

505-3-.24 ENGLISH EDUCATION PROGRAM

Nature of Amendment(s):

Substantive
 Clarification
 Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule 505-3-.24 ENGLISH EDUCATION PROGRAM dated October 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and the same title be INITIATED. The new rule reflects current standards published by the National Council of Teachers of English (2021).

(1) Purpose. This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach English Language Arts (ELA) in grades 6-12 and supplements requirements in Rule [505-3-.01, REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS](#). The standards are adapted from the standards published in 2021 by the National Council of Teachers of English.

(2) Requirements.

- (a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer an educator preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards:
1. Learners and Learning in English Language Arts. Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of learners and learning to foster learning environments that support coherent, relevant, 6-12 standards-aligned, and differentiated instruction to engage all 6-12 learners in ELA.
 - (i) Candidates gather and interpret comprehensive data on learners' individual differences, identities, and funds of knowledge to foster learning environments that actively engage all learners in ELA;
 - (ii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of how the constructs of adolescence/adolescents and learners' identities affect learning experiences to foster coherent, relevant, inclusive instruction that critically engages all learners in ELA; and
 - (iii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of learning processes that involve individually, collaboratively, and critically accessing, consuming, curating, and creating texts (e.g., print, non-print, digital, media).
 2. English Language Arts Content Knowledge. Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives pertaining to texts (e.g., print, non-print, digital, media), composition, language, and languaging practices, and crosscutting concepts to develop deep understandings of the core disciplinary ideas in their instructional planning.
 - (i) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives about a variety of literary and informational texts (e.g., young adult, classic, contemporary, and media) representing a range of world literatures, historical traditions, genres, cultures, and lived experiences;

- (ii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives of the relationships among form, audience, context, and purpose by composing and critically curating a range of texts (e.g., print, non-print, digital, media); and
 - (iii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives of language and languaging, including language acquisition, conventions, dialect, grammar systems, and the impact of languages on society as they relate to various rhetorical situations (e.g., journalism, social media, popular culture) and audiences.
3. Instructional Practice and Planning for Instruction in ELA. Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of theories, research, and ELA to plan coherent, relevant, 6-12 standards-aligned, differentiated instruction and assessment.
- (i) Candidates use a variety of resources and technologies to plan coherent, relevant, standards-aligned, and differentiated instruction that incorporates theories, research, and knowledge of ELA to support and engage all learners in meeting learning goals; and
 - (ii) Candidates identify and/or design formative and summative assessments that reflect ELA research, align with intended learning outcomes, and engage all learners in monitoring their progress toward established goals.
4. Instructional Practice and Planning for Assessment in ELA. Candidates implement coherent, relevant, 6-12 standards-aligned, and differentiated ELA instruction and assessment to motivate and engage all learners.
- (i) Candidates implement coherent, relevant, 6-12 standards-aligned, and differentiated instruction that uses a variety of resources and technologies and incorporates theories, research, and knowledge of ELA to support and engage all learners in meeting learning goals;
 - (ii) Candidates implement formative and summative assessments that reflect ELA research, align with intended learning outcomes, engage all learners in monitoring their progress toward established goals, and guide the next steps of ELA instruction; and
 - (iii) Candidates communicate with learners about their performance in ELA in multiple ways that actively involve them in their own learning (e.g., learning management systems, digital communication tools, conferencing, and written feedback).
5. Professional Responsibility for ELA teachers. Candidates reflect on their ELA practice, use knowledge and theoretical perspectives to collaborate with educational community members, and demonstrate readiness for leadership, professional learning, and advocacy.
- (i) Candidates reflect on their own identities and experiences and how they frame their practices and impact their teaching of ELA;
 - (ii) Candidates use feedback and evidence from a range of sources to reflect upon and inform their practice;
 - (iii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge in collaboration with learners, families, colleagues, and ELA-related learning communities; and
 - (iv) Candidates demonstrate readiness for leadership, professional learning, and advocacy for learners, themselves, and ELA.

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