

**505-3-.40 GEOGRAPHY EDUCATION PROGRAM**

**(1) Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach geography in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in Rule 505-3-.01, Requirements and Standards for Approving Professional Education Units and Educator Preparation Programs.

**(2) Requirements.**

(a) A state-approved professional education unit shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards:

1. Social Studies Core. The program shall conform to the following standards published by the National Council for the Social Studies:

(i) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of culture and cultural diversity.

(ii) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of time, continuity, and change.

(iii) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of people, places, and environment.

(iv) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of individual development and identity.

(v) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of individuals, groups, and institutions.

(vi) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of power, authority and governance.

(vii) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of production, distribution, and consumption of goods and services.

(viii) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of science, technology and society.

(ix) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of global connections and interdependence.

(x) Candidates in social studies should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of civic ideals and practices.

2. Specialty Field. The program shall require a major or equivalent in geography that meets the specialty area standard listed below:

(i) Geography

(l) Candidates who are to be licensed to teach geography should possess the knowledge, capabilities, and dispositions to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of geography.

(c) The program shall meet all requirements specified in Rule 505-3-.01 (4.f.), Special Georgia Requirements.

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