

FINAL NOTICE

TO: Employers of Educators

Preparers of Educators Other Interested Parties

SUBJECT: Professional Standards Commission Rule Rescission/Amendment/Adoption

On July 10, 2025, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process to (1) amend the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.27, 505-2-.143, 505-2-.144, 505-2-.145, and 505-2-.151; (2) adopt the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.97; (3) amend the current rules in Chapter 3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.90, and 505-3-.94.

On September 11, 2025, the Commission adopted the aforementioned rules, effective October 15, 2025.

These adopted rules may be downloaded in their entirety from the GaPSC website at http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx by clicking on the titles of the rules. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

Certification

Rule 505-2-.27. Certification Application, MyPSC and Test Eligibility Procedures

This newly adopted removes the option of official transcript submission by employing local units of administration (LUAs).

Rule 505-2-.143. School Librarian

This newly adopted rule includes the Three-Year Induction certificate option.

Rule 505-2-.144. School Counseling

This newly adopted rule includes the Three-Year Induction certificate option.

Rule 505-2-.145. School Nutrition Director

This newly adopted rule includes the Three (3)-Year Induction certificate option.

Rule 505-2-.151. Speech-Language Associate

This newly adopted rule includes the Three-Year Induction certificate option.

Educator Preparation

Rule 505-3-.90. Gifted In-Field Education Endorsement

This newly adopted rule adds program admission requirements based on program type (stand-alone or embedded), and certification requirements for adding the Endorsement.

Rule 505-3-.94. STEM Education Endorsement

This newly adopted rule changes the rule name to STEM Education Endorsement and updates program content standards.

505-3-.97. STEAM Education Endorsement

This newly adopted rule allows GaPSC-approved EPPs to offer a STEAM Education Endorsement with the possibility of a STEAM micro-endorsement for candidates holding a STEM Education Endorsement.