



Professional Standards Commission
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NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

FROM: Professional Standards Commission and
Kelly C. Henson, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority contained in Official Code of Georgia Title 20, it is proposed that the Professional Standards Commission initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for (1) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective June 15, 2013, follows: 505-2-.25, and 505-2-.02; (2) **initiating** the current rule in Chapter 505-2 Certification, effective June 15, 2013, follows: 505-2-.43, and 505-2-.44; (3) **rescinding** the current rule in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective June 15, 2013, as follows: 505-3-.26; and (4) **initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-3 Educator Preparation, effective June 15, 2013, as follows: 505-3-.26, and 505-3-.60.

All interested persons shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing. Anyone interested in making a written statement may do so by submitting it to the undersigned at 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1702, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before April 23, 2013. Opportunity for oral hearing shall be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Professional Standards Commission will consider the proposed rules during its regular meeting on May 9, 2013, to begin at approximately 12:00 noon at the Professional Standards Commission Board Room, 4th Floor, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the PSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

This notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

Discussion (Certification)

505-2-.02 CLASSIFICATION – CATEGORY, TITLE, TYPE, FIELD, LEVEL

It is proposed this rule be AMENDED to include the newly proposed Educational Interpreter License and to revise language for consistency.

505-2-.25 ADD A FIELD TO AN EXISTING CERTIFICATE

It is proposed this rule be AMENDED to limit the fields in which educators can add a field to an existing certificate by passing the state-approved content assessment and to revise how teaching fields can be added to service field certificates.

505-2-.43 EDUCATIONAL INTERPRETER LICENSE

It is proposed this new rule be INITIATED to provide guidance and outline requirements for the issuance of the Educational Interpreter License which is a type of certification document for individuals who serve as sign language interpreters in Georgia schools.

505-2-.44 GEORGIA EDUCATOR ASSESSMENT

It is proposed this new rule be INITIATED to outline assessment requirements for educators seeking renewable and non-renewable certification in Georgia. This rule provides clarification regarding the criteria for the Georgia Professional Standards Commission's (GaPSC) acceptance of the state-approved Georgia Assessments for the Certification of Educators (GACE), previous state-approved assessment programs, and assessments for fields in which a GACE does not exist. Reference information for assessment requirements to be considered highly qualified is provided.

Discussion (Educator Preparation)

505-3-.26 MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM

It is proposed that 505-3-.26 MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM, dated November 15, 2005, be RESCINDED, and that a new rule with the same name and number be INITIATED. An area of Substantive change for Middle Grades Reading is the adoption of new standards by the International Reading Association for Reading Professionals, 2010. The area of substantive change for Middle Grades Science is the adoption of the National Science Teacher Association Standards 2011.

505-3-.60 ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM

It is proposed this new rule be INITIATED to outline educator preparation program requirements for alternative preparation for school leaders.



Kelly C. Henson
Executive Secretary