



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 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2026, as follows: 505-2-.11, 505-2-.42, 505-2-.153, 505-2-.159, 505-2-.160, 505-2-.161, 505-2-.162, 505-2-.165, 505-2-.166, 505-2-.167, 505-2-.168, 505-2-.169, 505-2-.170, 505-2-.171, 505-2-.174, 505-2-.175, 505-5-.176, 505-2-.177, 505-2-.178, 505-2-.179, 505-2-.181, 505-2-.182, 505-2-.183, 505-2-.184, 505-2-.185, 505-2-.186, 505-2-.187, 505-2-.188, 505-2-.189, and 505-2-.190; **(2) initiating** the current rules in Chapter 505-2- Certification, effective January 1, 2026, as follows: 505-2-.11, 505-2-.42, 505-2-.153, 505-2-.159, 505-2-.160, 505-2-.161, 505-2-.162, 505-2-.165, 505-2-.166, 505-2-.167, 505-2-.168, 505-2-.169, 505-2-.170, 505-2-.174, 505-2-.175, 505-5-.176, 505-2-.177, 505-2-.178, 505-2-.179, 505-2-.181, 505-2-.182, 505-2-.183, 505-2-.184, 505-2-.185, 505-2-.186, 505-2-.187, 505-2-.188, 505-2-.189, 505-2-.190, 505-2-.196, and 505-2-.197; and **(3) amending** the current rule in Chapter 3- Educator Preparation Rules, effective January 1, 2026, as follows: 505-3-.82.

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 November 29, 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 December 11, 2025, 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.

Certification

505-2-.11. International Exchange Certificate

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE, dated July 1, 2021, be RESCINDED and a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to update the title of the educator ethics assessment and include the addition of a conditional two-year extension.

505-2-.42. Clearance Certificate

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.42 CLEARANCE CERTIFICATE, dated January 1, 2021, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and update assessment titles.

505-2-.153. Educational Leadership Certificate

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE, dated January 1, 2021, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and update assessment titles and dates.

505-2-.159. Birth through Five Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.159 BIRTH THROUGH FIVE ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2019, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting, correct certificate titles, add field of eligibility, and correct the in-field statement to reflect it is an in-field endorsement.

505-2-.160. Career Exploration (PECE) Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.160 CAREER EXPLORATION (PECE) ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.161. Career and Technical Instruction (CTI) Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.161 CAREER TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION (CTI) ENDORSEMENT, dated January 1, 2020, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.162. Coaching Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.162 COACHING ENDORSEMENT, dated January 15, 2016, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.165. Culinary Arts Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.165 CULINARY ARTS ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.166. English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.166 ENGLISH TO SPEAKERS OF OTHER LANGUAGES (ESOL) ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.167. Gifted In-field Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.167 GIFTED IN-FIELD ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting, correct certificate titles, and clarify that the field cannot be waived through strategic waiver and charter.

505-2-.168. Intervention Specialist Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.168 INTERVENTION SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT, dated October 15, 2022, be RESCINDED and a new rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate types.

505-2-.169. K-5 Mathematics Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.169 K-5 MATHEMATICS ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2019, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.170. K-5 Science Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.170 K-5 SCIENCE ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2019, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.171. Middle Grades Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.171 MIDDLE GRADES ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be REPEALED and the number reserved as Georgia no longer offers GaPSC-approved programs in this field and individuals qualifying for Middle Grades must complete specific concentration requirements for the fields of Middle Grades Language Arts, Middle Grades Mathematics, Middle Grades Reading, Middle Grades Science and Middle Grades Social Science along with passing the required content exam and aligned literacy assessment.

505-2-.174. Safety and Driver Education Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.174 SAFETY AND DRIVER EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.175. Special Education Deaf Education Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.175 SPECIAL EDUCATION DEAF EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.176. Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.176 SPECIAL EDUCATION PHYSICAL AND HEALTH DISABILITIES ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.177. Special Education Preschool Ages 3-5 Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.177 SPECIAL EDUCATION PRESCHOOL AGES 3-5 ENDORSEMENT, April 15, 2021, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.178. Special Education Transition Specialist Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.178 SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSITION SPECIALIST ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2024, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.179. Special Education Visual Impairment Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.179 SPECIAL EDUCATION VISUAL IMPAIRMENT ENDORSEMENT, dated October 15, 2015, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.181. Teacher Leader Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.181 TEACHER LEADER ENDORSEMENT, dated January 1, 2020, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.182. Teacher Support and Coaching Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.182 TEACHER SUPPORT AND COACHING ENDORSEMENT, dated June 15, 2016, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting, correct certificate titles, and correct the in-field statement to reflect it is a strengthened and enhanced competency endorsement.

505-2-.183. Work-based Learning Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.183 WORK-BASED LEARNING ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2014, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.184. Dual Immersion Elementary Education Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.184 DUAL IMMERSION ELEMENTARY EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2019, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.185. Autism Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.185 AUTISM ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2018, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.186. STEM Education Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.186 STEM EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT, dated April 15, 2017, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.187. Dramatic Writing Micro-Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.187 DRAMATIC WRITING MICRO-ENDORSEMENT, dated April 15, 2021, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.188. Personalized Learning Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.188 PERSONALIZED LEARNING ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2019, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.189. Positive Behavior Intervention and Supports (PBIS) Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC 505-2-.189 POSITIVE BEHAVIOR INTERVENTION AND SUPPORTS (PBIS) ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2019, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.190. Urban Education Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.190 URBAN EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT, dated July 1, 2019, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

505-2-.196 STEAM Education Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.196 STEAM EDUCATION ENDORSEMENT be INITIATED as a new rule with a new name and number to create an endorsement that will strengthen and enhance educators' competencies in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) content, instructional planning, and assessment for teaching students in the field(s) and grade levels of their base certificate(s).

505-2-.197. STEAM Education Micro-Endorsement

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.196 STEAM EDUCATION MICRO ENDORSEMENT be INITIATED as a new rule with a new name and number to create an endorsement that will strengthen and enhance educators' competencies in Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM) content, instructional planning, and assessment for teaching students in the field(s) and grade levels of their base certificate(s).

Educator Preparation**505-3-.82. Birth Through Kindergarten Endorsement**

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-3-.82 Birth Through Kindergarten Endorsement, dated July 1, 2023, be AMENDED to allow educators certified in the field of Special Education General Curriculum Elementary Education (P-5) to add the Endorsement. Currently, only those certified in Elementary Education may add the endorsement. Minor wording changes are also included for clarification.

Adoption of Rules

The GaPSC will consider the adoption of these rules at the December 11, 2025, meeting of the Commission to begin virtually at approximately 4:00 p.m.