

**R**esearch shows that teachers are the single most important school level factor in a student's learning. Quality educators are key for students to gain the knowledge and skills they need for college, other postsecondary training and a career.

The Missouri State Board of Education is responsible for establishing standards for the education, assessment and certification of all public school teachers and administrators. The state is currently implementing new standards for the development of quality educators in Missouri.



**For more information about Missouri's educator preparation standards, visit**

**[dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/educator-preparation](http://dese.mo.gov/educator-quality/educator-preparation)**



*Preparing and supporting effective educators is one of the primary goals of the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education's Top 10 by 20 initiative, which calls for Missouri to rank among the top 10 performing states nationwide in education by 2020.*



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*Preparing Quality Teachers and Administrators*



## MEGA – Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments

The state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education has developed a new, comprehensive approach for assessing the preparation of educators in Missouri.

The Missouri Educator Gateway Assessments (MEGA) is a series of assessments for prospective teachers, guidance counselors, librarians, principals and superintendents.

The assessments include:

- ☑ **Missouri General Education Assessment (MoGEA):** This test for admission into undergraduate educator preparation programs in Missouri includes sections on English language arts, writing, mathematics, science and social science. The assessment began in September 2013 and replaces the College BASE (CBASE) test.
- ☑ **Missouri Educator Profile (MEP):** This new assessment is designed to measure a person's work style as it relates to the field of education. The MEP began in September 2013 and assesses the characteristics of individuals pursuing certification as a teacher, counselor, librarian or school leader.

- ☑ **Content Area Exams:** These exit exams must be completed by prospective educators, including teachers, counselors, librarians, principals and superintendents, for all areas of certification they are seeking. The assessments are aligned with state and national standards and begin in September 2014. They will replace the current Praxis test.
- ☑ **Missouri Standards-Based Performance Assessments:** These new assessments for prospective teachers, counselors, librarians, principals and superintendents will measure their performance in clinical experiences, including student teaching and internships. The assessments will begin in September 2014.



## Grade Point Average

Higher grade point averages (GPA) also will be required for educator certification in Missouri. Students graduating after December 31, 2016, will need the following GPA for certification:

- 2.75 cumulative GPA in all college coursework
- 3.0 GPA in professional education classes
- 3.0 GPA in content classes related to the certification a person is seeking

