Index
11–20	Human Development	++	1–10	Physical Fitness	++++ ← (B)
21–30	Motor Skills Acquisition	+++	11–20	Program Development and Implementation	+

In the sample, the examinee did not pass the test (score of 211 **(A)** compared to minimum passing score of 220). The examinee performed well on two subareas of the test: Motor Skill Acquisition (+++) and Physical Fitness (++++ **(B)**). The examinee did not perform well on the other two subareas of the test: Human Development (++) and Program Development and Implementation (+). When preparing to retake the test, the examinee should probably focus on the two subareas in which performance indicates weakness.

Reporting of Scores. Your scores have been forwarded to the Colorado Department of Education and to the Colorado institution you indicated during registration. You should keep this score report for your own records.

Retaking the Test. If you need to retake a test, please consult the PLACE Web site, www.place.nesinc.com, for information on registering.