

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

Nature of Amendment(s):

☒ Substantive
☐ Clarification
☐ Further Definition

Discussion:

It is proposed that GaPSC Rule 505-2-.179 SPECIAL EDUCATION VISUAL IMPAIRMENT ENDORSEMENT, dated October 15, 2015, be RESCINDED and a rule with the same number and title be INITIATED to adjust formatting and correct certificate titles.

(1) Eligibility Requirements.

- (a) To be eligible for the Professional or Five-Year Induction Special Education Visual Impairment Endorsement, an individual must hold a level (4) or higher renewable Professional or Five-Year Induction certificate in any Special Education P-12 Consultative field or the field of Special Education General Curriculum/Early Childhood Education (Grades P-5) and complete other requirements outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14 ENDORSEMENTS](#).
- (b) To be eligible for the Three-Year Non-Renewable or Three-Year Induction Special Education Visual Impairment Endorsement, an individual must hold a level four (4) or higher Professional or Five-Year Induction certificate in any Special Education P-12 Consultative field or the joint field of Special Education General Curriculum/ Early Childhood Education (Grades P-5) and have the certificate requested by the employing Georgia local unit of administration (LUA) following procedures outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.27 CERTIFICATION APPLICATION, MyPSC and TEST ELIGIBILITY PROCEDURES](#).

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

- (a) An individual with the Special Education Visual Impairment Endorsement is in-field to work with students with visual impairments in grades P-12. Individuals 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. An individual may work collaboratively with a content area teacher of record in all content subjects. To serve as a teacher of record, an individual may teach only the content subjects of the base certificate field(s) and the Special Education Academic Content Concentration with designated cognitive levels identified on the certificate.
- (b) Each state-approved curriculum course, with specified certificate fields that are designated as in-field, may be found under Certification/Curriculum Assignment Policies (CAPS) on the GaPSC website at www.gapsc.com.