



Professional Standards Commission
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NOTICE

TO: ALL INTERESTED PERSONS AND PARTIES
FROM: Professional Standards Commission and
Dr. Joseph C. Barrow, Jr., 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) repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective April 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.45, 505-3-.46, and 505-3-.50; **(2) initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective April 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.45, 505-3-.46, and 505-3-.50; and **3) amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective April 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.44, 505-3-.78, and 505-3-.79.

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 Rules Comments, Georgia Professional Standards Commission, 200 Piedmont Avenue, SE, Suite 1716, West Tower, Atlanta, Georgia 30334-9032. It is requested that such a statement be delivered on or before February 18, 2026.** 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 GaPSC will consider the adoption of these rules at the March 12, 2026, virtual meeting of the Commission to begin at approximately 4:00 p.m.

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.

Educator Preparation

505-3-.44. Art Education Program

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.44 Art Education Program dated October 15, 2015, be AMENDED to reflect changes in the standards, which are adapted from the standards published in 2025 by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design.

505-3-.45. Dance Education Program

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.45 Dance Education Program dated August 15, 2023, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates standards adapted from the standards published in 2025 by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASC).

505-3-.46. Drama Education Program

It is proposed that GaPSC 505-3-.46 Drama Education Program dated August 15, 2023, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates standards adapted from the standards published in 2025 by the National Association of Schools of Theatre (NAST).

505-3-.50. Music Education Program

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.50 Music Education Program dated August 15, 2024, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates standards adapted from the standards published in 2025 by the National Association of Schools of Music (NASM).

505-3-.78. Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier 1 Program

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-78 Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I Program, dated January 1, 2025, be AMENDED to allow for the deactivation of single-field programs in the fields of Curriculum and Instruction and Educational Leadership Tier I after the dual-field program is approved.

505-3-.79. Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier I Program

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-79 Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier I Program, dated January 1, 2025, be AMENDED to allow for the deactivation of single-field programs in the fields of Teacher Leadership and Educational Leadership Tier I after the dual-field program is approved.

Adoption of Rules

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