

FINAL NOTICE

TO: Employers of Educators
Preparers of Educators
Other Interested Parties

FROM: Matt Arthur, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Professional Standards Commission Rule Rescission/Amendment/Adoption

On July 11, 2024, the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) initiated the rulemaking process to **(1) amend** the current rule in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2024, as follows: 505-2-.08; **(2) initiate** the current rule in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2024, as follows: 505-2-.151; **(3) amend** the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2024, as follows: 505-3-.02; **(4) repeal** the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation rule, effective October 15, 2024, as follows: 505-3-.08; and **(5) repeal** the current rules in Chapter 505-6-Professional Practices, effective October 15, 2024, as follows: 505-6-.03 and 505-6-.09.

On September 12, 2024, the Commission adopted the aforementioned rules, effective October 15, 2024.

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

505-2-.08 PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE

This newly adopted rule includes Speech-Language Associate as a field for which the Provisional certificate may be issued.

505-2-.151 SPEECH-LANGUAGE ASSOCIATE

This newly adopted rule creates a new certification field to align with GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.70 SPEECH-LANGUAGE ASSOCIATE PROGRAM.

Educator Preparation

505-3-.02 EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION

This newly adopted rule incorporates a reference to Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) reporting deadlines specified in GaPSC Rule 505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS. Additional changes are made for clarification.

505-3-.08 INNOVATIVE AND EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAMS

This newly repealed rule is outdated and not compatible with GaPSC data collection and reporting systems.

Professional Practices (Ethics)

505-6-.03 CHANGE OF ADDRESS

This newly repealed rule is a restatement of the law and does not add or expound on the law.

505-6-.09 INVESTIGATION INSTITUTED BY SELF-REFERRAL

This newly repealed rule is a restatement of the law and does not add or expound on the law.