

## **Considerations in Pass Rate Calculations**

1. Some fields are blank for privacy concerns. Pass rates for any group or test in which there were fewer than 5 annual examinees are not reported to protect candidate privacy.
2. If no teacher preparation attending institution is identified by the test taker, the examinee's pass rates will be listed as "Other" and not included in a specific institution's pass rates.
3. National Highest Cut Score – the highest passing score required among any of the states using Praxis tests.
4. 3 Year Data – 1 year data and the two preceding year data (example: from September 2003-August 2006). The three-year aggregated data is calculated by determining each examinee's pass/fail status at the time his/her score was reported. The data is not an average of three one-year accumulations of data.
5. The Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) are taken by all Pennsylvania candidates attending the college/university for teacher preparation. The pass rates currently displayed on this website for each subject area are the aggregate pass rates for all candidates for the identified institution, not just the candidates in the program identified. The pass rates for a given college/university should be the same for all subject areas listed for that institution, as the PPST scores are not currently disaggregated by subject area.
6. The Pre-Professional Skills Tests (PPST) can be successfully completed in one of two ways. First, the PPST test can be passed by meeting the required cut score listed for each test in the website for each PPST test. Second, the PPST tests can be passed by use of a "composite score" which requires a candidate to obtain a minimum score in each of the three tests (R-171, W-170, M-171), but the total of the three scores must be equal to a composite cut score of 521 for all three tests.
7. Definitions of data elements are available in the Glossary.