



# California Subject Examinations for Teachers® (CSET®)

## Score Report Information

### Contents of Your Score Report

Your score report provides information about your performance on the California Subject Examinations for Teachers® (CSET®). For each subtest taken on the test date indicated, your score report includes your passing status and, if you did not pass, your total subtest score. Your score report also includes summary information about CSET subtests passed to date. The reverse side of your score report contains diagnostic information for each subtest taken to provide you with information about your areas of strength and weakness in each subtest section.

**The information on your score report is intended for use only in teacher credentialing. To preclude the use of CSET scores for purposes other than credentialing (e.g., employment, assignment), passing subtest scores are not provided on score reports.**

### Subtest Scores

The examination in each subject area consists of up to four separate subtests. Each subtest is scored separately. To pass an examination, you must achieve a passing score on each of the examination's required subtests, listed in the CSET registration bulletin.

The minimum passing score for each subtest was established by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing based on recommendations from California teachers and teacher educators. Passing status is determined on the basis of total subtest performance. Test results are reported as scaled scores. A scaled score is based on the number of raw score points earned on each section (multiple-choice section and/or constructed-response section) and the weighting of each section. Raw scores are converted to a scale of 100 to 300, with the scaled score of 220 representing the minimum passing score.

**A passing subtest score must be achieved at a single CSET administration; performance on sections of subtests cannot be combined across administrations. Once you pass a subtest, you do not have to take that subtest again as long as you use the score toward certification within five years of the test date.**

Examinees registered for CSET: Art Subtest II must submit six photographs of their artwork in order for CSET: Art Subtest II to be scored. If six photographs are not submitted, the examinee does not pass the subtest. Furthermore, if one or more of the six photographs do not meet the requirements specified in the CSET: Art Subtest II Portfolio Procedures Manual, a rating of "Unscorable" on the portfolio component written assignment(s) is assigned.

Examinees registered for CSET: Music Subtest II are required to submit videotaped materials (two videotapes) in order for CSET: Music Subtest II to be scored. If two videotapes are not submitted, or if one or both videotapes do not contain audio and video within the first three minutes, the examinee does not pass the subtest. Furthermore, if one or both of the videotapes do not meet the requirements specified in the CSET: Music Subtest II Video Performance Procedures Manual, a rating of "Unscorable" on the assignment(s) is assigned.

### Retaking the CSET

If you wish to register to retake the CSET, all necessary registration information and forms are provided in the current CSET Registration Bulletin. You may also register via the Internet at [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com). If the examinee score report mailing date for the test date listed on your score report is **seven or fewer days** before the regular registration deadline for the next test date, you will be granted a waiver of the late registration fee if you register for the CSET before the late registration deadline of the next test date. **Please refer to the CSET Registration Bulletin for information about registering to test on consecutive test dates.**

### Reporting of CSET Results

Your CSET results have been or will be sent to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing, any institution(s) of higher education and/or intern program(s) that you indicated when you registered for the CSET, and any other institution or office authorized or required by law to receive this information.

To protect the confidentiality of your CSET results, they will not be provided to anyone over the telephone or via fax and, with the exceptions specified above, will not be released to anyone without your permission.

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## Scoring

Responses to multiple-choice questions are machine scored as correct or incorrect. Multiple-choice section scores are based on the number of correct answers. Responses to the constructed-response assignments are scored by at least two qualified California educators using standardized procedures. Scorers focus on the extent to which a response fulfills the following performance characteristics.\*

- **Purpose:** the extent to which the response addresses the constructed-response assignment's charge in relation to relevant CSET subject matter requirements or relevant CSET content specifications
- **Subject Matter Knowledge:** the application of accurate subject matter knowledge as described in the relevant CSET subject matter requirements or relevant CSET content specifications
- **Support:** the appropriateness and quality of the supporting evidence in relation to relevant CSET subject matter requirements or relevant CSET content specifications

For some constructed-response assignments, scorers also focus on the extent to which a response fulfills a fourth performance characteristic.

- **Depth and Breadth of Understanding:** the degree to which the response demonstrates understanding of the relevant CSET subject matter requirements

**The CSET test guides contain information about performance characteristics and the scoring of constructed-response assignments.** CSET test guides may be viewed or downloaded free of charge at the CSET Web site at [www.cset.nesinc.com](http://www.cset.nesinc.com).

\*Some constructed-response assignments in Languages Other Than English have different performance characteristics, as listed on individual score reports and in the CSET test guides.

## Proportions of Subtest Sections

In determining your overall score on a subtest, a proportion is assigned to both the multiple-choice section and the constructed-response section. The proportions of the subtest sections are as follows.

Proportions	Subtests
70%: Multiple Choice 30%: Constructed Response	These are the proportions for most subtests; exceptions are listed below.
80%: Multiple Choice 20%: Constructed Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Science Subtests I and II (118, 119)</li> <li>• Science Subtest IV: Biology, Chemistry, and Physics (124, 125, 127)</li> <li>• Music Subtest I (136)</li> <li>• Subtest II: French, German, and Spanish (149, 152, 146)</li> <li>• Health Science Subtests II and III (179, 180)</li> </ul>
50%: Multiple Choice 50%: Constructed Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Subtest III: French, German, Russian, and Spanish (150, 153, 156, 147)</li> <li>• Korean Subtests I, II, and III (160, 161, 162)</li> <li>• Mandarin Subtests I, II, and III (163, 164, 165)</li> <li>• Punjabi Subtests I, II, and III (166, 167, 168)</li> </ul>
40%: Multiple Choice 60%: Constructed Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• American Sign Language Subtest III (188)</li> <li>• Japanese Subtests I, II, and III (157, 158, 159)</li> <li>• Vietnamese Subtests I, II, and III (169, 170, 171)</li> </ul>
Not applicable	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• English subtests (105, 106, 107, 108) Each English subtest consists of only multiple-choice questions OR only constructed-response assignments.</li> <li>• Filipino subtests (190, 191) Each Filipino subtest consists of only constructed-response assignments.</li> </ul>

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