

# **STATE BOARD OF PSYCHOLOGY of OHIO**

## **POLICY AND PROCEDURE MANUAL**

### **SECTION 4: EXAMINATIONS**

#### **POLICY 4.4: SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGY EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS**

**PRIOR EFFECTIVE DATES: MAY 17, 2006; JULY 14, 2010; JANUARY 18, 2013**

**AMENDED AND EFFECTIVE: OCTOBER 15, 2015**

REFERENCES: ORC 4732.11; OAC 4732-11-01; Meeting minutes of January 18, 2013; Meeting minutes of October 15, 2015

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### **PURPOSE**

This policy is adopted pursuant to formal action of the Board at its meeting of October 15, 2015 to clarify the Praxis-II test score requirements for admission to the school psychology licensure oral examination.

### **POLICY STATEMENTS AND STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURES**

- 1) Effective May 17, 2006, administration of the Ohio School Psychology Essay Examination was discontinued.
- 2) School psychologist license applicants shall demonstrate, for admission to the oral examination for the license, a passing score on the Praxis-II School Psychologist Exam (#5402) reported directly to the Board by the Educational Testing Service (ETS). Applicants taking the current Praxis-II must achieve a score of 147. Applicants who took the exam between 2008 and 2014 must have achieved a passing score of 165, and those who took the exam prior to September 2008 must have achieved a passing score of 660. Test scores remain valid for ten (10) years after the testing date. Applicants with scores more than ten (10) years old are required to retake the current Praxis-II and earn a score of 147.
- 3) The Board hereby retains the requirement incurred by School Psychology license candidates to pass an oral examination administered and scored by members of the School Psychology Licensing Committee.

**ORAL EXAMINATION SCHEDULE MAY BE MODIFIED**

- 4) Pursuant to OAC 4732-11-01 (A), dates for examinations may be set on a case-by-case basis. With the elimination of the semi-annual essay examination and the associated semi-annual administration of the oral examination, it is the policy of the Board to authorize the School Psychology Examination Committee to establish a flexible schedule for the administration of the oral examination.
- 5) The School Psychology Examination Committee may adopt a flexible schedule for the administration of the oral examination in accord with candidate demand and geographical considerations. The oral examination may be administered in Columbus or in another locale in the State of Ohio.
- 6) The Board or the Executive Director, in conjunction with the School Psychology Examination Committee, may adopt additional policies and procedures relative to the administration of the oral examination, including, but not limited to: communication between the Board staff and Committee members relative to scheduling candidates for the oral examination; establishing examination locations; and, communicating with applicants.