NYSTCE Safety Net Guidance Information

Last spring, The Board of Regents created temporary safety nets for the EAS, and several redeveloped CST exams. For more information on the available safety nets, please continue reading below or visit the NYSTCE website.

EAS Safety Net

What is the EAS Safety Net?

The safety net for the EAS exam sets the passing score from the original 520 to 500. If a Fellow passes the EAS under the safety net, this outcome will be reflected on his/her score report and there is no further action required.

When should I take the EAS exam in order to take advantage of the safety net?

We encourage you to test as soon as possible so that you have ample time to retake the exam, if needed. More information on score reporting dates for the EAS can be found here.

CST Safety Nets

What is the Multi-Subject (Grade 7–Grade 12) Part Two (242) Safety Net?

A Fellow who passes Part 1 (241) and Part 3 (245) of the Multi-Subject 7-12 exam, but fails Part 2 (242), may be eligible to submit an attestation form to the New York State Education Department (NYSED), attesting that he/she has demonstrated skills comparable to what is tested on the exam. Once approved by the NYSED’s Office of Teaching Initiatives (OTI), this attestation form serves as a passing score on Part 2 of the Multi-Subject exam.

Who is eligible?

In order to be eligible for the Multi-Subject, Part Two (242) safety net, a Fellow must:

- Pass Part One (241) and Part Three (245) of the exam
- Have completed at least one college mathematics course (3 semester hours), and earned a 3.0 GPA or higher in that coursework
- Complete a mathematics tutorial provided by NYSTCE

How to I submit the attestation form?

Fellows who have passed Part 1 and 3 will receive an email including a short mathematics tutorial with content comparable to that on the exam. Upon completion of the tutorial, candidates will receive an attestation form for the CST Multi-Subject 7-12 Part Two (242). A copy of an official transcript, with the course(s) that fulfill the requirement circled, must be submitted along with the attestation form. More information can be found here.
Once approved, the CST attestation form will appear on your TEACH account as a document received in the “Documents you sent to OT/BOCES” table. Please upload a screenshot of this table in TEACH to the Checklist, in order to have your CST Checklist item marked off as “Complete” by the NYCTF Office. When asked to provide your scores on the exam, please write in “Attestation.”

**Other CST Safety Nets**

*What other safety nets exist for the CST, and what do they entail?*

Safety net CSTs are only available for certain exams, including Math (004), ELA (003), and the Multi-Subject (221/222/245). More information about these exams, including a full list of available safety nets, can be found [here](#).

These safety net CSTs enable candidates who do not receive a passing score on the redeveloped CST to meet the testing requirement by taking and passing a safety net CST.

**Who is eligible?**

In order to be eligible, candidates must:

- Take and fail the redeveloped CST required for their certification area
- Be training to teach one of the following subject areas: Math, Special Education – D75 (1-6), Bilingual Education, and English