



New York State Teacher Certification Examinations

NYSATE/NYACTE Conference
October 2018

Fall 2018 Updates

Overview of 2018 Updates

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Test Development Process

Standards for Test Development

- New York State Teaching Standards
- New York State Learning Standards
- National Professional Standards (e.g., NCTM, IRA, NCTE)

Test Development Process

- NYSTCE test development is a multi-year process.
- NYSTCE tests are developed in accordance with national industry and professional standards for educational testing.
- NYSED follows a validation process outlined in the AERA, APA, and NCME *Standards for Educational and Psychological Testing* (2014).
- This process is designed to ensure that all NYSTCE tests are valid and reliable, and also measure the knowledge, skills, and abilities necessary to teach in New York State.

Test Development Process

- Planning: Job-Analysis and Identification of Standards
- Development of Frameworks
- Framework Review Conferences
- Job-Analysis Surveys
- Development of Items
- Item Review Conferences
- Field Testing and Review of Field-Test Results
- Form Construction/Operational Administration
- Marker Response Conference
- Standard Setting Conference



Educator Involvement Opportunities

Key Educator Stakeholders

- Educator Preparation Faculty
- P-12 Educators who hold Permanent or Professional Certification
- School Building and School District Leaders
- Union, Civic, and Professional Organizations
- NYSED Subject Matter Experts
- NYSED Test Development and Psychometric Experts

Key Educator Stakeholders

- Ensure that tests are valid and reliable; and we have appropriate and rigorous standards for all teachers.
- Ensure that all students have equitable access to the most effective teachers.



Educator Involvement Opportunities

- **Bias Review:** Review test materials for potential sources of bias according to established review criteria pertaining to test content, language, offense, stereotypes, fairness, and diversity.
- **Framework Review:** Review frameworks used for test development to ensure appropriate content coverage.
- **Item Review:** Review test items for content accuracy, adherence to development criteria, and overall quality.

Educator Involvement Opportunities

- **Marker Response:** Review and score field-tested constructed response items to select anchor papers for scoring guides.
- **Standard setting:** Recommend performance standards or cut score for each level of achievement on the test.

Educator Involvement Opportunities

- Nominate candidates at:
<https://www.research.net/r/NYSTPNominate>
- Apply for committees at:
<https://www.research.net/r/NYSTPRecruit>

Educator Involvement Opportunities

- Both links are available by searching for Office of State Assessment (OSA) Teacher Participation Opportunities.

[Teacher Participation Opportunities](#)

[Grades 3-8 ELA and Mathematics](#)


[Grades 4 and 8 Science](#)

[High School Regents Exams](#)

[NYSESLAT/NYSITELL](#)

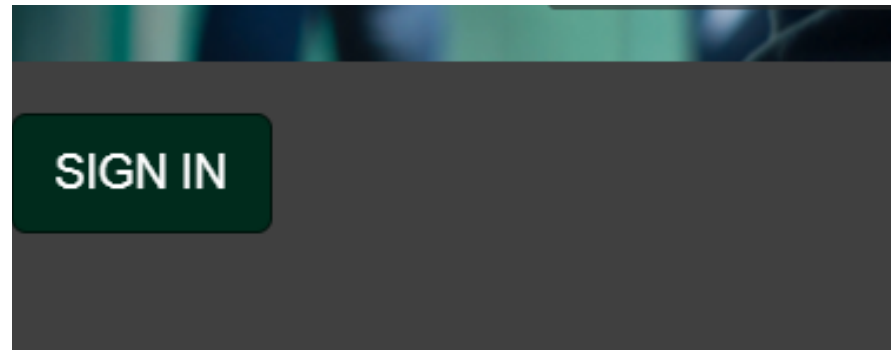
[NYSAA](#)

[NYSTCE](#)

Please complete our [online application](#)  to take part in these test development activities.

Educator Involvement Opportunities

- Educator Involvement Opportunities are always posted on NYSTCE Important Announcements.



Important Announcements

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Educator involvement opportunities for Business & Marketing and Ed Tech Specialist CSTs [🔗](#)



Upcoming Test Development

Upcoming Test Development*

- November 7-8, 2018 - Business and Marketing and Educational Technology Specialist Revalidation
- November 27, 2018 – SBL Framework Review
- December 2018 – Bank expansion for Math, Social Studies, SWD, and Health Education
- January/February 2019 – Item Review for Biology, Earth Science, Chemistry, and Physics
- Spring 2019 – Bank Expansion for ELA and Literacy

*Please note that all dates are tentative.

Upcoming Test Development*

- Summer 2019 – SBL Item Review/Revalidation and Bank expansion for ESOL and PE
- Fall 2019 – Item Review for Dance, Music, Theater, and Visual Arts

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Future Tests Slated for Development

- Computer Science
- School District Leader
- School District Business Leader
- Bilingual Education Assessments
- School Counselor



Safety Net Updates

Current Safety Nets

- Redeveloped CSTs Operational **prior** to October 2016
 - Educational Technology Specialist CST
 - Can take either Current or Predecessor Test
 - Expires June 30, 2019
- Redeveloped CSTs Operational **after** October 2016
 - LOTE, Latin, ASL, ESOL, and Social Studies CSTs
 - Can take either Current or Predecessor Test
 - Expires June 30, 2019

Current Safety Nets

- **Multi-Subject: Secondary Teachers (Grade 7 – 12) Part 2: Mathematics**
 - Must take and pass Parts 1 and 3.
 - Must complete Tutorial and Attestation
 - Expires when new test goes operational – anticipated November 12, 2018.
 - Must take Part 2 **prior** to the new test going operational – November 12, 2018.
 - Tutorial and Attestation will be available for a limited time after score reports are released.

Current Safety Nets

- New edTPA Safety Net
 - Started January 2018
 - Cut score replaced with phase-in score
 - And Multiple Measure Review

- Library Media Specialist edTPA
 - Can use Multiple Measure Review or ATS-W
 - Use of ATS-W expires September 30, 2019



Testing Updates

New Elementary Education edTPA Handbook Options

- Currently, candidates complete the Elementary Education edTPA with three tasks assessing literacy and one task assessing mathematics.
- Starting Fall 2018, candidates will have two options:
 - Elementary Education: Literacy with Mathematics Task 4; or
 - Elementary Education: Mathematics with Literacy Task 4.

New Elementary Education edTPA Handbook Options

- Candidates can always change their content area for any edTPA Handbook during the first 30 days after they register.
- For the first year of implementation of the new Elementary Education Handbooks, candidates who have not yet submitted their handbook can switch between handbooks by contacting Pearson Customer Support.

Calculator Policy

- Effective November 12, 2018
- Multi-Subject CSTs
 - MS Birth – Grade 2 and MS Grades 1 – 6
 - On-screen four-function calculator
 - MS Grades 5 – 9 and MS Grades 7 – 12
 - On-screen scientific calculator
- Mathematics CST
 - Continues the requirement to bring an approved graphing calculator

Study Guides and Practice Quiz

- All Study Guides are being updated to include more examples for each competency.
- There is currently a MS Grades 1 – 6 Math Practice Quiz available until the Practice Test is released.

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Multi-Subject: Teachers of
Childhood (Grades 1–6) Part
2: Mathematics Practice Quiz
now available.

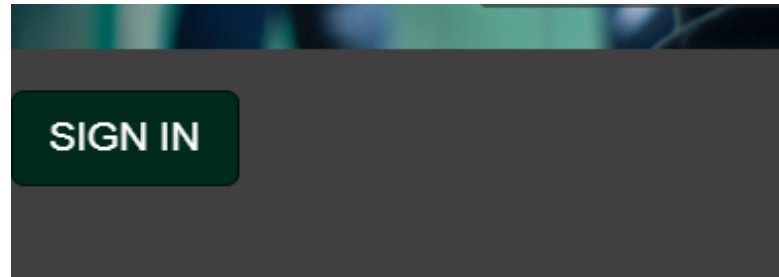
Practice Tests*

- Practice tests are under development for all high-incidence exams (greater than 1,000 candidates per year).
- Currently available: EAS and MS Grades 7 –12 Math
- Available Fall 2018: MS Grades 1 – 6 Math
- Available Spring 2019: MS Grades 7 – 12 ELA and MS Grades 1 – 6 ELA
- Anticipated by Fall/Winter 2019: MS Birth – Grade 2 ELA and Math, Social Studies, Math, SWD, ELA, ESOL, and Literacy

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Testing Windows

- Currently working on increasing Testing Windows for low-incidence exams (fewer than 500 candidates per year).
- New testing windows are always posted on NYSTCE Important Announcements.



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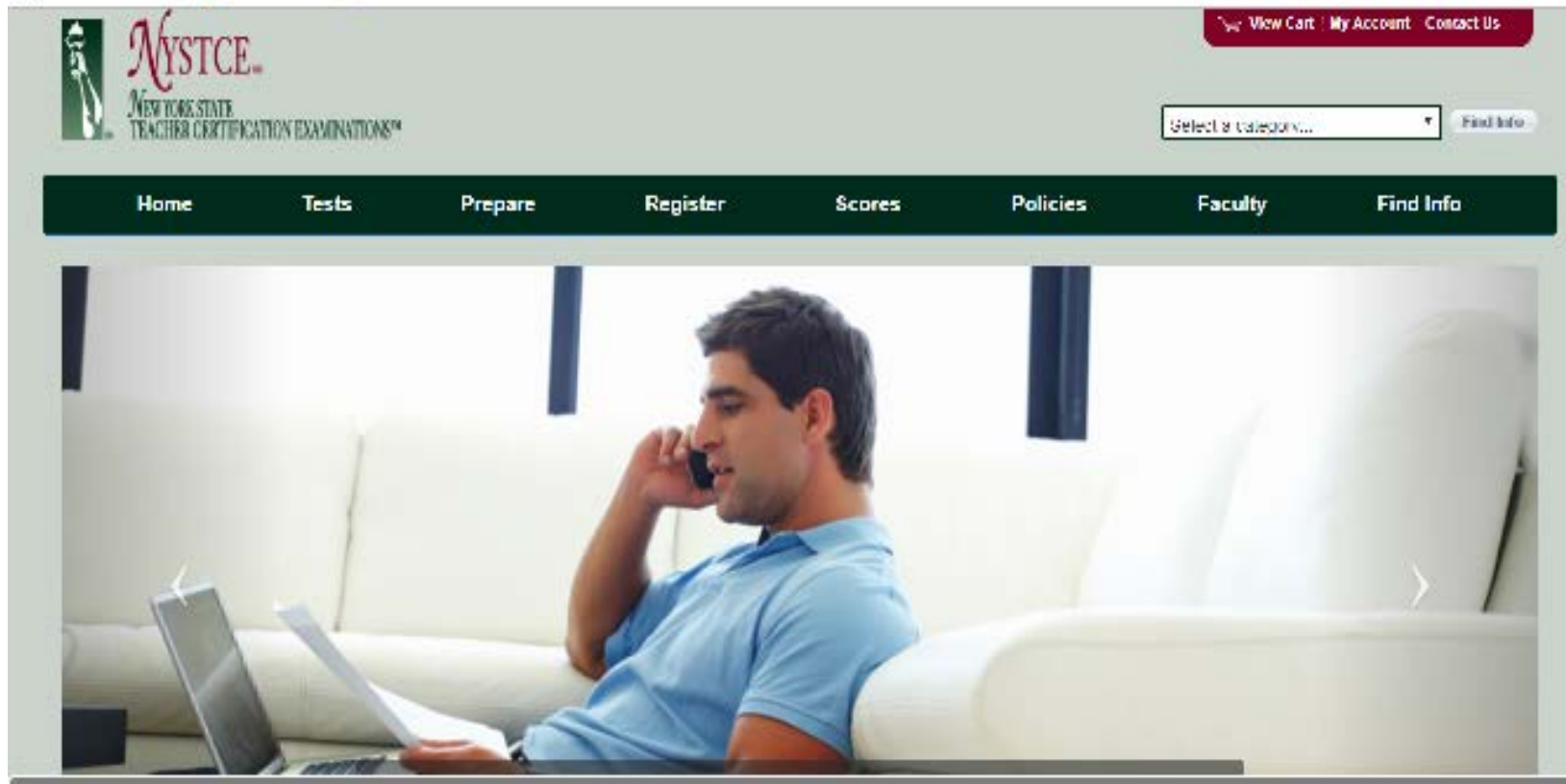
New fall testing window now available for Business & Marketing and 7 other CSTs.



NYSTCE Information

Information on NYSTCE

- NYSTCE Web site: <http://www.nystce.nesinc.com/>



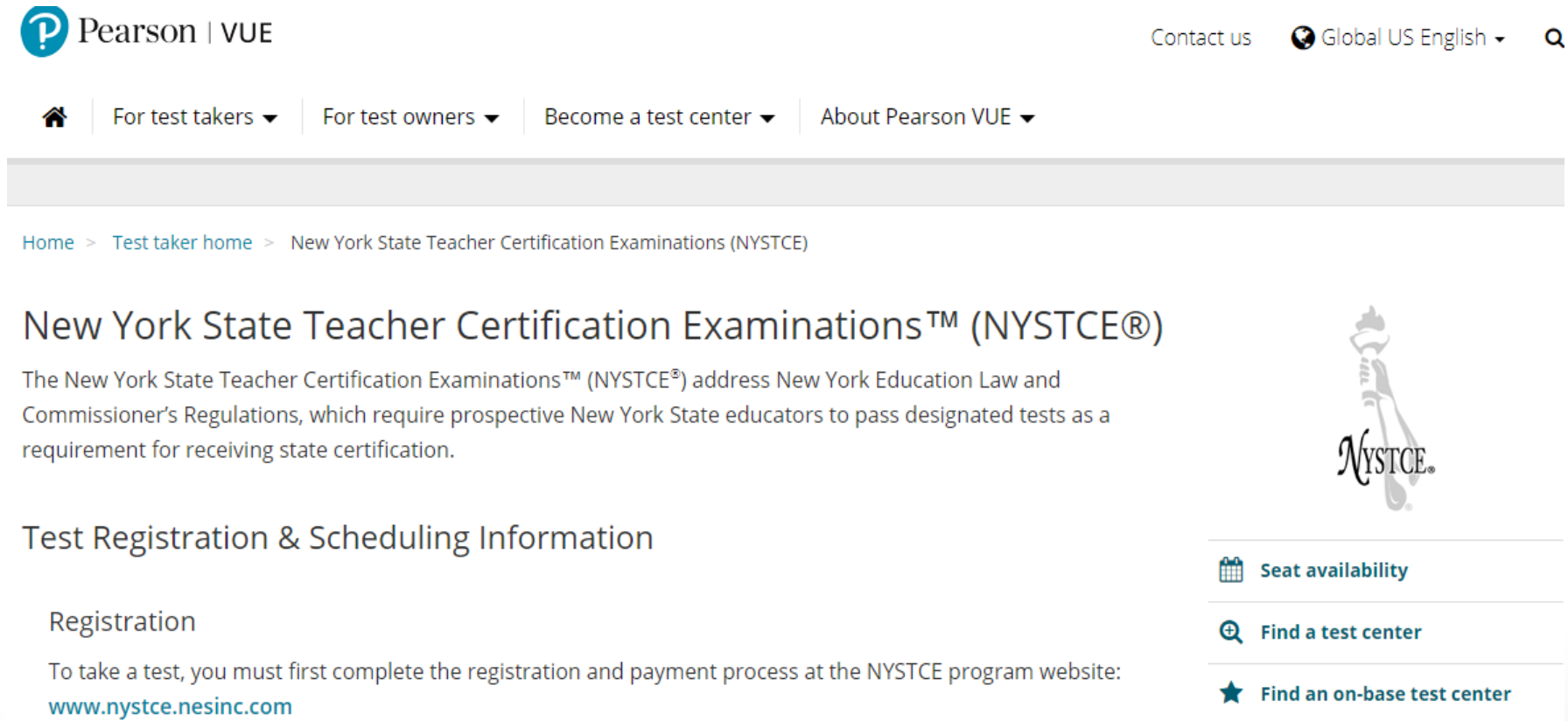
Information on NYSTCE

- Office of Teaching Initiatives Web site:
<http://www.highered.nysed.gov/tcert/>

The screenshot displays the NYSED.gov website's Office of Teaching Initiatives (OTI) page. The header features the NYSED.gov logo and the text "Office of Teaching Initiatives" in a dark red bar. A search bar with the text "Search OTI" is located to the right. Below the header is a navigation menu with tabs for "Educator Resources", "Certification", "Fingerprinting", "TEACH System", "Topics A-Z", and "Certificate Holder Lookup". The "Certification" tab is selected, and the page title is "Certification". The left sidebar contains a list of links: "Certification from Start to Finish", "Becoming Certified - What's My Next Step?", "Pathways to Certification", "Types of Certificates and Licenses", "Search Certification Requirements", "Apply for a Certificate", "Testing", and "Frequently Asked Questions". The main content area shows the breadcrumb "NYSED / Higher Ed / OTI / Certification" and a section titled "Testing" with the sub-heading "About the Certification Exams". A bulleted list of links is provided: "edTPA Certification Exam", "School Leadership Examinations" (with a sub-link "Exams Effective May 1, 2014 for Initial Certification of Teachers and School Building Leaders"), and "Teaching Assistant Skills Test (NYSATAS)". Below this is a section titled "Certification Exam Safety Nets" with a link to "edTPA Safety Net".

Information on NYSTCE

- Pearson Vue Web site:
<https://home.pearsonvue.com/nystce>



The screenshot shows the Pearson Vue website interface. At the top left is the Pearson | VUE logo. To the right are links for 'Contact us', 'Global US English' (with a globe icon and a dropdown arrow), and a search icon. Below this is a navigation bar with a home icon and four menu items: 'For test takers', 'For test owners', 'Become a test center', and 'About Pearson VUE'. A breadcrumb trail reads 'Home > Test taker home > New York State Teacher Certification Examinations (NYSTCE)'. The main heading is 'New York State Teacher Certification Examinations™ (NYSTCE®)'. Below it is a paragraph: 'The New York State Teacher Certification Examinations™ (NYSTCE®) address New York Education Law and Commissioner's Regulations, which require prospective New York State educators to pass designated tests as a requirement for receiving state certification.' To the right of this text is the NYSTCE logo, which features a hand holding a torch above the word 'NYSTCE'. Below the main heading is a section titled 'Test Registration & Scheduling Information'. Under this section, there is a sub-heading 'Registration' and a paragraph: 'To take a test, you must first complete the registration and payment process at the NYSTCE program website: www.nystce.nesinc.com'. On the right side of the page, there is a vertical sidebar with three items: 'Seat availability' (with a calendar icon), 'Find a test center' (with a magnifying glass icon), and 'Find an on-base test center' (with a star icon).

Important emails

- tcert@nysed.gov
 - For information about certification exams
- examsafetynet@nysed.gov
 - For information about Safety Nets
- Anne.Hartjen@nysed.gov
 - For information about test development or Educator Involvement Opportunities