ACT Plus Writing or SAT Score in Lieu of the Test of Academic Proficiency (TAP) for Individuals Enrolled in a Licensure Program at Northern Illinois University

ACT PLUS WRITING/SAT SCORES CAN BE USED IN LIEU OF A PASSING SCORE ON THE TEST OF ACADEMIC PROFICIENCY (TAP).

Teacher Candidates must complete the following steps:

STEP ONE: CREATE AN ACCOUNT ON THE EDUCATOR LICENSURE INFORMATION SYSTEM (ELIS) AT http://www.isbe.net/ELIS/default.htm.

STEP TWO: CONFIRM THAT SCORE REPORT MEETS THE COMPOSITE SCORE REQUIREMENTS:

- ACT Plus Writing 22 or higher (with at least 19 on the English/writing portion if taken prior to September 1, 2015)
- ACT Plus Writing 22 or higher (with at least 16 on the writing portion if taken on or after September 1, 2015)
- SAT 1030 (critical reading + mathematics = 1030 or higher and minimum score on writing of 450)

STEP THREE: REQUEST THAT SCORES BE SENT TO ISBE DIRECTLY FROM ACT OR SAT.

- The score report must arrive in a sealed envelope addressed to ISBE from ACT or SAT.
- If requesting an ACT Plus Writing score report, use ACT code 3001 when ordering. There is no ISBE code for SAT. Request that SAT score report be sent to the Illinois State Board of Education, Division of Educator Licensure, 100 North First Street, S-306, Springfield, IL 62777.

STEP FOUR: CHECK ELIS ACCOUNT TO VERIFY THAT YOUR ACT/SAT SCORE REPORT HAS BEEN ACCEPTED IN LIEU OF THE TAP. Please allow 60 days for this information to be added to your ELIS account.
THAT ARE RECEIVED PRIOR TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN ELIS ACCOUNT WILL BE HELD FOR 30 DAYS. AFTER 30 DAYS, THE REPORT MAY NOT BE CREDITED TO YOUR ACCOUNT.

SPECIAL NOTE: ISBE will not return official score reports that reflect a score less than listed above or lack a writing component. Such score reports will be shredded and therefore, cannot be used to apply for an Illinois license or endorsement.