

603 CMR 7.00: Regulations for Educator Licensure and Preparation Program Approval

7.06: Subject Matter Knowledge Requirements for Teachers

(10) Foreign Language (Levels: PreK-6; 5-12)

(a) The following topics will be addressed on a subject matter knowledge test for the PreK-6 level:

1. Spoken and written command of a standard version of the target language (the version used by a formally educated speaker of the language).
2. Knowledge of culturally and historically significant literary and non-literary texts and authors associated with the country of origin of the target language and of one other country with which the target language may now be associated.
3. Introductory knowledge of contemporary political, social, and artistic features of the country of origin of the target language and of one other country with which the target language may now be associated.
4. Children's literature, songs, and games in the target language.
5. Characteristics of elementary reading and writing pedagogy in the target language.
6. Similarities and differences between the target language and English.
7. Theories of, and differences between, first and second language acquisition.

(b) The topics set forth in 603 CMR 7.06 (10) (a) 1., 6., and 7. and the following topics will be addressed on a subject matter knowledge test for the 5-12 level:

1. Knowledge of culturally and historically significant literary and non-literary texts and authors associated with the country of origin of the target language; literary traditions, periods, and genres.
2. Introductory knowledge of the other arts (historical traditions, genres, and major artists) associated with the country of origin of the target language.
3. Introductory knowledge of the political, social and intellectual history of the country or culture with which the target language is or was originally associated.
4. Introductory knowledge of significant literary and non-literary texts, the arts, and history of at least one other country or people with which the target language may now be associated.

(c) The following topics will be addressed on a subject matter knowledge test for American Sign Language at the PreK-6 and 5-12 grade levels:

1. Expressive and receptive fluency in American Sign Language at a level of proficiency set by the Board.
2. Knowledge of deaf history.
3. Knowledge of deaf culture.
4. Introductory knowledge of deaf art.
5. Knowledge of different literary genres; for example, children's literature, poetry, and games associated with the deaf.
6. Theories of first and second language acquisition for American Sign Language.
7. Similarities and differences in the linguistic structure of American Sign Language and English.
8. Knowledge of methods of instruction in American Sign Language.
9. Knowledge of philosophies of American Sign Language.