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July 23, 2025

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) amending the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2025, as follows: 505-2-.27, 505-2-.143, 505-2-.144, 505-2-.145, and 505-2-.151; (2) initiating the current rule in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.97; (3) amending the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2025, as follows: 505-3-.90, and 505-3-.94.

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 August 21, 2025. 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 September 11, 2025, in-person meeting of the Commission to begin at approximately 1:30 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.

Certification

Rule 505-2-.27. Certification Application, MyPSC and Test Eligibility Procedures

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.27. Certification Application, MyPSC and Test Eligibility Procedures, dated July 1, 2022, be AMENDED to remove the option of official transcript submission by employing local units of administration (LUAs).

Rule 505-2-.143. School Librarian

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.143. School Librarian, dated January 1, 2025, be AMENDED to include the Three-Year Induction certificate option.

Rule 505-2-.144. School Counseling

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.144. School Counseling, dated July 1, 2022, be AMENDED to include the Three-Year Induction certificate option.

Rule 505-2-.145. School Nutrition Director

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.145. School Nutrition Director, dated July 1, 2022, be AMENDED to include the Three (3)-Year Induction certificate option.

Rule 505-2-.151. Speech-Language Associate

It is proposed that Rule 505-2-.151. Speech-Language Associate, dated October 15, 2024, be AMENDED to include the Three-Year Induction certificate option.

Educator Preparation

Rule 505-3-.90. Gifted In-Field Education Endorsement

It is proposed that Rule 505-3-.90. Gifted In-Field Education Endorsement, dated August 15, 2023, be AMENDED to add program admission requirements based on program type (standalone or embedded), and certification requirements for adding the Endorsement.

Rule 505-3-.94. STEM Education Endorsement Program

It is proposed that Rule 505-3-.94. STEM Education Endorsement Program, dated July 1, 2021, be AMENDED with the same number and a new name of STEM Education Endorsement, and to update program content standards.

505-3-.97. STEAM Education Endorsement

It is proposed that a new rule, Rule 505-3-.97. STEAM Education Endorsement, be INITIATED with a new name and new number to allow GaPSC-approved EPPs to offer a STEAM Education Endorsement with the possibility of a STEAM micro-endorsement for candidates holding a STEM Education Endorsement.

Adoption of Rules

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