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 are not required for your initial Tier 3 license.

Basic Skills Testing Requirements and Options

1) MN NES EAS (Minnesota NES Essential Academic Skills)
   Cutoff score: Reading ≥ 520, Writing ≥ 520, Mathematics ≥ 520
   - Register for MN NES EAS:
     http://www.mtle.nesinc.com/Home.aspx
   Students take all three MN NES EAS: Reading, Writing, and Math

2) ACT : Composite and ELS (or Combined English Writing)
   Cutoff score: Composite Score ≥ 22 and ELS (or 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/
   - To request scores be sent: 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
   - To request SAT scores be sent: 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/
   - To request GRE scores be sent: https://www.ets.org/gre/revised_general/scores/send/

You will be required to submit your basic skills official scores to the PELSB. It is recommended that you include a copy of your official scores with your initial Tier 3 application if you already met the basic skills cut-off scores. Otherwise, present the scores to the PELSB when applying for your Tier 4 license. It will be your responsibility to obtain/retain a copy of your official scores, and present the score to the PELSB.