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Based on the statewide focus on literacy, GaPSC earlier removed the option to add the field of reading via passing an assessment. Currently, however, teachers holding valid Special Education certificates can add the field of reading for Grades P-8 by passing the GACE Special Academic Content Concentrations assessment (GACE 732). As Georgia continues to strengthen its literacy focus, adjustments to the GACE Special Education Academic Content Concentrations assessment are being made to remove the field of Reading (P-8) from the assessment.

Effective July 1, 2026, GACE 732 will be replaced by GACE 744, Special Education Academic Content Concentrations, which will include a Language Arts testlet (412) and a Social Science testlet (413). A testlet on reading will not be included.

June 28, 2026, is the final administration of GACE 732 (Special Education Academic Content Concentrations), which, if passed, will add the field of reading for grades P-8, along with the academic content concentrations of Language Arts (P-8) and Social Science (P-8), to an existing valid Special Education certificate.

The revised assessment, GACE 744 Special Education Academic Content Concentrations, which will assess Language Arts (P-8) and Social Science (P-8), will launch July 1, 2026. The Reading testlet (411) will no longer be offered.

Below are important points:

- Individuals who have taken and passed GACE 732 will be unaffected.
- Individuals who are eligible for GACE 732 will—without needing to do anything—be automatically granted eligibility (approval to test) for GACE 744, which launches July 1, 2026.
- Examinees who took the current Language Arts Testlet (412) and Social Science Testlet (413), but did not pass the GACE 732 assessment, may not need to retest if scores they achieved on those two testlets are high enough to pass the new GACE Special Education Academic Content Concentrations Assessment (GACE 744). Those two testlets will be weighted at 50% each of the new assessment. If the scaled assessment score is 220 or above on those two testlets, the examinee will receive credit for the new GACE 744 and the academic content concentrations of Language Arts (P-8) and Social Science (P-8) will be added to their Special Education certificates.
- An examinee who previously took GACE 732, yet did not pass and the combined scores on the Language Arts and Social Science testlets do not equate to 220 or above, will need to take and pass GACE 744 (the new GACE Special Education Academic Content Concentrations Assessment) to add the fields of Language Arts (P-8) and Social Science (P-8) to their valid special education certificate.

Should you have questions about the transition from GACE 732 to GACE 744, effective July 1, 2026, please contact ES at <https://www.gace.es.pearson.com/contactus>.

Thank you as we work together to ensure literacy proficiency across the state. As always, please let us know what questions you may have.