



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) amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-2-.08; 505-2-.11, 505-2-.26, 505-2-.34, 505-2-.46, and 505-2-.106; **(2) initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-2-.198, 505-2-.199, 505-2-.200, and 505-2-.201; **(3) repealing** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.64, and 505-3-.68; **(4) initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, follows: 505-3-.64, and 505-3-.68; and **(5) amending** the current rules in Chapter 505-3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective October 15, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.14, 505-3-.27, 505-3-.92, and 505-3-.112.

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 29, 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 September 10, 2026, meeting of the Commission to begin at approximately 1:00 p.m. at the GaPSC Offices, 17th 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.

Certification

505-2-.08. Provisional Certificate

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.08 Provisional Certificate dated October 15, 2024, be AMENDED to clarify that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment.

505-2-.11. International Exchange Certificate

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.11 International Exchange Certificate, dated January 1, 2026, be AMENDED to clarify the requirement for completion of the Literacy Assessment as a condition of certificate conversion.

Rule 505-2-.26. Certification and Licensure Assessments

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.26 Certification and Licensure Assessments, dated July 1, 2025, be AMENDED to clarify that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment, and the Literacy assessment is required as a condition of International Exchange certificate conversion.

Rule 505-2-.34. Add a Field

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.08, Add a Field dated July 1, 2025, be AMENDED to allow a test-in option for Elementary Grades P–5.

505-2-.46. Military Support Certificate

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.46 Military Support Certificate, dated July 1, 2025, be AMENDED to comply with updates to the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act (SCRA), 50 U.S.C. § 4025a, effective December 23, 2024, and the requirements of the Settlement Agreement in *United States v. Georgia Secretary of State, GaPSC, and Georgia State Board of Pharmacy* (effective March 26, 2026). The amendments: update definitions to align with the SCRA and the Settlement Agreement; remove the prior two-year teaching requirement for SCRA applicants; restate the SCRA license portability requirements consistent with federal law; establish a Non-Renewable Professional Military Support certificate as an interim credential when an SCRA application cannot be processed within thirty (30) days; clarify that the Provisional certificate may be re-issued annually for up to three (3) years; add a validity provision for the Non-Renewable certificate.

505-2-.106. Academic Content Concentrations

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.106, Academic Content Concentrations dated April 15, 2019, be AMENDED to clarify that an individual may not obtain the academic content concentration in Special Education Reading solely through passage of an assessment.

505-2-.198. Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.198 Artificial Intelligence for Educators Endorsement, be INITIATED to create an endorsement that will strengthen and enhance educators' competencies to effectively and ethically utilize artificial intelligence in education and education-adjacent settings.

505-2-.199. Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.199 Artificial Intelligence for Educators Micro-Endorsement, be INITIATED to create a micro-endorsement that will strengthen and enhance educators' capacity to understand and apply AI in education.

505-2-.200. Safety and Hunter Education Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.200 Safety and Hunter Education Endorsement, be INITIATED to create an endorsement that will expand access to hunter safety education courses in grades 6-12 taught by certified instructors.

505-2-.201. Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety Micro-Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.201 Lifeguarding and Aquatic Safety Micro-Endorsement be INITIATED to establish a micro-endorsement that permits educators holding Health and Physical Education (P-12) certification and this micro-endorsement to provide instruction in lifeguarding and aquatic safety courses.

Educator Preparation**505-3-.14. Elementary Education (P-5) Program**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.14 Elementary Education (P-5) Program, dated July 1, 2023, be AMENDED to add the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.27. Mathematics Education Program

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.27 Mathematics Education Program, dated August 15, 2023, be AMENDED to add the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.64. Instructional Technology Program

It is proposed that GaPSC 505-3-.64 Instructional Technology Program dated January 1, 2021, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number be INITIATED. The new rule addresses the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2024 by the International Society for Technology in Education (ISTE).

505-3-.68. School Nutrition Director Program**Discussion:**

It is proposed that GaPSC 505-3-.68 School Nutrition Director Program dated May 15, 2014, be REPEALED and that a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED. The new rule incorporates updated program content standards recommended by a GaPSC task force comprised of subject matter experts.

505-3-.92. K-5 Mathematics Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.92 K-5 Mathematics Endorsement, dated January 1, 2024, be AMENDED to add the requirements set forth in the Math Matters Act (HB1030), passed in the 2026 legislative session.

505-3-.112. Dyslexia Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.112 Dyslexia Endorsement, dated August 15, 2023, be AMENDED to update the definition of dyslexia, published in 2025 by the International Dyslexia Association (IDA), and to make non-substantive clarifications.

Adoption of Rules

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