



Summary of Proposed Changes to GaPSC Educator Preparation Rules

January 8, 2026, Initiation

Public Comment Period: January 20, 2026, through February 18, 2026

At the January 8, 2026, Commission meeting, rulemaking was initiated for the Educator Preparation rule listed below. A summary of proposed rule changes is provided below, and the proposed rule is available on the GaPSC website at:

<http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>.

The public comment period for this rule is open from January 20, 2026, through February 18, 2026. Written comments related to this rule must be addressed to GaPSC Executive Secretary, Dr. Joseph C. Barrow, Jr. and may be submitted via e-mail (RulesComments@GaPSC.com) or via regular mail (200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1716, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032). Commissioners will consider formal adoption of proposed rule amendments during their regular meeting on March 12, 2026. If you have questions about the proposed amendments, please contact Penney McRoy at penney.mcroy@gapsc.com.

| Proposed Educator Preparation Rule Changes | | |
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| Rule # 505-3- | Rule Name | Summary |
| 505-3-44 | Art Education | Amendments are proposed to update program content standards, which are adapted from the 2025 standards published by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design. |
| 505-3-45 | Dance Education | Amendments are proposed to update program content standards, which are adapted from the 2025 standards published by the National Association of Schools of Dance. |
| 505-3-46 | Drama Education | Amendments are proposed to update program content standards, which are adapted from the 2025 standards published by the National Association of Schools of Theatre. |
| 505-3-50 | Music Education | Amendments are proposed to update program content standards, which are adapted from the 2025 standards published by the National Association of Schools of Music. |
| 505-3-78 | Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I | Amendments are proposed to allow for the deactivation of programs in each single field after the dual-field program is approved. |

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| Rule # 505-3- | Rule Name | Summary |
| 505-3-.79 | Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier I | Amendments are proposed to allow for the deactivation of programs in each single field after the dual-field program is approved. |