

505-2-.351 TEACHER LEADER ENDORSEMENT

(1) General information on endorsements is found in PSC Rule 505-2-.12. Eligibility requirements for 2-year Non-Renewable endorsements are outlined in paragraph (5) of that rule.

(2) To be eligible for the Teacher Leader Endorsement the applicant shall:

(a) Option 1:

1. hold a Clear Renewable certificate in a teaching field or the service field of Media Specialist; and
2. complete a PSC-approved program in the Teacher Leader Endorsement field.

(i) PSC-approved Teacher Leader Endorsement programs are offered in two separate formats: as part of a state-approved master's degree program offered in the individual's teaching field; or, as a stand-alone endorsement program not part of a college degree. Information on the endorsement programs may be found on the PSC web site at www.gapsc.com.

(b) Option 2:

1. hold an out-of-state certificate that is comparable to a Georgia Clear Renewable teaching certificate; and,
2. hold an out-of-state Teacher Leader credential that is comparable to the Georgia Teacher Leader Endorsement, as determined by the PSC.

(3) In-Field Statement (See Rule 505-2-.26). An individual holding the optional Teacher Leader Endorsement has strengthened and enhanced competency levels to serve as a classroom teacher, as well as to participate in such building-level leadership activities as: choosing textbooks and instructional materials; shaping the curriculum; setting standards for student behavior; deciding whether students are tracked into special classes; designing school budgets; evaluating teacher performances; developing professional development programs; selecting new teachers; selecting new administrators, etc. An individual holding this endorsement is also in-field to provide direction or supervision in the specific teaching fields held.

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