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## **Editorial Review**

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Dr. Rosado has written extensively in the areas of pedagogy and professional responsibilities, parental involvement, cross-cultural communication, preparation for teacher certification exams, and Spanish for bilingual teachers. Among his publications are a series of books to prepare pre-service teachers for certification tests, including REA's best-selling *TExES Bilingual Generalist EC-6 (192)*, and *Desarrollo del Español para Maestros en Programas de Educación Bilingüe (Spanish Development for Teachers in Bilingual Education Programs)*, for which, with co-author Lidia Morris, he earned first place in the 2014 International Latino Book Awards in the category of Best Reference Book—Spanish or Bilingual. The book, which is intended, Dr. Rosado says, “to polish Spanish, not to teach Spanish,” is being used by several universities and a number of Texas school districts.

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Congratulations! By taking the TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (291) test, you're on your way to a rewarding career as a teacher of young students in Texas. Our book gives you everything you need to succeed on this important exam, bringing you one step closer to being certified to teach in Texas.

### **This TExES Core Subjects test prep includes:**

- Complete overview of the TExES Core Subjects EC-6 (291) test
- Comprehensive review for all five subject tests in the TExES Core Subjects test battery
- Full-length practice test based on the official exam, complete with detailed answer explanations

## **HOW TO USE THIS BOOK**

### About Our Review

The review chapters in this book are designed to help you sharpen your command of all the skills you'll need to pass the Core Subjects EC-6 test. The test is composed of five domains and 47 competencies. Each of the skills required for all five domains is discussed at length to optimize your understanding of what the test covers.

Keep in mind that your schooling has taught you most of what you need to know to answer the questions on the test. Our content review is designed to reinforce what you have learned and show you how to relate the information you have acquired to the specific competencies on the test. Studying your class notes and textbooks together with our review will give you an excellent foundation for passing the test.

## About Our Practice Test

The best way to personalize your study plan is to get feedback on what you know and what you don't. This book gives you a full-length practice test based on the official TExES Core Subjects EC-6 exam, along with detailed answer explanations. After reviewing with the book, take the practice test to ensure that you have mastered the material and are ready for test day. Review the detailed answer explanations to identify any areas where you need extra study, and read those sections of the review chapters again.

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE TEST

### What is assessed on the Core Subjects EC-6 Test?

The TExES Core Subjects EC-6 test is a criterion-referenced examination constructed to measure the knowledge and skills that an entry-level educator in Texas public schools must have. The test is a requirement for candidates seeking a Core Subjects EC-6 certificate. Because it's a computer-administered test, the Core Subjects EC-6 exam is available throughout the year at numerous locations across the state and at select locations nationally. To find the test center near you, visit [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org).

Candidates are limited to five attempts to take any of Texas's teacher certification tests, but in the event you don't pass the Core Subjects EC-6 test, you need to retake only the individual subtest(s) where your score falls short.

### What is the format of the TExES Core Subjects EC-6 test?

The test includes a total of 267 items, with 230 scorable multiple-choice items, and 37 nonscorable items used for field testing. You won't know which is which, so they surely aren't worth worrying about. Your final scaled score will be based only on the scorable items. The test is organized into five subject tests.

### Multiple-Choice Questions

Though all the questions on the test are multiple-choice, they may not all be the type of multiple-choice question with which you're familiar. The majority of questions on the Core Subjects test are standard multiple-choice items. The questions are not intended merely to test your command of facts but also your critical-thinking skills. For example, you may be asked to analyze information and compare it with knowledge you have, or make a judgment about it. To acquaint yourself with all the standards and competencies covered on the test, be sure to download Educational Testing Service's test framework at [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org).

Some multiple-choice questions are self-contained while others are clustered, branching off a common stimulus. Each question will generally have four choices: A, B, C, and D. (Some questions may have five options.) In most cases, the correct answer will require you to identify the single best response. Some questions, however, will require you to select *all* the responses that answer the question correctly. In such instances, you will click check boxes instead of ovals. Also be aware that this test occasionally presents non-traditional formats for multiple-choice items, both to present the information and to allow you to select the best answer.

### When should the test be taken?

Traditionally, teacher preparation programs determine when their candidates take the required tests for teacher certification. These programs will also clear you to take the examinations and make final recommendations for certification to the Texas State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC).

A candidate seeking EC-6 certification may take the appropriate Core Subjects test at such time as his or her Educator Preparation Program (EPP) determines the candidate's readiness to take the test, or upon successful completion of the EPP, whichever comes first. The EPP will determine readiness through benchmarks and structured assessments of the candidates' progress throughout the preparation program.

For those seeking certification right out of college, the TExES 291 Core Subjects EC–6 is generally taken just before graduation. Taking all TExES examinations is a requirement to teach in Texas, so if you are planning on being an educator, you must take and pass these tests.

How do I register for the test?

To register for the TExES 291 test, you must create an account in the ETS online registration system. Registration will then be available to you online, 24/7, during the regular, late, and emergency registration periods. Visit ETS’s TExES website at [www.texas.ets.org](http://www.texas.ets.org) and follow the instructions.

The TExES Registration Bulletin provides information about test dates and locations, as well as information on registration and testing accommodations for those with special needs. The registration bulletin is available at <http://cms.texas-ets.org/registrationbulletin/>. Registration bulletins are also available at the education departments of Texas colleges and universities. To address issues that cannot be solved at the teacher preparation program level, you can contact the offices of SBEC at (888) 863-5880 or (512) 469-8400. You can also find information about the test and registration on the ETS website at <http://cms.texas-ets.org/>.

You must pay a registration fee to take the TExES tests, and you will also incur additional late fees if registering after the scheduled date.

What’s the passing score?

There are 267 multiple-choice questions on the TExES 291 test. Your score on each of the TExES 291’s subtests (test codes 801 to 805) will be reported on a 100-300 scale. A scaled score of 240 is set as the minimum passing score. To put this in context, you want to be confident you can answer between 70% and 80% of the questions correctly. To achieve the 70% level, you must get 190 questions correct; to reach the 80% level, you need to get 214 questions correct. As you work your way through our practice tests, scores in this range will suggest that you are sufficiently absorbing the test content. On the actual test, 32 of the 267 questions are being field-tested and thus will not be scored. There is no holistic score for the full Core Subjects EC-6 battery; overall results are reported as “pass” or “not pass” because, as ETS puts it, “there is no total scaled score for the overall exam.”

If you do not get a passing score on the practice test, study the detailed explanations for the questions you answered incorrectly. Note which types of questions you answered wrong, and reexamine the corresponding review content. After further review, you may want to retake the practice test.

When will I receive my score report?

As part of the registration process to take TExES examinations, test candidates set up an account with ETS in which they are assigned a username and password. Use this account to access your score report information on ETS’s TExES website. Score reports will be posted by 5 p.m. CT on the score reporting date and will be available for 90 days.

What if I don’t pass each subject area subtest?

You must pass all parts of the Core Subjects EC-6 test in order to meet the examination requirement for Texas’s Core Subjects EC-6 certificate. If you don’t do well on every part of the Core Subjects test, don’t panic. You can retake the entire test or any individual subject area subtests up to four times. Both options require a 45-day waiting period after the first and subsequent attempts. You are given four attempts to retake all portions of the Core Subjects exams. On your first retake, the Texas Education Agency requires that you attempt the entire Core Subjects exam. After the first attempt, each testing session counts as another try, regardless of whether the session includes the entire exam or one of the subject area subtests. Candidates retaking the entire Core Subjects battery must literally view (but not answer) all of the test questions in each subtest.

## **Users Review**

### **From reader reviews:**

#### **Eva Burton:**

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