

505-2-.114 VISUAL IMPAIRMENT

(1) Certificate Requirements.

(a) Visual Impairment Certificates are issued as Consultative and may also be designated with one (1) or more Special Education academic content concentrations at a specified cognitive level. The Special Education academic content concentrations are: mathematics, science, social science, language arts and reading. The cognitive levels are: P-5, 4-8 and 6-12 (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.101 ACADEMIC CONTENT CONCENTRATIONS).

1. Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.05 PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE);

2. Induction Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE);

3. Non-Renewable Professional Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.09 NON-RENEWABLE PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE);

4. International Exchange Certificate (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE);

5. Permit (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.10 PERMIT CERTIFICATE): Issued only to retired teachers who held a valid certificate in the field at the time of retirement; and

6. Adjunct License (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE).

(2) To Add the Field (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD).

(a) To add academic content concentrations with designated cognitive levels to the field of Visual Impairment, see GaPSC Rule 505-2-.106 ACADEMIC CONTENT CONCENTRATIONS.

(3) To Upgrade the Level (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE).

(4) Renewal Requirements (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS).

(5) In-Field Statement (See GaPSC Rule 505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT).

(a) Educators certified in Visual Impairment are in-field to provide educational services for students with visual impairments in grades P-12. Educators are also in-field to provide educational services for special education preschool (ages 3-5). The previous statement is subject to the following conditions:

1. With the Consultative descriptor, the educator may work collaboratively with a content area teacher of record in all content subjects. To serve as a teacher of record in any of the five (5) content concentrations, regular or remedial, that content concentration with the appropriate cognitive level must be designated on the Visual Impairment certificate. The cognitive level appropriate for the educator's certificate is based on information contained in the student's Individualized Education Program (IEP).

(b) Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found on the GaPSC web site at www.gapsc.com.

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