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**505-2-.184 DUAL IMMERSION ~~EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION~~ ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
ENDORSEMENT**

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive
 Clarification
 Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.184 DUAL IMMERSION EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT, dated October 15, 2015, 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) Eligibility Requirements.

(a) To be eligible for the renewable professional Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Hold a valid level four (4) or higher renewable professional certificate in a foreign language field;
2. Pass the GACE content assessment for ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** at the Professional level; and
3. Complete a GaPSC-approved Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement program.

(b) To be eligible for the Supplemental Induction Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Be employed as a target language ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** teacher in a dual immersion school;
2. Hold a valid level four (4) or higher Induction Pathway 1, 2, or 3 certificate in the dual immersion school's target language;
3. Pass the GACE content assessment for ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** at the Induction level or higher; and
4. Be enrolled in a GaPSC-approved Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement program, with the following exception:

(i) Until such time as the GaPSC determines that a sufficient number of Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement programs have been approved by the GaPSC and are open for admission, the Supplemental Induction endorsement in this field may be issued to applicants who meet all other requirements but are not enrolled in an endorsement program.

(c) To be eligible for the Non-Renewable Professional Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement, the applicant must meet the following requirements:

1. Be employed as a target language ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** teacher in a dual immersion school;
2. Hold a valid level four (4) or higher renewable professional certificate in the dual immersion school's target language; and
3. Pass the GACE content assessment for ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** at the Professional level.

(2) Validity.

(a) The validity period of a renewable professional or Supplemental Induction Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement is the same as the base certificate it endorses (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#)).

(b) The validity period of a Non-Renewable Professional Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement is two (2) years (See GaPSC-Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#)).

1. Until such time as the GaPSC determines that a sufficient number of Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement programs have been approved by the GaPSC and are open for admission, the following exceptions will be made to the requirements outlined in GaPSC-Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#):

(i) A single two (2)-year extension of this Non-Renewable Professional endorsement may be issued to an educator who meets all requirements outlined in section (1)(c);

(ii) A single two (2)-year Non-Renewable Professional endorsement in this field may be issued to an educator who meets all requirements outlined in section (1)(c) above but has previously held a Supplemental Induction endorsement in this field for two (2) years;

(iii) A single one (1)-year Non-Renewable Professional endorsement in this field may be issued to an educator who meets all requirements outlined in section (1)(c) above but has previously held a Supplemental Induction endorsement in this field for three (3) years;

(iv) The total number of years for which an educator holds a Supplemental Induction or Non-Renewable Professional endorsement in this field may not exceed four (4).

(2) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule 505-2.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT). An individual holding the Dual Immersion ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** endorsement is in-field to teach ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** courses (grades P-5) only in a dual immersion setting in which content is delivered in a foreign language in which the educator holds certification. Holding this endorsement does not allow an educator to be in-field to teach any ~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** courses outside of a dual immersion setting.

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