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505-2-.202. Literacy Coaching Endorsement

Nature of Amendment(s):

__√__ Substantive
__ __ Clarification
__ __ Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.202 Literacy Coaching Endorsement be INITIATED to establish a new endorsement and prescribe the requirements for educators to obtain certification as literacy coaches.

(1) Eligibility Requirements.

(a) To be eligible for the Professional Literacy Coaching Endorsement, an individual must:

1. Hold a valid level four (4) or higher renewable Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, leadership certificate, or Life certificate and complete any additional requirements specified in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS.

2. Have a minimum of three (3) years of successful teaching experience.

3. Meet one (1) of the following requirements:

   (i) Reading Endorsement earned through completion of a GaPSC-approved program, if enrolled on or after July 1, 2023; or

   (ii) Hold one (1) of the following certification fields earned through completion of a GaPSC-approved program on or after July 1, 2025:

      (I) Elementary Education P-5

      (II) Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (P-5)

      (III) Special Education Adapted Curriculum (P-12) Consultative

      (IV) Special Education General Curriculum (P-12) Consultative

      (V) Special Education Learning Disabilities (P-12) Consultative

      (VI) Birth through Kindergarten

      (VII) Middle Grades Reading; or

      (VIII) Reading P-12

4. Pass the GACE Application of the Science of Reading assessment.

5. Pass the state-approved competency-based assessment.

6. Meet Standards of Conduct.

7. Request the certificate following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION AND TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES.

(b) To be eligible for the Three-Year Non-Renewable Professional Literacy Coaching Endorsement, an individual must:

1. Hold a valid level four (4) or higher renewable Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, leadership certificate, or Life certificate;

   (i) An individual whose Professional certificate has expired, or who holds a Retired Educator Certificate, may be issued a One-Year Non-Renewable Professional certificate upon the request of the employing local unit of administration (LUA). The one-year certificate is intended to allow the individual to reinstate the base Professional certificate by meeting the renewal requirements in GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS. During this one-year period, the educator will also hold a Three-Year Non-Renewable Professional Literacy Coaching Endorsement, which will be valid for one (1) year. Upon reinstatement of the Professional certificate, the validity period of the endorsement may be extended for up to two (2) additional years to allow the educator to complete the endorsement requirements.

2. Meet the requirements specified in paragraphs (a) 2. through (a) 4. above; and

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

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

(a) An individual who holds the Literacy Coaching Endorsement is in-field to serve as a literacy coach in grades P-12, including in school-based, district-level, regional, or state-level positions.

(b) Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found under Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPS) on the GaPSC website at www.gapsc.com.

Authority O.C.G.A. § 20-2-200.