



GaPSC-accepted P-12 Accreditors

Guidance for certification and educator preparation purposes

PURPOSE :

This list identifies the P-12 accrediting organizations recognized by the GaPSC under [Rule 505-2-.31](#), *GaPSC-Accepted Accreditation for Certification Purposes*.

For certification purposes, experience earned in a U.S. P-12 public school is accepted because public schools operate under the authority and oversight of a state or other governmental education agency. Public schools are not required to hold separate accreditation from a GaPSC-accepted accrediting organization for experience to be accepted.

For private P-12 schools, accreditation provides the basis for determining whether the school is an acceptable educational setting.

GaPSC uses this list of recognized accrediting organizations to:

- determine whether experience earned at a private school may be accepted toward certification requirements (see [Experience Requirements](#)); and
- determine whether a private school is an acceptable site for field and clinical experience placements for educator preparation candidates.

A private school must hold current accreditation granted by one of the recognized accrediting organizations listed below at the time the experience was earned or the field or clinical experience occurred. Membership or affiliation with an accrediting association, without accreditation by that organization, does not satisfy this requirement.

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1. Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)	6. The Southern Association of Independent Schools (SAIS)
2. The Georgia Accrediting Commission (GAC)	7. Georgia Independent School Association (GISA)
3. The Georgia Association of Christian Schools (GACS)	8. Cognia (Cognia) formed from a merger of AdvancED and Measured Progress; accredits schools across the U.S. and internationally.
4. The Association of Christian Schools International (ACSI)	9. Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL)
5. The Georgia Private School Accreditation Council (GAPSAC)	10. State Charter Schools Commission of Georgia (SCSC)

REFERENCE GaPSC [Rule 505-2-.31](#), *GaPSC-Accepted Accreditation for Certification Purposes*.