The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) recently announced that as a result of the federal No Child Left Behind Act (NCLB), certification requirements for individuals currently teaching in a middle school at grades 7 or 8 who hold only an elementary education certificate will change.

To comply with NCLB legislation, by the end of the 2005-2006 school year, all teaching staff in the 7th and 8th grades at a middle school must have a Middle level certificate in accordance with the content area that they are teaching, i.e. Middle level English or Middle level math, etc., or would need to hold a secondary certificate in that content area, i.e. Math, English, etc., which permits them to teach these areas in grades 7 to 12.

The following PRAXIS tests will be required by PDE for Middle level purposes. Registration information is available at the ETS website: [www.ets.org/praxis](http://www.ets.org/praxis)

The PRAXIS Middle School English Language Arts Test (code #10049) is required for **Middle Level English** certification.

The PRAXIS Middle School Mathematics Test (code #20069) is required for **Middle Level Mathematics** certification.

The PRAXIS Middle School Science Test (code #10439) is required for **Middle Level Science** certification.

The PRAXIS Middle School Social Studies Test (code #20089) is required for **Middle Level Social Studies** certification.