



Professional Standards Commission
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NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES

FROM: Professional Standards Commission and
Kelly C. Henson, Executive Secretary

SUBJECT: Notice of Proposed Rulemaking

Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to the authority contained in Official Code of Georgia Title 20, it is proposed that the Professional Standards Commission initiate rulemaking procedures in accordance with Georgia Administrative Procedures Act so as to provide for (1) **amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective July 1, 2017, as follows: 505-2-.05, 505-2-.06, 505-2-.07, 505-2-.09, 505-2-.10, 505-2-.24, 505-2-.25, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.27, 505-2-.34, and 505-2-.36; and (2) **repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation, effective June 15, 2017, as follows: 505-3-.86 and 505-3-.95; and (3) **initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation, effective June 15, 2017, as follows: 505-3-.41, 505-3-.86, and 505-3-.95

All interested persons shall be afforded reasonable opportunity to submit data, views, or arguments orally or in writing. **Anyone interested in making a written statement may do so by submitting it to RulesComments@GaPSC.com or mail to the undersigned, Kelly Henson, at 200 Piedmont Avenue, Suite 1702, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before April 27, 2017.** Opportunity for oral hearing shall be granted if requested by 25 persons who will be directly affected by the proposed rule, by a governmental subdivision, or by an association having not less than 25 members.

The Professional Standards Commission will consider the proposed rules during its regular meeting on May 11, 2017, to begin at approximately 12:30 p.m. at the Professional Standards Commission Board Room, 4th Floor, 200 Piedmont Avenue, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032.

These rules may be viewed in their entirety on the GaPSC website at <http://www.gapsc.com/Commission/Rules/home.aspx>. Presentation of rules in this format is permissible under O.C.G.A. § 50-13-2.

This notice is issued pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 50-13-4.

Discussion (Certification)

505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to update the Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) performance evaluation requirements to Teacher Assessment on Performance Standards (TAPS), experience requirements from acceptable to successful, assessment language, and remove the requirement that the employing LUA must apply for the certificate.

505-2-.06 ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.06 ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2014, be AMENDED to change the Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) performance evaluation requirements to Teacher Assessment on Performance Standards (TAPS), modify qualifying and renewal requirements, and remove the requirement that the employing LUA must apply for the certificate.

505-2-.07 LEAD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.07 LEAD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify qualifying and renewal requirements, remove the Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) performance evaluation requirements, and remove the requirement that the employing LUA must apply for the certificate.

505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE, dated June 15, 2016, be AMENDED to clarify educational leadership program language.

505-2-.10 PERMIT

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT, dated October 15, 2016, be AMENDED to edit language for consistency from renewal to extension, add the requirement to complete the appropriate GACE Ethics Exit assessment as a requirement to extend the initial Permit, change the title of the permit in Educational Leadership to Superintendent, add an exemption option for the GACE PAA and content assessment for the Superintendent permit, and remove the Retired Educator permit option.

505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS, dated June 15, 2016, be AMENDED to edit language for consistency from state-approved to GaPSC-approved or GaPSC-accepted, from pedagogy assessment to content pedagogy assessment, and from acceptable experience to successful experience. Also included is the requirement that the special education course taken through college credit must be passed with a grade of "C" or higher and the addition of the Educator Ethics – Program Exit requirement for extension of a Permit.

505-2-.25 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.25 EXPERIENCE REQUIREMENTS, dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to update the Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) and Leader Keys Effectiveness System (LKES) performance evaluation requirements to Teacher Assessment on Performance Standards (TAPS) and Leader Assessment on Performance Standard (LAPS).

505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.26 CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS, dated October 15, 2016, be AMENDED to update content and ethics assessment requirements.

505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCEDURES

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION PROCEDURES, dated June 15, 2015, be AMENDED to clarify electronic submissions for employed educators, and requirements for applying for renewal if not employed for a professional certificate.

505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD, dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to update assessment language and to specify that special Georgia requirements must be completed when adding a service or leadership field.

505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS, dated July 1, 2017, be AMENDED to change the Teacher Keys Effectiveness System (TKES) performance evaluation requirements to Teacher Assessment on Performance Standards (TAPS) and to clarify the renewal requirements for educators holding more than one field or type of certificate.

Discussion (Educator Preparation)**505-3-.41 COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM**

It is proposed a new GaPSC Rule 505-3-.41 COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM be INITIATED. The new rule will guide the development and approval of programs designed to prepare individuals to teach computer science courses in grades P-12. Proposed program content standards are adapted from standards published by the International Society for Technology Education (ISTE) for Computer Science Educators in 2011 and from the Computer Science Teachers Association Interim Standards published in 2016.

505-3-.86 COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.86 COMPUTER SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM, dated June 15, 2016, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same title be INITIATED. The new rule is intended to establish updated knowledge and skills necessary for teachers of Computer Science in P-12 schools. The requirements described herein are adapted from standards published by two national organizations: the International Society for Technology Education (ISTE) for Computer Science Educators in 2011 and from the Computer Science Teachers Association Interim Standards published in 2016.

505-3-.95 ONLINE TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.95, ONLINE TEACHING ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM, dated June 15, 2016, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and the same title be INITIATED. The new rule reflects more current content standards adapted from the standards published in 2011 by the International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL).



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