Minnesota Basic Skills Requirements for Tier 4 License

You must meet the Minnesota Basic Skills requirement, and teach in MN for 3 years before moving to a Tier 4 license from a Tier 3 license.

Basic Skills Testing Requirements and Options

1) MN NES EAS (Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills)
   **Cutoff score:** Reading ≥ 240, Writing ≥ 240, Mathematics ≥ 240
   - Register for MN NES EAS:
     - [http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Home.aspx](http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Home.aspx)
   - Students take all three MN NES EAS: Reading, Writing, and Math

2) ACT Plus Writing
   **Cutoff score:** Composite Score ≥ 22 and Combined English/Writing ≥ 21
   - The ACT Plus Writing must be taken as a complete exam.
   - Those who have previously taken the standard version of the ACT must take the new ACT Plus Writing in its entirety, should they choose this option.
   - Register for the ACT Plus Writing: [http://www.actstudent.org/regist/](http://www.actstudent.org/regist/)
   - To request scores be sent: [http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/](http://www.actstudent.org/scores/send/)

3) SAT
   **Cutoff scores**
   - 1600 SAT (New) Reading + Writing ≥ 550, Mathematics ≥ 570
   - 2400 SAT (Old) Reading ≥ 510, Writing ≥ 510, Mathematics ≥ 520
   - Register for the SAT: [http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-us-dates](http://sat.collegeboard.org/register/sat-us-dates)
   - To request SAT scores be sent: [http://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-old-sat-scores](http://sat.collegeboard.org/scores/send-old-sat-scores)

4) GRE
   **Cutoff scores**
   - Taken prior to 8/1/2011
     Verbal Reasoning ≥ 450, Analytical Writing ≥ 3, Quantitative Reasoning ≥ 540
   - Taken after 8/1/2011
     Verbal Reasoning ≥ 150, Analytical Writing ≥ 3, Quantitative Reasoning ≥ 145
   - Register for the GRE: [https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register/](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/register/)
   - To request GRE scores be sent: [https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/send/](https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/send/)

You will be required to submit your basic skills official scores to the PELSB at a later date. It will be your responsibility to obtain/retain a copy of your official scores, and present the score to the PELSB when applying for your tier 4 license.