

TExES Core Subjects EC-6 Cheat Sheet 2026

The night-before summary, built like the exam.

210 Scored questions	5h Time limit	240 scaled score on eac... Passing score
\$116 Exam fee	Texas Education Agency... Governing body	— Pass rate

The numbers to remember

- 210 total selected-response questions across five subject exams.
- 300 minutes total appointment time, including a 15-minute CAT tutorial and compliance agreement.
- 240 scaled score needed to pass, on each of the 5 Subject Exams — no combined total score exists.
- \$116 to register for the full 5-Subject Exam; \$58 per Subject Exam if taken separately. Additional fees may apply.
- Format: computer-administered test (CAT).
- Result reporting: Passed / Not Passed only — you must clear all five subject exams.

Subtests and scores

- English Language Arts and Reading: 45 questions, 70 minutes.
- Mathematics: 40 questions, 70 minutes.
- Social Studies: 40 questions, 50 minutes.
- Science: 45 questions, 55 minutes.
- Fine Arts, Health and Physical Education: 40 questions, 35 minutes.

Each subject is scored to its own 240 threshold — a great Math score cannot cover for a weak Science score. Notice the tighter time allotments on Social Studies, Science, and Fine Arts/Health/PE relative to their question counts; those three subjects give you the least breathing room per item, so a calm, decisive pace matters there more than on English Language Arts and Reading or Mathematics.

High-yield review areas

- Whichever subject scored lowest on your last full practice test — review it first tonight, not the one you enjoy most.
- Timing drills for Social Studies, Science, and Fine Arts/Health/PE — these three give you the least time per question, so decisive elimination beats deliberation.
- Re-do any missed practice questions and read why the wrong choices were wrong, not just which answer was right — understanding the distractor generalizes better than memorizing one correct answer.
- A quick pass through the on-screen CAT interface (flagging items, navigating between questions within a subject) so the 15-minute tutorial feels like confirmation, not a first encounter.
- A short mental walkthrough of the appointment order — tutorial, then five timed subjects back to back — so the transition between subjects doesn't cost you focus mid-test.

Top traps

- Assuming a strong overall feeling means you passed — the report is Passed/Not Passed per subject, and one missed 240 threshold fails the whole exam even if the other four subjects were comfortable passes.
- Under-budgeting time on Fine Arts, Health and PE (only 35 minutes for 40 questions) because it feels like the lightest subject going in.
- Registering for the \$116 combined exam without checking whether additional fees might apply to your specific

registration situation.

- Skipping a full 300-minute timed rehearsal and only studying content — stamina across a 5-hour appointment, including the 15-minute tutorial, is its own skill separate from subject knowledge.
- Spending equal review time on all five subjects the night before instead of weighting toward your weakest diagnostic score.

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