

505-2-.170 K-5 SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT

(1) Eligibility Requirements.

(a) To be eligible for the professional K-5 Science Endorsement, the applicant must:

1. Have a minimum of one (1) year of teaching experience;
2. Hold a level four (4) or higher renewable professional certificate in one or more of the following fields:

(i) Elementary Education; Middle Grades Science; or Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education; or

(ii) Any of the following fields combined with a core academic content concentration in science: Special Education General Curriculum; Special Education Adapted Curriculum; Behavior Disorders; Learning Disabilities; Deaf Education; Physical and Health Disabilities; Visual Impairment; or Gifted; and

3. Complete other requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS.

(b) To be eligible for the Supplemental Induction K-5 Science Endorsement, the applicant must:

1. Have a minimum of one (1) year of teaching experience;
2. Hold a level four (4) or higher Induction certificate in one or more of the following fields:

(i) Elementary Education; Middle Grades Science; or Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education; or

(ii) Any of the following fields combined with a core academic content concentration in science: Special Education General Curriculum; Special Education Adapted Curriculum; Behavior Disorders; Learning Disabilities; Deaf Education; Physical and Health Disabilities; Visual Impairment; or Gifted; and

3. Complete other requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS.

(2) Salary Stipend. Certified educators holding the K-5 Science Endorsement and teaching at least one science course in grades K through 5 will be eligible to earn salary incentives when funded by the General Assembly.

(a) The previously existing Early Childhood Science Endorsement, valid for grades P-5, shall continue to be listed on the certificate of educators who have been issued it prior to June 30, 2010. However, that P-5 endorsement does not qualify for a salary stipend, as required by HB 280. Educators holding the Early Childhood Science Endorsement may add the new K-5 Science endorsement upon recommendation by a GaPSC-approved K-5 Science Endorsement program provider.

(3) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT). An individual with the K-5 Science Endorsement has strengthened and enhanced competency levels in science content and instruction for K-5 science. The endorsement will apply only to the grade levels of the base teaching certificate within the K-5 range.