

## 505-2-.154 SUPERINTENDENT CERTIFICATE

### (1) Purpose.

(a) The Superintendent Certificate is designated for leaders who serve as a Superintendent in a Georgia local unit of administration (LUA). The requirements described herein provide the expectations for acquiring and maintaining the Superintendent Certificate. All active Georgia Superintendents must hold a valid Superintendent certificate issued by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC). This certificate will aid in the identification of leaders currently serving in a Superintendent position, while also enforcing state standards for these leaders.

### (2) Certificate Requirements.

(a) To be eligible for the professional Superintendent Certificate, the applicant must hold a renewable professional Standard or Performance-Based certificate in Educational Leadership – Tier II and be employed as a Superintendent by a Georgia LUA. (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.153 EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE](#)).

1. Individuals holding a valid Superintendent Permit will not be issued a separate Superintendent Certificate. (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.10 PERMIT](#)).

(b) A Non-Renewable Superintendent certificate may be issued at the request of a Georgia LUA to an individual employed as a Superintendent while holding a Non-Renewable Educational Leadership Tier II certificate.

1. To convert the Non-Renewable Superintendent certificate to a professional certificate, the educator must complete all requirements for professional Standard or Performance-Based certification in Educational Leadership – Tier II to include all applicable Special Georgia Requirements (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24 SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS](#)).

**(3) Certificates Not Issued.** The following certificates are not issued in the field of Superintendent:

(a) Induction Certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.04 INDUCTION CERTIFICATE](#));

(b) International Exchange Certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.11 INTERNATIONAL EXCHANGE CERTIFICATE](#));

(c) Adjunct License (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.15 ADJUNCT LICENSE](#));

(d) Pre-service certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.03 505-2-.03 PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE](#));

(e) Advanced Professional certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.06 ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE](#)); and

(f) Lead Professional certificate (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.07 LEAD PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE](#)).

**(4) To Add the Field.** (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.34 ADD A FIELD](#)).

**(5) To Upgrade the Level.** (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.33 CERTIFICATE UPGRADE](#)).

**(6) Renewal Requirements.** (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS](#)).

(a) To renew and Superintendent Certificate, an applicant must meet the following requirements

1. Be employed in the position of Superintendent;
2. Have the employing Georgia LUA request the renewal; and
3. Complete renewal requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.36 RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS](#).

**(7) In-Field Statement.** (See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.40 IN-FIELD ASSIGNMENT](#)). Individuals certified as a Superintendent are in-field to serve as a Superintendent in grades P-12 in a Georgia local unit of administration. This certificate shall not be issued to individuals with alternate titles, such as Associate Superintendent, Deputy Superintendent, Interim Superintendent, etc.

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