505-2-.193 COMPUTER SCIENCE MICRO-ENDORSEMENT

Nature of Amendment(s):	√ **Substantive**
	___ **Clarification**
	___ **Further Definition**

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.193 COMPUTER SCIENCE MICRO-ENDORSEMENT be INITIATED to create a micro-endorsement type that will allow qualified individuals to teach specific computer science courses in grades P-12.

(1) Purpose.

(a) The Computer Science Micro-Endorsement certificate is designated for teachers who are actively enrolled in and completing a GaPSC-approved Computer Science (P-12) Program or Computer Science Endorsement program that desire to begin teaching computer science introductory courses prior to completion of the program.

(2) Professional and Induction Requirements.

(a) Issuance.

   (i)   Hold a level four (4) or higher renewable Professional or Five (5) -Year Induction teaching certificate.

   (ii)   Verify enrollment in a GaPSC-approved Computer Science P-12 or Computer Science Endorsement program.

   (iii) Verify successful completion of coursework from a GaPSC-approved Computer Science P-12 or Computer Science Endorsement provider addressing the following from standards outlined in Rules 505-3-.41 COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM or 505-3-.86 COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM:

   (I)   Computer science principles, digital / information literacy, computational thinking, and cybersecurity.

   (iv)   Meet Standards of Conduct.

   (v)   Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES.

(b) Renewal.

   (i)   Meet requirements outlined in the Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS.

   (ii)   Meet Standards of Conduct.

   (iii) Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES.

(3) Three-Year Non-Renewable and Three-Year Induction Requirements.

(a) Issuance.

(i)   Hold a level four (4) or higher renewable Professional or Five (5) -Year Induction teaching certificate.

(ii)   Verify enrollment in a GaPSC-approved Computer Science P-12 or Computer Science Endorsement program.

(iii)   Meet Standards of Conduct.

(iv)   Have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES.

(b) Conversion.

(i)   Verify successful completion of coursework from a GaPSC-approved Computer Science P-12 or Computer Science Endorsement provider addressing the following from standards outlined in Rules 505-3-.41 COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM or 505-3-.86 COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM:

(I)   Computer science principles, digital / information literacy, computational thinking, and cybersecurity.

(ii)   Meet Standards of Conduct.

(iii)   Apply for certification following procedures outlined in Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES.

(5) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT). An individual with the Computer Science Micro-Endorsement is in-field to teach identified courses in Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPS) on the GaPSC web site at www.gapsc.com.

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