

Middle Level Science Examinees

Prior to September, 2010, elementary candidates in Minnesota were required to earn a K-6 license as well as a “specialty” or “cognate” in one of six areas: Communication Arts and Literature, Mathematics, Science, Social Studies, Pre-primary or World Languages. Beginning in September 2010, candidates were able to apply for a stand-alone K-6 license only if they had made at least one attempt at passing their selected specialty area examination. In other words, they were required to attempt, not pass the specialty area examination. The change in administrative rule has skewed the in that programs are required to report failing content examinations for candidates who never intended to teach in a specialty area, but intended to teach in a K-6 classroom.

Of the 66 SCSU candidates who have attempted the Middle Level Science content examinations, 17 (26%) have failed. All of these candidates were Elementary Education majors taking this exam as their specialty exam. 16 (94%) have passed the content examination for K-6 licensure, and 88% are currently licensed. Table 1, below, provides summary information on these candidates. Table 2 provides candidate specific information.

Currently candidates do not have to select a specialty area nor do they have to attempt testing in anything other than K-6 Elementary Education.

Table 1: Summary Data on ML Science Content Non-Passers *N=17 candidates*

	Number of Exam Takers	Percent of Exam Takers
Majored in Elementary Education	17	100%
Licensed K-6	15	88%
- Currently licensed AND teaching K-6	11	
- Currently licensed K-6 but not teaching	3	
- Licensed but since passed away	1	
Passed elementary content exams but no record of MN teaching license	1	6%
Did not pass licensing examinations	1	6%

Table 2: Candidate Specific Data on Status of ML Science Non-Passers (N=17)

Examinee	Assessment Name	P/F Status	Date	Major	Teaching Status
Student KJ	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-03-28	Elem Ed.	Did not pass Elementary Pedagogy exam
Student AA	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-03-28	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student AB	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-03-25	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student JDi	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-06-18	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student ME	ML Science (5-8)	F	2014-12-20	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student KF	ML Science (5-8)	F	2010-12-17	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student SH	ML Science (5-8)	F	2012-07-19	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student RH	ML Science (5-8)	F	2010-10-16	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student TH	ML Science (5-8)	F	2010-09-23	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student MM	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-03-28	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student KSw	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-04-20	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student NZ	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-03-28	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/currently teaching
Student MQ	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-01-25	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/no employment record found
Student KSa	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-03-17	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/no employment record found
Student KSy	ML Science (5-8)	F	2012-09-12	Elem Ed.	Licensed K-6/no employment record found
Student LM	ML Science (5-8)	F	2011-05-19	Elem Ed.	Licensed/Deceased
Student JDo	ML Science (5-8)	F	2010-11-24	Elem Ed.	Passed exams, no record of MN teaching license in this name