

**505-2-.102 READING SPECIALIST**

**Nature of Amendment(s):**

**Substantive**  
 **Clarification**  
 **Further Definition**

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.102 READING SPECIALIST, dated January 15, 2016, be AMENDED to change the field name of Early Childhood Education P-5 to Elementary Education P-5.

**Current/Amended Sections(s):**

(Additions are underlined in bold type; deletions are marked through.)

**(1) Certificate Requirements.**

(a) Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE](#)):

(b) Induction Certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE](#));

(c) Non-Renewable Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE](#));

(d) International Exchange Certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE](#));

(e) Permit (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.10 PERMIT CERTIFICATE](#)): Issued only to retired teachers who held a valid certificate in the field at the time of retirement; and

(f) Adjunct License (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE](#)).

**(2) To Add the Field (See GaPSC [Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD](#)).**

**(3) To Upgrade the Level (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE](#)).**

**(4) Renewal Requirements (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS](#)).**

**(5) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT](#)).** Educators certified in Reading Specialist are in-field to teach specified Georgia curriculum courses in grades P-12 and provide instructional support to classroom teachers and paraprofessionals in grades P-12. Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found under Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPS) on the GaPSC web site at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

(a) In addition, the following certificates and endorsements are also considered in-field to teach Reading at the designated grade levels:

1. ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** Certificate, for grades P-5;
2. Middle Grades Reading Certificate, for grades 4-8;
3. Reading Endorsement, for the grade levels of the base certificate(s).