



# Illinois Licensure Testing System

## SCORE REPORT EXPLANATION

### Content-Area Tests

(For all content-area fields except the Principal as Instructional Leader test and foreign language fields)

#### Overview

Your score report provides information regarding the content-area test you took at the recent administration of the Illinois Licensure Testing System (ILTS). The report includes information regarding your Pass/Did Not Pass status for that test, your performance on the test as a whole, and your performance on the major subareas of the test. Your scores are reported to you, to the Illinois State Board of Education, and to the educator preparation program(s) you indicated during the registration process and, beginning with score reports issued after September 30, 2010, approved Illinois educator preparation programs will be able to access any of your test results (pass or did not pass) posted to the Educator Licensure Information System (ELIS).

#### Total Test Score

Scores for the content-area tests are reported on a scale from 100 to 300. A total test scaled score of 240 or above is required to pass these tests. Candidates with a total test score below 240 do not pass the test. Each multiple-choice test question counts the same toward the total score. You do not "lose" any points for wrong answers. Your total test score is based on the **total** number of test questions you answered correctly.

#### Subarea Scores

The scores listed in the "Subarea" section are also reported on a scale from 100 to 300 and are intended to provide you with feedback on your performance in the major subareas of the test. This information is descriptive only and will help you assess your areas of strength and weakness. Generally, a score at or above 240 on a given subarea indicates satisfactory performance within that subarea. You do not have to "pass" each subarea or section of the test—there is no "passing" score associated with individual subareas.

Subareas with more objectives receive more coverage on the test. Because subareas have different numbers of test questions, it is not possible to average your performance across subareas to arrive at the total test score. Your total test score is **not** an average of your subarea scores.

***See the Illinois Licensure Testing System content-area test study guides for further information on how your tests are scored. Study guides are available on the ILTS website at [www.il.nesinc.com](http://www.il.nesinc.com).***

#### Passing Scores

The passing scores for the ILTS were established by the Illinois State Board of Education with input from Illinois educators.

If you have questions regarding **PROGRAM POLICIES** or **WHICH TEST(S)** you must take, contact your preparation program advisor, licensure officer, or a regional office of education or visit the Illinois State Board of Education website at [www.isbe.net/licensure/default.htm](http://www.isbe.net/licensure/default.htm).