

505-2-.195 SCHOOL SAFETY AND ANTI-GANG ENDORSEMENT

Nature of Amendment(s):

☒ Substantive
☐ Clarification
☐ Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.195 SCHOOL SAFETY AND ANTI-GANG ENDORSEMENT be INITIATED with a new name and new number to create an endorsement that will expose qualified individuals to multidisciplinary best practices for promoting and preserving safe schools and for identifying and deterring youth gangs.

(1) Requirements.

(a) Issuance.

1. Hold a valid certificate or license as follows:
 - (i) Certificate: Advanced Professional, 5-Year Induction, Lead Professional, Life, Performance-Based Professional, Permit, Retired, and Standard Professional.
 - (ii) License: Adjunct, Educational Interpreter, Non-Instructional Aide, Paraprofessional, and Support Personnel.
2. Complete GaPSC-accepted coursework for the School Safety and Anti-Gang Endorsement Program offered by the Georgia Emergency Management and Homeland Security Agency (GEMA/HS), Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE), Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ), and Georgia Public Safety Training Center (GPSTC).
3. Meet Standards of Conduct.
4. Apply for certification following procedures outlined in [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES](#).

(b) Renewal.

1. Meet requirements outlined in the GaPSC Rule [505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS](#) or in the individual licensure rule.
2. Meet Standards of Conduct.
3. Apply for certification following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES](#).

(2) Implementation

- (a) Individuals who completed approved coursework for the endorsement prior to the rule effective date will meet legacy provisions.

(3) Restrictions.

- (a) Individuals holding only a Clearance certificate, which indicates waiving of certification, may add the endorsement upon completion of requirements for issuance of one of the certificate or license types outlined in (1)(a)1.

- (b) Individuals employed in positions that do not require certification or hold a non-qualifying certificate or license may complete the endorsement but are unable to add the field until holding a qualifying certificate or license.

(4) Validity.

- (a) The School Safety and Anti-Gang Endorsement will be issued with the same validity as the base certificate or license.

(5) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT).

- (a) An individual with the School Safety and Anti-Gang Endorsement has strengthened and enhanced competency levels in multidisciplinary best practices for promoting and preserving safe schools and for identifying and deterring youth gangs.

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