

**505-2-.185 ~~SPECIAL EDUCATION~~ AUTISM ENDORSEMENT**

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive  
 Clarification  
 Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.185 SPECIAL EDUCATION AUTISM ENDORSEMENT dated April 15, 2016 be AMENDED with a new name entitled, "AUTISM ENDORSEMENT," to revise the title of the rule and language in the in-field statement.

**(1) Eligibility Requirements.**

(a) To be eligible for the professional ~~Special Education~~ Autism Endorsement, the applicant must hold a level four (4) or higher renewable professional certificate in any teaching field and complete other requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#).

(b) To be eligible for the Supplemental Induction ~~Special Education~~ Autism Endorsement, the applicant must hold a level four (4) or higher Induction certificate in any teaching field or in the service field of Speech and Language Pathology and complete other requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#).

**(2) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT](#)).**

(a) **An individual with the ~~Special Education~~ Autism Endorsement has strengthened and enhanced competency levels for working with students with autism. This endorsement does not replace the certification requirement of holding the appropriate special education base-field certificate for working with students with autism.**

~~1. The educator may work collaboratively with a content area teacher of record in all content subjects. To serve as a teacher of record, the educator may teach only the content subjects of his/her base certificate field(s) and the Special Education academic content concentrations with designated cognitive levels identified on their certificate.~~

(b) Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found under Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPS) on the GaPSC web site at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

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