

**505-2-.56 SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM/~~EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION~~  
ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (P-5)**

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive  
 Clarification  
 Further Definition

**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.56 SPECIAL EDUCATION GENERAL CURRICULUM/~~EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION~~, dated January 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) Certificate Requirements.**

(a) Special Education General Curriculum/~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** Certificates are issued as Consultative and may also be designated with one or more Special Education academic content concentrations at a specified cognitive level. The Special Education academic content concentrations are: mathematics, science, social science, language arts and reading. The cognitive levels are: P-5, 4-8 and 6-12 (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.106 ACADEMIC CONTENT CONCENTRATIONS).

1. Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE);
2. Induction Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE);
3. Non-Renewable Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE);
4. International Exchange Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE);
5. 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
6. Adjunct License (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE):
  - (i) An Adjunct License is not issued for this field.

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

(a) To add academic content concentrations with designated cognitive levels to the field of Special Education General Curriculum/~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education**, see GaPSC Rule 505-2-.106 ACADEMIC CONTENT CONCENTRATIONS.

**(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).**

(a) Educators certified in Special Education General Curriculum/~~Early Childhood Education~~ **Elementary Education** are in-field to provide educational services for all students in grades P-5, special education preschool (ages 3-5) and cognitive level P-5, including those with disabilities whose Individualized Education Program (IEP) indicates instruction using the general education curriculum and participation in the general statewide assessment, under the following conditions:

1. The educator may serve as the teacher of record for all subject areas, regular or remedial, with those students. The educator may also work collaboratively with a content area teacher of record in grades P-5.

(b) Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found on the GaPSC web site at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

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