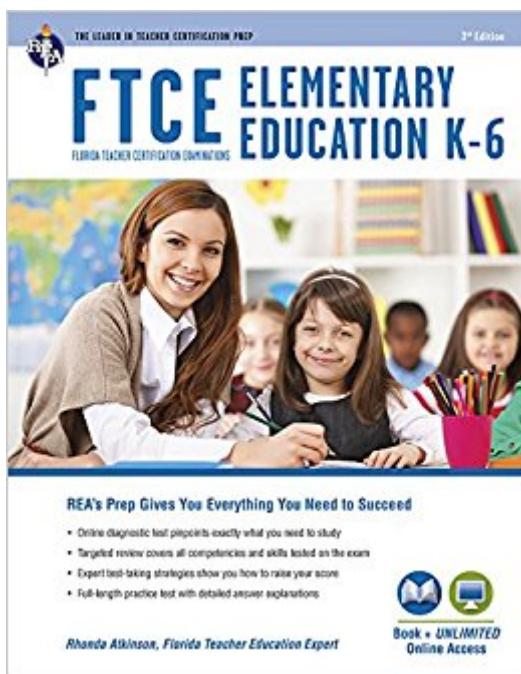


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# FTCE Elementary Education K-6 Book + Online (FTCE Teacher Certification Test Prep)



## **Synopsis**

REA's FTCE Elementary Education K-6 Test Prep with Online Tests Gets You Certified and in the Classroom! Updated Third Edition Nationwide, more than 5 million teachers will be needed over the next decade, and all must take appropriate tests to be licensed. REA gets you ready for your teaching career with our outstanding library of teacher certification test preps! Scoring well on the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 exam doesn't just help you get certified to teach in Florida, it helps you build your career. This updated edition of our popular FTCE test prep is designed to help you master the information on the Elementary Education K-6 exam. It's perfect for college students, prospective teachers, and career-changing professionals who are seeking certification as elementary education teachers. Written by a Florida education expert, our study package contains an in-depth review of all the competencies tested on the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 exam: language arts, math, social science, and science. Expert test-taking tips and strategies offer advice on how to raise point scores. An online diagnostic test helps you assess your skills and gauge your test-readiness. The diagnostic exam replicates the FTCE question format and comes complete with detailed answer explanations, so you can see where you need extra study and review. A full-length multiple-choice practice test in the book simulates actual FTCE exam questions. This practice test is balanced to include every type of question, subject area, and skill tested on the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 exam. An additional practice test is available online at the REA Study Center. This test is offered in a timed format with automatic scoring, timed testing conditions, and diagnostic feedback. Detailed answer explanations and instant reports help you zero in on the topics and types of questions that give you trouble now, so you can succeed on test day. This test prep is a must-have for teacher certification candidates in Florida!

## **Book Information**

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## Customer Reviews

Rhonda Atkinson, Ph.D., has an extensive background in reading and psychology, and a deep understanding of how people learn. She has applied this knowledge to a variety of content areas and learner needs, and is an expert in instructional design. After earning her doctorate in curriculum and instruction from Louisiana State University, Dr. Atkinson went on to become a faculty member and administrator in post-secondary education programs in Louisiana, Missouri, and Florida. Along the way, she has created courses and workshops to meet different content and learner needs in online, face-to-face, and hybrid formats. She has also developed educational materials for Northrop Grumman, the Institute for Healthcare Advancement, Novartis, the Public Broadcasting Corporation, the Louisiana Office of Elder Affairs, the Louisiana Office of Nutrition Education, and the Louisiana Department of Education. Dr. Atkinson is the co-author of seven college textbooks in reading and learning strategies. She currently serves as a professor of education at Valencia College, Orlando, Florida, where she teaches undergraduate education courses in student success and technology as well as post-graduate certification courses in education.

Congratulations! By taking the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 (060) test, you're on your way to a rewarding career as a teacher of young students in Florida. Our book, and the online tools that come with it, give you everything you need to succeed on this important exam, bringing you one step closer to being certified to teach in Florida. This FTCE Elementary Education K-6 test prep package includes:

- A complete overview of the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 (060) test
- A comprehensive review for all four subject tests in the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 test battery
- End-of-chapter review questions
- An online diagnostic test to pinpoint your strengths and weaknesses and focus your study
- Two full-length practice tests: one in the book and an additional test online that comes with powerful diagnostic tools to help you personalize your prep

**How to Use This Book + Online Prep**

**About Our Review**

The review chapters in this book are designed to help you sharpen your command of all the skills you'll need to pass the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 test. The test is composed of four competencies. Each of the skills required for all of the competencies is discussed at length to optimize your understanding of what

the test covers. Keep in mind that your schooling has taught you most of what you need to know to answer the questions on the test. Our content review is designed to reinforce what you have learned and show you how to relate the information you have acquired to the specific competencies on the test. Studying your class notes and textbooks together with our review will give you an excellent foundation for passing the test.

**About the REA Study Center**

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- **Our online exams** simulate the computer-based format of the actual FTCE test and come with these features:
- **Automatic scoring** â "Find out how you did on your test, instantly.
- **Diagnostic score reports** â "Get a specific score tied to each competency, so you can focus on the areas that challenge you the most.
- **On-screen detailed answer explanations** â "See why the correct response option is right, and learn why the other answer choices are incorrect.
- **Timed testing** â "Learn to manage your time as you practice, so you'll feel confident on test day.

**An Overview of the Test**

**What is assessed on the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 test?** The FTCE Elementary Education K-6 test is a subject area examination constructed to measure the knowledge and skills that an entry-level educator in Florida public schools must have. The test is a requirement for candidates seeking an Elementary Education K-6 certificate. Because it's a computer-administered test, the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 test is available throughout the year at numerous locations across the state and at select locations nationally. To find the test center near you, visit [www.fl.nesinc.com](http://www.fl.nesinc.com).

**What is the format of the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 test?** The test includes a total of 220 multiple-choice items. Your test may include questions that are being evaluated for future administrations. These items will not count toward your score and you won't know which is which, so they aren't worth worrying about. Your final scale score will be based only on the scorable items.

**When should the test be taken?** Traditionally, teacher preparation programs determine when their candidates take the required tests for teacher certification. These programs will also clear you to take the examinations and make final recommendations for

certification to the Florida Bureau of Educator Certification. A candidate seeking K-6 certification may take the appropriate test at such time as his or her Educator Preparation Program (EPP) determines the candidate's readiness to take the test, or upon successful completion of the EPP, whichever comes first. The EPP will determine readiness through benchmarks and structured assessments of the candidate's progress throughout the preparation program. Taking the appropriate FTCE examinations is a requirement to teach in Florida, so if you are planning on being an educator, you must take and pass these tests. How do I register for the test? To register for the FTCE Elementary Education K-6 test, you must create an account in the FTCE/FELE online registration system. Registration will then be available to you online, 24/7. How should I prepare for the test? It is never too early to start studying for the FTCE. The earlier you begin, the more time you will have to sharpen your skills. Do not procrastinate. Cramming is not an effective way to study, since it does not allow you the time needed to learn the test material. It is important for you to choose the time and place for studying that works best for you. Be consistent and use your time wisely. Work out a study routine and stick to it. When you take REA's diagnostic test and practice tests, simulate the conditions of the actual test as closely as possible. Turn your television and radio off, and go to a quiet place free from distraction. Read each question carefully, consider all answer choices, and pace yourself. As you complete each test, review your score reports, study the diagnostic feedback, and thoroughly review the explanations to the questions you answered incorrectly. But don't overdo it. Take one problem area at a time; review it until you are confident that you have mastered the material. Give extra attention to the areas giving you the most difficulty, as this will help build your score.

UPDATE: I passed all four sections! I'm glad I went with this book. I'll look first to this series when I prepare for my other tests. This series has been recommended by friends in my education program, too. I took this test April 5, 2017, and the math section has definitely been updated since this book was last revised. The test may well have been updated only recently - I wasn't able to get instant scores today, because the Elementary K-6 test is currently considered under revision as of April 1, 2017. I don't fault the book for not being up to date on the math section, but I did want everyone to know. The ELA, science, and social studies sections, though, were extremely consistent with the material in this book, and I was very glad to have made this purchase! I'm a career-changer, interested in work in elementary education. The material in this book was very helpful. The test is a mixture of elementary education content (not as simple as you might think - you have been warned!) and corresponding teaching methods. In the science and social studies sections in particular, there

was a strong correlation between the material in this book (including teaching methods) and the material on the test. It was well worth the purchase just for this. All that being said, I didn't feel well prepared for the math section, and that is actually the section of this book I studied most closely. I did well on both online practice math tests. One of my undergraduate degrees is in a math-related area. I was actually looking forward to the math section, because I felt best prepared for it. There were references to several problem-solving methods that weren't familiar after having read this book. They did pertain to techniques I've helped my first-grader with in his schoolwork, so it's clearly up-to-date in terms of the kids' curriculum - but knowing how to help with my son's homework is completely different from understanding the education terminology and rationale for methods like decomposition. (But maybe I missed something in the book!) There was also a lot more calculation than I'd expected. A significant portion of my test (maybe 1/3-1/2 the questions is what it felt like) involved word problems with multi-step computations. I am someone who takes longer than average to complete computations, and I used to always have to not only learn math methods, but also practice, in order to complete tests as quickly as my peers. I am accurate, but slow! If I had known how much computation would be involved, I would have done more practice problems. I completed both online math tests from this book with time to spare, so I was shocked to realize midway through the actual test this morning that I was coming up short on time. Not only did I not have time to go back and check my work, I had to randomly choose answers to maybe four questions, because I didn't have time to complete them. Maybe this was on me!! I'm not blaming the book for my disappointing test - and if the test was just updated, it's definitely not this book's fault. And, hey, maybe I passed - I don't know, because the test is under review, so there were no instant scores today. And again, the social studies and science sections could not have been more consistent with this book. ELA was pretty close, too. I'm VERY glad I purchased this. The book is well written, well organized, and complete without being overwhelming. For me, it was also a great text to study as a complement to my education coursework textbooks. I got the Kindle version, which was excellent. I do recommend getting this book - just maybe take some time to practice more story problems and computation (large-number multiplication, long division, geometry, etc.), and also seek out information about the very latest math methods happening in classrooms.

I had to retake the science and social studies portion of my FTCE, so I bought this book to see if it will help and it did - I passed!! The online tests are so helpful. It tells you exactly what your strengths and weaknesses are so you know what competencies to focus on. And it's almost like you're really taking the actual exam. I did not rely solely on this book though. It's a good idea to use

other books as well (The yellow one). But overall I'm glad I made the choice to purchase this book.

Once registered, the website does not allow you to sign back in. There is no customer service representative. Only static. Others on social media have had same issue for the last year, access codes do not work either. They have a FB page, and there is an automated reply message that if you need help with the Study Center choose option 4. However, is not even an option. Do not buy this book. You wont be able to take practice tests.

I just took the exam and passed all 4 sub-tests. The material does not cover everything that is on the exam. Some of the questions and concepts I had never seen before. You have to be able to eliminate answers and critically evaluate the questions by looking for specific words in the test. If you can do this, you will pass. Good luck:))

The information in this book is overwhelming and not organized. For example, in the Social Science area, it jumps back and forth between time periods which makes it so confusing and difficult to understand. I would not recommend this book. I've been using study guides from the Internet instead and which I would have purchased a different study guide.

I brought this book with me to my certification department in Hillsborough county and they informed me this has not been updated with the changes made which are necessary to pass the test. It's frustrating to have spent all this time study for a test with inaccurate info and of course spending the money!

Just passed all but the math subtest on the FTCE K-6 by using this book and one other. The exam is 90% teaching and assessment strategies so don't waste your time trying to memorize all the science, math and social science content. There are some of those questions, but most of them will ask "which is the best strategy?, which is least effective?, which is most appropriate?, what strategy is being used?, etc. More than anything else, study the teaching and assessment strategies and make sure you really understand them and you will pass. The exam is pretty different from these practice tests so be sure you understand the strategies.

Extremely disappointed in the quality of this book. Many answers to the questions on the test in book are misluding and incorrect. The same applies to the online test the book provides. In a photo

there is an example of how incompetent the authors are.

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