

# NES Test Facts

- NES (National Essential Skills) Test aka Essential Academic Skills
  - Reading
  - Writing
  - Mathematics
  - These three tests are also known as “subtests”
- Passing Score 220 in all three tests (reading, writing, and math)
- A FEE IS ASSOCIATED
  - \$50 for one Essential Academic Skills subtest
  - \$75 for any two Essential Academic Skills subtest
  - \$100 for any three Essential Academic Skill subtest
- Anyone taking the NES Tests has the option to apply for the NES Test Wavier IF APPLICABLE  
[https://www.nestest.com/Content/Docs/NES\\_FeeWaiverRequestForm.pdf](https://www.nestest.com/Content/Docs/NES_FeeWaiverRequestForm.pdf)
- The wavier might or might not cover the entire cost of the test(s)...depends on the financial needs and responses of the applicant.
- Once one has applied and been granted the wavier, the applicant can use the wavier within one year from the acceptance (granted) date.
- Once a wavier has been awarded, the applicant CANNOT apply for a new wavier UNTIL the one year of initial application is up.
- The test for the essential skills is listed as a test time of 75 minutes.
- The question portion of the test is 60 minutes. The other 15 minutes is divided between verification of identity, introduction, and tutorial.
- If one DOESN'T PASS the test(s) the first time, they must wait a whole month before being allowed to register for the same test(s) again.
- If one needs to step out of the testing area on test day, the timer does not stop

- NES Testing Centers :Santa Fe and Albuquerque
- The MATH and READING TESTS consist of 45 multiple choice questions and the WRITING TEST consists of 36 multiple choice questions and 1 written assignment
- NOT ALL QUESTIONS ARE SCORED!
- 35 out of the 45 questions will be scored...test takers are not made aware of which questions are not scored
- NES Reading
  - Words and Phrases 7 Questions
  - Main Idea and Supporting Details 7 Questions
  - Purpose, Audience, View, Meaning 7 Questions
  - Critical Reason Skills 7 Questions
  - Understanding Text and Graphics 7 Questions
- NES Math
  - Number Properties and Operations 7 Questions
  - Principles of Algebra 7 Questions
  - Measurement and Geometry 7 Questions
  - Probability and Statistics 7 Questions
  - Mathematical Problem Solving 7 Questions
- NES Writing
  - Purpose, Audience, and Organization 10 Questions
  - Sentence Formation 10 Questions
  - Standard Written English Grammar 10 Questions
- Scores for the MATH and READING TESTS are given immediately.
- Scores for the WRITING TEST are released about 2-3 weeks after the test date.
- More information about all NES Tests can be found on their website at [www.nestest.com/Home.aspx](http://www.nestest.com/Home.aspx)