

# Georgia Rules and Regulations

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609. STATE BOARD OF EXAMINERS OF SPEECH-LANGUAGE PATHOLOGY AND AUDIOLOGY	<a href="#"><u>609-8-.02</u></a>	amended	July 20, 2023	Aug. 9

# **Department 160. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

## **Chapter 160-1.**

### **Subject 160-1-4. GRANT PROGRAMS**

#### **160-1-4-.310 Computer Science Teacher Equipment and Community (CSTEC) Grant**

1. **Purpose of the Grant.** The purpose of the Computer Science Teacher Equipment and Community (CSTEC) Grant is to (1) build a community for computer science teachers that will provide professional support for instruction, practice, and pedagogy and (2) promote the use of physical computing as a means to engage students in computer science education.

2. **Term and Conditions.** Grants are awarded through a competitive process to local educational agencies (LEA). Grant recipients must use the funding to obtain memberships for identified teachers, who have not previously benefitted from this grant, to join a local and national computer science teacher consortium and to pay for registration costs to attend a national computer science teacher conference. Additionally, grant recipients must purchase a class set of physical computing devices and receive the necessary professional training for implementation and use. Grant recipients must submit a completion report and all other reports required by the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE). Only one grant will be awarded per LEA per fiscal year.

3. **Eligible Recipient(s).** All LEAs are eligible to apply on behalf of eligible educators. An eligible educator is an individual teaching at least one computer science course, which includes both discrete computer science courses and courses that integrate computer science, such as gifted or STEM courses, in a K-12 Georgia public school during the current school year.

4. **Criteria for Award.** Applications are reviewed by GaDOE for adherence to the terms and conditions described in the application.

5. **Directions and Deadlines for Applying.** Application materials, including information regarding the deadline, are available on GaDOE's Competitive Grants webpage. For additional information, please contact Bryan Cox, Lead Computer Science Program Specialist, Curriculum and Instruction, Georgia Department of Education, at [bcox@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:bcox@doe.k12.ga.us)

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 160-1-4-.310

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-240](#).

**HISTORY:** Original grant description entitled "Computer Science Opportunity Grant." Submitted March 22, 2023.

**Amended:** New title, "Computer Science Teacher Equipment and Community (CSTEC) Grant." Submitted Aug. 28, 2023.

#### **160-1-4-.317 Georgia Leader and Educator Acceleration and Development System (GaLEADS) Pilot Participation Grant**

1. **Purpose of Grant.** The purpose of the grant is to provide funding to local educational agencies (LEA) that participate in the Georgia Leadership and Educator Acceleration and Development System (GaLEADS) pilot.

**2. Term and Conditions.** Grants are awarded to LEAs selected to participate in the GaLEADS pilot. LEAs will be selected to participate in the pilot through a competitive process. Each recipient LEA must (1) identify schools and teachers to participate in the GaLEADS pilot, (2) participate in the GaLEADS Pilot Leadership Series and Pilot Credentialing and Calibration, (3) administer GaLEADS components with selected teachers, (4) participate in Listening and Learning sessions, (5) participate in Leadership Coaching, and (6) provide feedback through surveys and focus groups. All grant funds must be obligated during the fiscal year in which they are awarded. Withdrawal from the pilot may require the LEA to return unexpended grant funding to the Georgia Department of Education (GaDOE).

**3. Eligible Recipient(s).** LEAs participating in the GaLEADS pilot are eligible to receive the grant.

**4. Criteria for Award.** Applications will be reviewed and scored by the GaDOE. Funding will be awarded based on rank (the highest score first) and available funding. Priority points will be awarded to rural LEAs, Comprehensive School Improvement and Targeted School Improvement schools, and participation in the Teacher Induction Pilot the prior year.

**5. Directions and Deadlines for Applying.** The GaLEADS Pilot application materials, which include the deadline and information regarding the grant awarded in conjunction with pilot participation, will be communicated via a GaDOE press release and sent directly to all local school superintendents. Pilot application materials, including information regarding the deadline, are available on the GaDOE Educator Support and Development webpage. For more information, please contact Michele Sherman, Educator Support Services Program Manager, at [michele.sherman@doe.k12.ga.us](mailto:michele.sherman@doe.k12.ga.us).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 160-1-4-.317

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-240](#).

**HISTORY:** Original grant description entitled "Georgia Leader and Educator Acceleration and Development System (GaLEADS) Pilot Participation Grant." Submitted Aug. 23, 2023.

# **Department 189. GEORGIA GOVERNMENT TRANSPARENCY AND CAMPAIGN FINANCE COMMISSION**

## **Chapter 189-1. ORGANIZATION**

### **189-1-.07 [Repealed]**

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 189-1-.07

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [21-5-6\(a\)\(7\)](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Adjustment of Contribution Limits Based Upon Inflation" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 2007; eff. Jan. 7, 2008.

**Amended:** F. Jan. 11, 2016; eff. Jan. 31, 2016.

**Repealed:** F. Aug. 16, 2023; eff. Sept. 5, 2023.

# Department 290. RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES

## Chapter 290-2. FAMILY AND CHILDREN SERVICES

### Subject 290-2-3. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR FAMILY CHILD CARE LEARNING HOMES

#### 290-2-3-.11 [Effective 9/14/2023] Health, Safety, and Discipline

##### (1) Health.

(a) Children, Parents, Staff, or any other persons being supervised by the Staff, shall not be allowed in the Home who knowingly have or present symptoms of a contagious communicable disease (such as fever, coughing, fatigue, muscle aches, diarrhea, etc.) or any virus or illness (such as COVID-19, etc.) identified during a public health emergency.

(b) Parental Notification. Parents must be notified of incidents, illnesses, or injuries as follows:

<u>Notification</u>	<u>When</u>
Immediately notify Parent(s) and obtain specific instructions until child can be picked up or returned to group.	When professional medical attention is required, or  When child experiences symptoms of moderate discomfort such as elevated temperature, vomiting or diarrhea, or  When child is involved in an incident that puts their health and/or safety at risk (e.g., missing from program, left on vehicle, escaped from building/playground, etc.)
Notify Parent(s) by the end of the day.	When professional medical attention is not required, or  When child experiences symptoms of less than moderate discomfort, or  When child experiences an adverse reaction to prescribed medication which does not constitute moderate discomfort.

(c) The Home shall obtain emergency medical services when required by a child's condition.

(d) Except for first aid and as authorized under Georgia law, personnel shall not dispense prescription or nonprescription medications to a Child without specific written authorization from the Child's physician or Parent. All medications shall be stored as authorized under Georgia law or in accordance with the prescription or label instructions and kept in places that are inaccessible to children. Each dose of medication given to a Child shall be documented showing the Child's name, name of medication, date and time given, and the name of the person giving the medication.



(e) The Home and any vehicle used by the Home for transportation of Children shall have a first aid kit which shall at least contain: scissors, tweezers, gauze pads, thermometer, adhesive tape, band-aids, insect-sting preparation, antiseptic cleaning solution, antibacterial ointment, bandages, disposable rubber gloves, protective eyewear, facemask, and cold pack. The first aid kit, together with a first aid instruction manual which must be kept with the kit at all times, shall be stored in a central location so that it is not accessible to Children but is easily accessible to the Provider and Staff. The Home must also maintain written directions for the use of universal precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids. The directions on the use of universal precautions must be kept with the first aid kit at all times.

(f) Diapers shall be changed in the Child's own crib or on a nonporous surface which is cleaned with a disinfectant and dried with a single use disposable towel after each diaper change.

(g) Soiled diapers and linens shall be disposed of in a closed container.

(h) If used, toilet potty chairs shall after each use be emptied by disposal in a flush toilet, cleaned with a disinfectant, and stored in the bathroom. If a sink is used, it shall be disinfected after each use.

(i) Personnel shall wash their hands with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately before and after each diaper change; immediately upon the first Child's arrival in the Home for care and upon re-entering the Home after outside play; before and after dispensing oral medications and applying topical medications, ointments, creams or lotions, handling and preparing food, eating, drinking, preparing bottles, feeding or assisting children with eating and drinking; after toileting or helping children with toileting, using tobacco products, handling garbage and organic waste, touching animals or pets, handling bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood and after contamination by any other means.

(j) Children's hands shall be washed with liquid soap and warm running water: immediately upon arrival for the day and re-entering the child care area after outside play; before and after eating meals and snacks, handling or touching food, and playing in water; after toileting and diapering, playing in sand, touching animals or pets, contact with bodily fluids such as, but not limited to, mucus, saliva, vomit or blood, and after contamination by any other means.

(k) Washcloth handwashing is permitted for infants when the infant is too heavy to hold for handwashing or cannot stand safely to wash hands at a sink and for children with special needs who are not capable of washing their own hands. An individual washcloth shall be used only once for each child before laundering.

(l) Smoking is prohibited on the premises of a Home during the hours of operation and no smoking signs must be posted. Smoking is also prohibited in any vehicle used to transport children during the hours that the Home is in operation.

(m) Children shall be kept clean, dry and comfortable.

(n) Pets in the Home shall be vaccinated in accordance with the requirements of the local county Boards of Health. Unconfined pets shall not be permitted in child care areas when any Child is present except for supervised learning experiences.

(o) Pets and all other animals shall be controlled to assure that proper sanitation of the premises is maintained and animals are not a hazard to the children, personnel or other visitors. No animal, such as but not limited to, pit bull dogs, ferrets, and poisonous snakes, which may have a vicious propensity, shall be permitted on the Family Child Care Learning Home premises at any time there are children on the premises. Horses or other farm animals shall not be quartered on any property over which the Provider exercises any control that is located within five hundred (500) feet of the building in which the Family Child Care Learning Home is located.

## (2) Safety.

(a) A Home shall have a written plan for handling emergencies, including but not limited to fire, severe weather, loss of electrical power or water, and death, serious injury or loss of a child, a threatening event, or natural disaster which may occur at the Home. The Home will have in place procedures for evacuation, relocation, shelter-in-place,

lock-down, communication and reunification with families, continuity of operations, accommodation of infants and toddlers, children with disabilities, and children with chronic medical conditions. No Home personnel shall impede in any way the delivery of emergency care or services to a child by licensed or certified emergency health care professionals.

(b) An operable telephone shall be readily available in the Home with the following telephone numbers posted in a conspicuous place next to the telephone: a physician or hospital, an ambulance or rescue squad service, the local fire department, the local police department, the county health department and the regional poison control center. In those areas of the state serviced by the 911 emergency number, 911 may be posted in lieu of the phone numbers required for ambulance, fire and police.

(c) Documentation of drills required by these rules shall be maintained in the Home. The Home shall conduct drills for fire, tornado and other emergency situations. The fire drills will be conducted monthly and tornado and other emergency situation drills will be conducted every six months. The Home shall maintain documentation of the dates and times of these drills for two years.

(d) Children shall not have access to hanging cords or other hazardous objects.

(e) Clear glass doors shall be marked to avoid accidental impact.

(f) Poisons, medicines, cleaning agents, razors, aerosol cans and other potential hazardous materials shall be stored out of reach of children or in locked cabinets.

(g) Firearms shall be stored so they are not accessible to children.

(h) At least one UL Approved smoke detector shall be on each floor of the Home and such detectors shall be maintained in working order. At least one 2-A:10-B:C fire extinguisher shall be kept in the child care area to be located no more than thirty feet from the kitchen. The extinguisher shall be maintained in working order and shall be inaccessible to the children.

(i) Flammable liquids, such as gasoline or kerosene, shall not be stored inside the Home.

(j) If children are transported in a vehicle by the Provider or a Home's employee, the driver shall have a current driver's license.

(k) When transported in a vehicle by the Provider or a Home's employee, children shall be restrained by either individual seat belts or appropriate child restraints in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations.

(l) No child shall be left unattended in a motor vehicle.

(m) If children are transported, written authorization for the Child to receive emergency medical treatment when the Parent is not available, as required by these rules, shall be maintained in the vehicle.

(n) If a Provider does not carry liability insurance coverage sufficient to protect its clients, the Provider shall post that fact in a conspicuous place in the program. Such notice shall be in at least ½ inch letters. A Provider that fails to post may be subject to a civil fine of \$1,000.00.

(3) Discipline. Disciplinary actions used to correct a Child's behavior, guidance techniques and any activities in which the Children participate or observe at the Home shall not be detrimental to the physical or mental health of any child.

(a) A Provider or a Home's Provisional Employees or Employees shall not: physically or sexually abuse a child, or engage in or permit others to engage in sexually overt conduct in the presence of any Child enrolled in the Home; inflict corporal/physical punishment upon a Child; shake, jerk, pinch or handle roughly a Child; verbally abuse or humiliate a Child which includes, but is not limited to, the use of threats, profanity, or belittling remarks about a Child or his family; isolate a Child in a dark room, closet, or unsupervised area; use mechanical or physical

restraints or devices to discipline Children; use medication to discipline a Child or to control Children's behavior without written medical authorization issued by a licensed professional and given with the Parent's written consent; or discipline a Child by unreasonably restricting a Child from going to the bathroom; or by punishing toileting accidents; or by force feeding a Child; or by not feeding a Child regularly scheduled meals and/or snacks; or by forcing or withholding naps; or by allowing children to discipline or humiliate other Children; or by confining a Child for disciplinary purposes to a swing, high chair, infant carrier, walker or jump seat.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 290-2-3-.11

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-1A-1](#) *et seq.*

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Registration" adopted F. Feb. 21, 1983; eff. Mar. 23, 1983, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Health, Safety and Discipline" adopted F. Feb. 4, 1994; eff. Mar. 1, 1994, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted F. Jan. 12, 2009; eff. Feb. 1, 2009.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted F. Dec. 2, 2009; eff. Dec. 22, 2009.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted F. Aug. 5, 2010; eff. Aug. 25, 2010.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 16, 2013; eff. Sept. 5, 2013.

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**Amended:** F. Dec. 4, 2015; eff. Dec. 24, 2015.

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# Department 360. RULES OF GEORGIA COMPOSITE MEDICAL BOARD

## Chapter 360-27. PATIENTS' RIGHTS

### 360-27-.02 Declaration of Patients' Rights

(1) Physicians are required to post a declaration of the patient's rights to file a grievance with the Board concerning a physician, staff, office, or treatment received.

(2) The declaration shall contain the following language with no alterations, deletions, or additions: The patient has the right to file a grievance with the Georgia Composite Medical Board, concerning the physician, staff, office, and treatment received. The patient should send a written complaint to the board. The patient should be able to provide the physician or practice name, the address, and the specific nature of the complaint. Complaints or grievances may be reported to the Board at the following address or telephone number:

Georgia Composite Medical Board

Attn: Complaints Unit

2 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive SE

11th floor, East Tower

Atlanta, GA 30334

(404) 656-3913

[www.medicalboard.georgia.gov](http://www.medicalboard.georgia.gov)

(3) The declaration shall be prominently displayed in a sign that is 8 1/2 inches × 11 inches in type that is no smaller than 24-point Times Roman print in black on white background. It shall be displayed in the physician's waiting room in an area that is not obstructed and can be easily viewed by patients.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 360-27-.02

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [43-34-24](#), [43-34A-6](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Declaration of Patients' Rights" adopted. F. Apr. 8, 2002; eff. Apr. 28, 2002.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 23, 2008; eff. July 13, 2008.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Jan. 13, 2010; eff. Feb. 2, 2010.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 11, 2023; eff. Aug. 31, 2023.

# **Department 375. RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES**

## **Chapter 375-3. DRIVER LICENSE SERVICES**

### **Subject 375-3-3. REVOCATION AND SUSPENSION**

#### **375-3-3.17 Reinstatement Procedures for Suspensions Based on Second or Subsequent Convictions for No Proof of Insurance**

Reinstatement of driver's licenses suspended on second or subsequent convictions under O.C.G.A. § [40-6-10](#) will require an SR-22A to be filed and maintained for three (3) years from the date of conviction.

(1) Proof of financial responsibility must be made by certification from an authorized insurance company that the violator has in effect a valid liability insurance policy covering the required time span, said certification to be filed on form SR-22A as specified below.

(a) Each SR-22A Form shall be printed so that it is substantially similar to the one shown. Each item of information contained on each form shall be set forth in the order in which they are printed on the form. All information must be machine printed or typed. The form must be green in color.

(i) Front:

SR-22A

#### **GEORGIA SAFETY RESPONSIBILITY INSURANCE CERTIFICATE**

**INSURED:**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Case Number \_\_\_\_\_

Driver's License Number \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_

Social Security Number \_\_\_\_\_

Current Policy Number \_\_\_\_\_

Effective From \_\_\_\_\_

This certification is effective from \_\_\_\_\_ and continues until cancelled or terminated in accordance with the financial responsibility laws and regulations of this state.

The company signatory hereto certifies that there is in effect on the effective date of the certificate a Motor Vehicle Liability Policy, affording limits of \$25,000/\$50,000 bodily injury and \$25,000 property damage.

Year of Model \_\_\_\_\_ Trade Name \_\_\_\_\_

Model \_\_\_\_\_ Body Type \_\_\_\_\_

Serial No. \_\_\_\_\_

Motor No. \_\_\_\_\_

If space above is insufficient to contain all motor vehicles covered, prepare list on paper of identical width and paste on.

Crash No. \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Crash \_\_\_\_\_

Place of Crash \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Insurance Company \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Representative

(ii) Back:

Georgia Laws 1951, Act 386, Section 7-A, Subsection (a) as amended by Georgia Laws 1956, Act 362; "It is further provided that upon an insurance company filing a certification of an insurance policy or a surety company filing a surety bond with the Director in order for the operator to show the proof required herein, such bond or certification cannot be cancelled within a period of twelve (12) months from the effective date of such certification or bond except for subsequent conviction for some revocable offense as set forth in subsection (a) of this section with the provision that the Director shall be given at least twenty (20) days prior notice of such cancellation. The Director may, in his discretion, permit the cancellation of such certificate or bond for other cause made known to and approved by him."

(NOTE: Full information as to reason for cancellation or request for cancellation of such certification or bond must be attached to the notice of cancellation, Form SR-26.)

Name and Address of Insurance Company:

<Name> <Address> <City, State, Zip Code>
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(2) After the first initial SR-22A filing marked "Paid in Full" for a period of six (6) months, the Department will accept a premium financed SR-22A provided:

(a) It is clearly marked as premium financed;

(b) Cancellation of policy for non-payment of premium is not allowable before the expiration of one hundred eighty (180) days from effective date of policy. The policy may be canceled prior to the expiration of one hundred eighty (180) days set forth above upon sufficient reason in the discretion of the Commissioner being made known to him in writing.

(3) An SR-22A Form that is not marked "premium financed" is accepted on the basis that it is paid in full. The Department will not accept a cancellation notice (SR-26) for non-payment of the premium and the policy must remain in effect for the statutory required length of time.

(4) The Department must be given thirty (30) days notice by the insurance carrier prior to acceptable termination or cancellation. The Department must be in receipt of Form SR-26 at least thirty (30) days before effective date of cancellation.

(5) An SR-26 cancellation of coverage form is not acceptable if based on the non-payment of premiums in addition to those originally assessed by the Company.

(6) An employer may furnish proof of financial responsibility on behalf of an employee operator and qualify such operator to operate motor vehicles for which proof is given by the employer. If the operator is only qualified to operate motor vehicles for an owner or employer, such restriction shall be designated by the Department on the license of the operator.

(7) The liability insurance policy shall provide for payment of not less than \$25,000 for bodily injury to or death of one (1) person in any one (1) crash, and not less than \$50,000 for bodily injury to or death of two (2) or more persons in any one (1) crash, and to a limit of not less than \$25,000 for injury to or destruction of property of others in any one (1) crash.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 375-3-3-.17

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [40-5-4](#), [40-5-70](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Reinstatement Procedures for Suspensions Based on Second or Subsequent Convictions for No Proof of Insurance" adopted. F. Apr. 18, 2006; eff. May 8, 2006.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 11, 2023; eff. Aug. 31, 2023.

# **Department 375. RULES OF DEPARTMENT OF DRIVER SERVICES**

## **Chapter 375-7. MOTORCYCLE SAFETY**

### **Subject 375-7-4. SAFETY PROGRAM**

#### **375-7-4-.06 Motorcycle Safety Program - Coach Qualifications**

(1) All Coaches shall meet the following minimum qualifications:

- (a) Be at least twenty-one (21) years of age;
- (b) Possess a high school diploma or equivalent GED;
- (c) Successfully complete a Department background check commensurate to the requirements found in O.C.G.A. § [43-13-5](#);
- (d) Successfully complete an approved Coach Preparation course;
- (e) Agree to teach only approved courses;
- (f) Maintain Coach certification;
- (g) Enroll in and complete approved Coach refresher courses, updates, professional development workshops, and conferences when offered;
- (h) Always wear proper protective riding apparel when riding which consists of: a DOT-approved helmet, eye protection (face shield or goggles), gloves (no fingerless), boots (over-the-ankle footwear; not cloth or canvas), long-sleeved shirt or jacket and long non-flared pants (made of denim or equivalent abrasive resistant materials).
- (i) Have and maintain a satisfactory criminal history and driving history.
- (j) Currently operate a motorcycle and possess a valid Georgia Class M License;
- (k) Agree to teach only approved training courses in conformance with the most current curricula guidelines as per the *Rider Coach* Certification Manual;
- (l) Keep up to date on current motorcycle safety instruction and information;
- (m) Maintain teaching skills by teaching a minimum number of courses each year as per the *Rider Coach* Certification Manual;
- (n) Keep the Motorcycle Safety Program informed of any address changes and return all Coach surveys and inquiries promptly;
- (o) Exhibit professional conduct and appearance that would be an example for all motorcyclists to respect, admire, and emulate; and
- (p) Provide express authorization for the release of a driving record at any time deemed necessary by the Program Administrator.

(2) All Coach candidates shall meet the following minimum qualifications:



- (a) Make necessary application and be accepted by the Motorcycle Safety program into a Coach Preparation course;
  - (b) Successfully complete a basic rider course;
  - (c) Successfully complete a teaching internship of at least, but not limited to, two (2) training courses as directed by the Program Administrator or designated staff;
  - (d) Have possessed for at least two (2) years prior to making application, a Georgia Class M License or equivalent from another state; and
  - (e) Regularly operate a street legal, registered motorcycle that complies with applicable vehicle laws and codes.
- (3) The Coach's certification will expire one (1) year from the date of activation.
- (4) Coaches allowing their certificates to expire will not be permitted to instruct and shall be required to requalify and retrain for a new certificate under the then current requirements for an initial applicant.
- (5) The Department may revoke or suspend a Coach's certification if it becomes aware of any violations of qualifications, laws, rules and regulations, or falsification of documents.
- (6) A suspended Coach may request a hearing in accordance with Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. [375-1-1-.06](#).
- (7) *Rider Coaches* have shared responsibility for the overall operation of a specific course which includes but is not limited to the following: conducting all classroom and range sessions; supervising range aides; ensuring that protective apparel is worn during all on-cycle training; securing all equipment and materials at the close of each class; and, checking all forms submitted for completeness and accuracy; demonstrating range exercises as directed; conducting remedial training as required; and administering the class as per the *Rider Coach Certification Manual* and the *Rider Coach Guide*.
- (8) A range aide works under the direction of either Coach in non-instructional roles. Duties include but are not limited to: preparation and maintenance of motorcycles, preparation of range, and preparation of classroom.
- (9) Under no circumstances will a range aide's duties include any form of classroom or range instruction unless the range aid is a Motorcycle Safety Program-certified Coach.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 375-7-4-.06

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [40-15-3](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Instructor Qualifications" adopted. F. Sept. 18, 2003; eff. Oct. 8, 2003.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Coach Qualifications" adopted. F. Aug. 24, 2010; eff. Sept. 13, 2010.

**Amended:** F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 14, 2014.

**Amended:** New title "Motorcycle Safety Program - Coach Qualifications." F. May 19, 2021; eff. June 8, 2021.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 11, 2023; eff. Aug. 31, 2023.

### **375-7-4-.07 Motorcycle Safety Program - Certified Private Sponsor Requirements**

(1) All Sponsors shall meet the following minimum requirements:

- (a) any individual or organization seeking approval to teach or offer instruction in motorcycle rider education and training on behalf of the Department shall make application at least thirty (30) days prior to course offering and shall not commence the course until receiving certification;

- (b) sponsor certification will expire two (2) years from the date of issuance;
  - (c) sponsor must apply for recertification within ninety (90) days of expiration date of certification period;
  - (d) only Motorcycle Safety Program-certified Coach Trainers and Coaches will be used to conduct motorcycle rider education and training courses;
  - (e) use only approved curricula in accordance with the *Rider Coach* Certification Manual and/or Sponsor Program Certification Manual;
  - (f) maintain accurate records of student participation and incident reports, and make same available for inspection at all times;
  - (g) make sure that all students, Coaches, and training motorcycles are covered by insurance during all training sessions;
  - (h) submit all required documentation as set out in the Sponsor Program Certification Manual;
  - (i) shall designate an individual as site manager or site administrator who shall be responsible for, but not limited to: ensuring all persons enrolling meet eligibility requirements and are properly registered; recordkeeping; managing site; reporting, supervising all instructional personnel and overseeing the operation of the program;
  - (j) monitoring will be conducted by Program Administrator and other persons authorized by the Motorcycle Safety Program to make audits and visits; and
  - (k) Coach and student course evaluations will be provided and submitted after each course to the Motorcycle Safety Program without alteration or abridgement.
- (2) Sponsor applications will be considered on the basis of the ability to train sufficient numbers of students and prevention of the unnecessary duplication of the provision of rider education courses.
- (3) A Sponsor found in violation of any requirements, laws, rules and regulations, or falsification of documents will be subject to suspension.
- (4) A suspended Sponsor may appeal to the Department for a hearing in accordance with Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. [375-1-1-.06](#).
- (5) Adequate insurance must be obtained by Sponsors to protect both the State, the Sponsor, all instructional personnel, students, and training motorcycles.
- (6) Each registered student must complete a Release, Waiver, and Indemnification form approved by the Motorcycle Safety Program which releases the State, the Sponsor, and all persons and organizations involved in the training program from any loss, costs, claim and/or damage arising out of participation in any course.
- (7) The Sponsor will, to the satisfaction of the Motorcycle Safety Program, carry insurance for all phases of training in the following categories, but not limited to:
- (a) medical;
  - (b) comprehensive and collision; and
  - (c) bodily injury and property damage liability.
- (8) The insurance supplier and coverage limits must be approved by the Department.

(9) The Sponsor must file with the Motorcycle Safety Program, prior to the start of any classes, a certificate of insurance or letter verifying insurance fully executed by the insurance company.

(10) It must be understood by the insurance company that the Motorcycle Safety Program must be given written notification of policy cancellation at least thirty (30) days prior to any such action.

(11) The insurance provided by the Sponsor will be the primary coverage and the insurance company so notified.

(12) Reporting by the Sponsor shall include but not be limited to:

(a) class schedules;

(b) registration information;

(c) incident report forms; and

(d) other reports as set in the Sponsor Specifications.

(13) The Sponsor is responsible for completing and submitting any reports required by other public or private sector agencies or any individuals as a result of crash or incident of theft, vandalism, damage or injury to training personnel, students, and equipment. Copies of any such reports shall be forwarded to the Motorcycle Safety Program Office immediately.

(14) Sponsors who wish to provide motorcycle safety training in addition to courses approved by the Motorcycle Safety Program must comply with all statutory and regulatory requirements for licensure as a driver training school.

(15) Any items provided the Sponsor are property of the State of Georgia and will be returned to the Motorcycle Safety Program in the event the Sponsor discontinues course offerings or is suspended.

(16) All materials and equipment supplied to Sponsors will be maintained on inventory and a copy provided and kept on file in the Motorcycle Safety Program Office.

(17) Supply of materials and equipment shall lie in the sound discretion of the Department and shall further be contingent upon the availability of funding for this purpose.

(18) Certified Sponsors must enter into a contractual agreement with the Department.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 375-7-4-.07

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [40-15-3](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Sponsor Requirements" adopted. F. Sept. 18, 2003; eff. Oct. 8, 2003.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "MSP-Certified Private Sponsor Requirements" adopted. F. Aug. 24, 2010; eff. Sept. 13, 2010.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 12, 2020; eff. Sept. 1, 2020.

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# **Department 391. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

## **Chapter 391-2. COASTAL RESOURCES**

### **Subject 391-2-5. COASTAL INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM DESCRIPTION**

#### **391-2-5-.01 Coastal Incentive Grant Program, Match, Term and Reimbursement**

The Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR), Coastal Resources Division (CRD), solicits proposals for Coastal Incentive Grants (CIG) awarded under the Georgia Coastal Management Program (GCMP). The following announcement provides background and describes funding priorities, selection criteria, and application procedures.

This Request for Proposals solicits projects that are related to the themes identified by the Coastal Advisory Council (CAC) for the FY 2024-2025 Cycle 27 awards. Projects that are acceptable but for which there are no available funds may be awarded a CIG at a later date if funds become available.

All CIG applications must be matched annually \$1.00 federal to \$1.00 local (1:1). Match may be either cash from local, state or private sources or "in-kind" service(s).

If selected, CIG Cycle 27 contracts will run for one year beginning October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025. Applications will be accepted for two-year sub-grant requests with the second year of support contingent upon approval and receipt of federal funds. Year 1 funding is not transferable to Year 2, if applicant submits a two (2) year project.

CIGs are reimbursable sub-grants. A Request for Reimbursement of federal project costs, along with a report of applicable non-federal match, is to be submitted with the Final Report, using the format provided by the DNR. Reimbursement will be made following completion of the terms of the sub-grant contract and receipt and performance of all deliverables for each sub-grant year.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-2-5-.01

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [12-5-323](#), [28-5-122](#).

**HISTORY:** Original grant description entitled "Coastal Incentive Program" submitted Oct. 1, 1997.

**Submitted:** Sept. 14, 1998.

**Submitted:** Oct. 9, 2003.

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**Submitted:** Dec. 11, 2006.

**Submitted:** Oct. 31, 2007.

**Submitted:** Oct. 30, 2008.

**Submitted:** Grant description entitled "Coastal Incentive Grant Program, Match, Term and Reimbursement" received Sept. 23, 2009.

**Submitted:** Aug. 27, 2010.

**Submitted:** Aug. 25, 2011.

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**Amended:** F. Aug. 27, 2013; eff. Sept. 16, 2013.

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### **391-2-5-.06 Funding Themes**

The themes of the FY 2024-2025 Cycle 27 CIG Program as adopted by the CAC are (*bulleted items are provided only as examples*):

#### **Oceans and Wetlands**

- Maintaining or improving the quality of wetlands
- Conservation and restoration of wetland habitats
- Improved understanding of ocean and wetland habitats and functions

#### **Public Access and Land Conservation**

- Add or enhance physical access for the public to coastal water resources (i.e., rivers, wetlands, beaches)
- Public access planning
- Conservation of riparian habitats through acquisition
- Land conservation, preservation, and/or management, especially for sea level rise retreat
- Analysis of land conservation needs and opportunities for habitat protection

#### **Sustainable Communities**

- Strengthen local capacity to implement sustainable approaches in planning and development

- Increase understanding of costs and benefits associated with sustainable approaches to coastal development
- Identification and preservation of unique community qualities, historical and cultural features, including public education of the above

#### **Disaster Resiliency and Coastal Hazards**

- Improve understanding of coastal hazards and potential impacts
- Develop, implement or incorporate adaptation and mitigation strategies/plans or policies
- Strengthen local capacity to implement FEMA's Community Rating System

#### **Non-Point Source Pollution**

- Improvements to existing urban runoff control structures in coastal watersheds
- Projects that address stormwater quantity and quality improvements utilizing BMPs recommended by the Georgia Coastal Stormwater Supplement
- No construction projects are eligible under this theme

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [12-5-323](#), [28-5-122](#).

**HISTORY:** Original grant description entitled "Minimum Eligibility Requirements" submitted Oct. 1, 1997.

**Submitted:** Sept. 14, 1998.

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### **391-2-5-.12 RFP Application Submittal**

The FY 2024-2025 Cycle 27 CIG opportunity will involve a competitive pre-application process followed by an invitation only competitive full application process. The detailed CIG pre- and full application instructions, format, and standard required forms are available on the DNR-CRD website.

**Pre-Application Process:** Pre-applications must be submitted online by **4:30pm on Friday, December 1, 2023**. Applicants must submit a completed profile form (as provided by DNR-CRD) and succinctly summarize the project goals, relevance to coastal management, tasks to be performed, and an overall estimated budget as outlined in the pre-application instructions found on the aforementioned DNR-CRD website. Pre-applications must be submitted online by the due date and time. A notice of receipt will be sent via email. Pre-applications will be competitively reviewed and only those selected will be invited to submit a full application. Applicants will be notified by January 12, 2024 if they have been selected, or not.

**Full Application Process:** Applicants with selected pre-applications will be invited to submit a full application. Full applications must be submitted online by **4:30pm on Friday, February 9, 2024**. In addition to the pre-application information, the full application should also include specific and detailed task descriptions by year, a project timeline with major milestones, project management information, a detailed yearly budget breakdown with narrative, and all supporting documentation as outlined in the full application instructions found on the aforementioned DNR-CRD website. Facsimiles and email submissions of the full application will not be accepted. The full application packet must be submitted online by the due date and time.

Applications received after the deadline will not be accepted.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-2-5-.12

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [12-5-323](#), [28-5-122](#).

**HISTORY:** Original grant description entitled "RFP Application Submittal" submitted Dec. 11, 2006.

**Submitted:** Oct. 31, 2007.

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**Submitted:** Sept. 23, 2009.

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**Submitted:** Aug. 26, 2015.

**Submitted:** Grant description entitled "RFP Application Submittal," Sept. 6, 2016.

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### **391-2-5-.13 Application Review Process**

Applications must be submitted with a profile form, proposal, other required forms, and supporting documentation as described in the detailed CIG application instructions located on the DNR-CRD website.

**Pre-Application Process:** Following the submittal of the pre-application, the CZM Grants Specialist will schedule the Pre-Application Review Team, which may be comprised of Coastal Zone Management (CZM) Technical Assistance staff; the CZM Program Manager; and CRD Habitat, Fisheries, Shellfish, and/or Education and Outreach staff. The Team will review and competitively rank the pre-applications based on 1) applicability to the GCMP mission, goals, and policies, 2) a demonstrated coastal management need, 3) clear project goals, 4) budget soundness, 5) an applicant's past performance, and 6) relationship to other federal funding. Selected applicants will be invited to submit a full application.

**Full Application Process:** Upon selection of the pre-applications, the CZM Grants Specialist will schedule the CIG Technical Review Committee, which is comprised of five (5) coastal community professionals from the following fields: state resource management, local government, non-governmental organization, academia, and citizen-at-large. The Committee will review and preliminarily score the applications based on the criteria provided in Sections [391-2-5-.17](#) and [391-2-5-.18](#). The Committee will consider the applications in a roundtable forum from highest to lowest preliminary score. After careful consideration, final ranking will be determined by consensus. Full applications that are recommended for funding by the Committee will be included in the DNR application for annual funding from the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) GCMP CZM Grant. NOAA makes the final review and approval of all CIG sub-grants. All applicants will be notified of the Committee's recommendation by April 26, 2024. All applicants will be notified of final NOAA approval by August 30, 2024.

Late, incomplete, and ineligible pre- and full applications will be returned to the applicant. Unsuccessful applicants may contact the CZM Grants Specialist within 30 days of pre- or full application notification to discuss reason(s) for denial.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-2-5-.13

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [12-5-323](#), [28-5-122](#).

**HISTORY:** Original grant description entitled "Application Review Process" submitted Dec. 11, 2006.

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### **391-2-5-.15 Timeline**

December 1, 2023, 4:30pm

February 9, 2024, 4:30pm

August 30, 2024

October 1, 2024

Pre-application deadline

Full application deadline

NOAA approval (anticipated)

Project start date

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 391-2-5-.15

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# **Department 391. RULES OF GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES**

## **Chapter 391-3. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION**

### **Subject 391-3-1. AIR QUALITY CONTROL**

#### **391-3-1-.02 [Effective 9/17/2023] Provisions. Amended**

##### **(1) General Requirement.**

No person shall construct or operate any facility from which air contaminants are or may be emitted in such a manner as to fail to comply with:

- (a) **Any applicable** standard of performance or other requirements established by EPA pursuant to Section 111 of the Federal Act;
- (b) **Any applicable** emission standard or other requirement for a hazardous air pollutant established by EPA pursuant to Section 112 of the Federal Act;
- (c) **Any applicable** increment, precondition for permit, or other requirement established for the Prevention of Significant Deterioration pursuant to Part C, Title I of the Federal Act; and
- (d) **Any applicable** standard, precondition for permit, or other requirement established for sources in areas designated by the Director as being non-attainment with National Ambient Air Quality Standards pursuant to, or as part of Georgia's State Implementation Plan to meet the requirements of, Part D, Title I of the Federal Act.

##### **(2) Emission Limitations and Standards.**

###### **(a) General Provisions.**

1. No person owning, leasing or controlling the operation of any air contaminant sources shall willfully, negligently or through failure to provide necessary equipment or facilities or to take necessary precautions, cause, permit, or allow the emission from said air contamination source or sources of such quantities of air contaminants as will cause, or tend to cause, by themselves or in conjunction with other air contaminants a condition of air pollution in quantities or characteristics or of a duration which is injurious or which unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life or use of property in such area of the State as is affected thereby. Complying with any of the other paragraphs of these rules and regulations or any subparagraphs thereof, shall in no way exempt a person from this provision.

2. In cases where more than one paragraph of these regulations applies, the paragraph allowing the least emission of air contaminants to the atmosphere shall prevail.

3. Notwithstanding any other emission limitation or other requirement provided in the regulations, more stringent emission limitations or other requirements may be required of a facility as deemed necessary by the Director to:

- (i) meet any existing Federal laws or regulations; or
- (ii) safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the State of Georgia.

4. Notwithstanding any other requirement of this Chapter, in no event shall that part of a stack which came into existence after December 31, 1970, which exceeds good engineering practice stack height or any other dispersion technique, be taken into account for the purpose of determining the degree of emission limitations required for

control of any pollutant for which there is an ambient air standard established under the Act of the Federal Act. The terms and definitions of "dispersion techniques", "good engineering practice (GEP)", "nearby" and "excessive concentration" are those definitions found in [40 CFR 51.100\(hh\), \(ii\), \(jj\) and \(kk\)](#) respectively.

5. If the Director finds, after notice and opportunity for public hearing that a particular instance of violation or noncompliance by a source, owner, or operator, with any emission limitation or standard or other requirement under the Act, is de minimis (as defined pursuant to [42 U.S.C. Section 7420](#) as amended) in nature, and duration, he may, as allowed by the Act and the Federal Act, exempt such source, owner or operator from the noncompliance penalties provided in Section 22 of the Act.

## 6. VOC Emission Standards, Exemptions, Area Designations, Compliance Schedules and Compliance Determinations.

### (i) Exemptions and Area Designations.

(I) Sources located outside Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale counties whose potential emissions of volatile organic compounds are not more than 100 tons per year shall not be subject to subparagraphs (u), (v), (x), (aa) through (ff) [inclusive], (hh), (kk), (ll), (nn), and (qq) of this paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#).

(II) Sources used exclusively for chemical or physical analysis or determination of product quality and commercial acceptance shall not be subject to subparagraphs (t) through (ff) [inclusive], (hh) through (nn) [inclusive], (qq), and (tt) of this paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#), provided:

I. The operation of the source is not an integral part of the production process; and provided;

II. The emissions from the source do not exceed 800 pounds in any calendar month; and provided;

III. The exemption from such source is approved in writing by the Director.

(III) Sources located within Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, or Rockdale counties whose actual emissions of volatile organic compounds are less than 15 pounds per day shall not be subject to subparagraphs (u), (v), (x), (aa) through (ff) [inclusive], (kk), (ll), and (qq) of this paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#).

(IV) Coatings, inks and other VOC-containing materials in use at sources of VOC emissions subject to any limitations or requirements of subparagraphs (t) through (aa) [inclusive], (ii), (jj), (mm), and (tt) of this paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#) shall not be subject to any requirements of such subparagraphs, provided the source's total aggregate use of such materials is not in excess of 55 gallons per year and such exemption is approved in writing by the Division.

(V) Sources located within Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, or Walton Counties whose actual emissions of volatile organic compounds are greater than or equal to 15 pounds per day shall be subject to subparagraphs (u), (v), (x), (aa) through (ff) [inclusive], (hh), (kk), (ll), (nn), and (qq) of this paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#) effective January 1, 2015. The requirements of this subparagraph (V) will no longer be applicable if the counties specified in this subparagraph (V) are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in these counties or the counties specified in subparagraph (III) above, the requirements of this subparagraph (V) will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

(VI) When determining applicability for a standard specified in this subparagraph 6.(i), only those emission sources that belong to the source category covered by each specific standard shall be included when compared against the applicability thresholds and provisions included in this subparagraph 6.(i).

### (ii) Compliance Schedules.

(I) All sources of VOC emissions subject to any limitation or requirement of, or under, paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#) prior to the effective date of this amended Rule [391-3-1-.02](#), shall be in compliance or on an approved compliance schedule.

(iii) Compliance Determinations.

(I) Compliance determinations for coatings expressed as pounds of VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, shall treat organic compounds that are not defined as VOCs as water for purposes of calculating the "excluding water" part of the coating composition.

7. Excess Emissions.

(i) Excess emissions resulting from startup, shutdown, malfunction of any source which occur though ordinary diligence is employed shall be allowed provided that (I) the best operational practices to minimize emissions are adhered to, and (II) all associated air pollution control equipment is operated in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practice for minimizing emissions and (III) the duration of excess emissions is minimized.

(ii) Excess emissions which are caused entirely or in part by poor maintenance, poor operation, or any other equipment or process failure which may reasonably be prevented during startup, shutdown or malfunction are prohibited and are violations of this Chapter (391-3-1).

(iii) The provisions of this subparagraph 7. shall apply only to those sources which are not subject to any requirement under paragraph (8) of this Rule (i.e., Rule [391-3-1-.02](#)) or any requirement of 40 CFR, Part 60, as amended concerning New Source Performance Standards.

8. Emissions Bubbles.

(i) With respect to the emissions standards and limitations contained in this Chapter 391-3-1, as such requirements are applied to more than one process or piece of equipment at a source or sources, the Director may allow to the extent consistent with the Act and with the Federal Act under such conditions as he deems appropriate, emissions bubbles provided that:

(I) Such emissions bubbles will not interfere with the attainment and maintenance of ambient air quality standards as expeditiously as practical and does not result in any delay in compliance by any source beyond applicable deadline dates; and

(II) Such emissions bubbles are equivalent in pollution reduction, enforceability, and air quality impact to those individual process or equipment emission limits of State or federal requirements applicable at the time of the bubble; and

(III) Such emissions bubbles are consistent and in full compliance with the requirements of [40 CFR 52.21 \(PSD\)](#), [40 CFR 60](#) (New Source Performance Standards) and [40 CFR 61](#) (NESHAPS); and

(IV) All modeling utilized in evaluating the air quality impact of emissions bubbles shall be done in accordance with modeling procedures acceptable to the Division.

(ii) Emissions bubbles involving different pollutants, types, temporary reductions, and increases of hazardous air pollutants are prohibited.

(iii) The affected source or facility which proposes the use of a bubble shall have the burden of demonstrating to the satisfaction of the Director, compliance with the requirements of this paragraph (2)(a)8.

(iv) For the purpose of this paragraph (2)(a)8. emissions bubbles let plants decrease pollution controls at one or more emission points in exchange for compensating increases in control at other emission points.

9. [reserved]

10. At all times, including periods of startup, shutdown, and malfunction, any person owning, leasing or controlling the operation of a stationary source shall maintain and operate such source, including associated air pollution control equipment, in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practice for minimizing emissions. Determination of whether acceptable operating and maintenance procedures are being used will be based on any information available to the Division which may include, but is not limited to, monitoring results, observations of the opacity or other characteristic of emissions, review of operating and maintenance procedures or records, and inspection or surveillance of the source.

#### 11. Startup, Shutdown, and Malfunction Emissions for SIP-Approved Rules

(i) Upon the effective date of EPA's final approval of GA Rules Chapter 391-3-1-.02(2)(a)11. as published in the Federal Register, the provisions of subparagraph 11. apply in lieu of GA Rule [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)7.](#)

(ii) The provisions of this subparagraph 11. shall apply to all sources subject to emission limitations and standards in [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(b\), \(c\), \(d\), \(e\), \(f\), \(g\), \(h\), \(i\), \(j\), \(k\), \(n\), \(p\), \(q\), \(r\), \(t\), \(u\), \(v\), \(w\), \(x\), \(y\), \(z\), \(aa\), \(bb\), \(cc\), \(dd\), \(ee\), \(ff\), \(gg\), \(hh\), \(ii\), \(jj\), \(kk\), \(ll\), \(mm\), \(nn\), \(oo\), \(pp\), \(qq\), \(rr\), \(ss\), \(tt\), \(uu\), \(vv\), \(yy\), \(ccc\), \(ddd\), \(eee\), \(fff\), \(hhh\), \(jjj\), \(kkk\), \(lll\), \(mmm\), \(nnn\), \(rrr\), \(vvv\), \(yyy\), \(zzz\), \(aaaa\).](#)

(iii) Sources that are unable to comply with an applicable emission limitation or standard during periods of startup or shutdown may submit a request for an alternative emission limitation (AEL) to apply during startup and shutdown.

(I) The AEL request shall satisfy the following criteria:

I. Be specific to the source and the source's specific control strategies;

II. Demonstrate that it is technically infeasible, considering the specific control strategy, to comply with the applicable SIP emission limitation during startup or shutdown periods; and

III. Include an analysis of the potential worst-case emissions that could occur during startup and shutdown based on the applicable AEL.

IV. The frequency and duration of operation in startup or shutdown mode are minimized to the greatest extent practicable;

V. All practicable steps are taken to minimize the impact of emissions during startup and shutdown on ambient air quality;

VI. The facility is operated at all times in a manner consistent with good practice for minimizing emissions and that the source uses best efforts regarding planning, design, and operating procedures; and

VII. The owner or operator's actions during startup and shutdown periods are documented by signed, contemporaneous operating logs or other relevant evidence.

(iv) The Division shall determine if the AEL request meets the criteria specified in (iii)(I)I. through (iii)(I)VII. The AEL shall be established in a permit issued under Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. [391-3-1-.03](#) and will become effective upon final EPA approval of a request by the Division to incorporate the alternative emission limitation or standard into the SIP.

(v) Sources that are unable to comply with an applicable emission limitation or standard during periods of foreseeable malfunctions may submit an AEL request.

(I) The AEL request shall satisfy the following criteria:

I. Be specific to the source and the source's specific control strategies;

- II. Demonstrate that it is technically infeasible, considering the specific control strategy, to comply with the applicable emission limitation during foreseeable malfunction periods;
- III. Demonstrate that the malfunction type is foreseeable and can be considered a normal mode of operation appropriate for a specifically designed AEL; and
- IV. Include an analysis of the potential worst-case emissions that could occur during foreseeable malfunction periods based on the applicable AEL.
- V. The frequency and duration of operation in foreseeable malfunction mode is minimized to the greatest extent practicable;
- VI. All practicable steps are taken to minimize the impact of emissions during foreseeable malfunction mode on ambient air quality;
- VII. At all times, the facility is operated in a manner consistent with good practice for minimizing emissions and that the source uses best efforts regarding planning, design, and operating procedures; and
- VIII. The owner or operator's actions during foreseeable malfunction periods are documented by signed, contemporaneous operating logs or other relevant evidence.
- (vi) The Division shall determine if the AEL request meets the criteria specified in (v)(I)I. through (v)(I)VIII. The AEL shall be established in a permit issued under Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. [391-3-1-.03](#) and will become effective upon final EPA approval of a request by the Division to incorporate the alternative emission limitation or standard into the SIP.
- (vii) Subparagraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)11](#). does not apply to emission limitations or standards in paragraphs [391-3-1-.02\(8\)](#) or [391-3-1-.02\(9\)](#).
- (viii) If federal legislation, a federal court, or a subsequent final agency action renders unenforceable by the EPA, in whole or in part, the EPA's SSM SIP Call, subparagraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)11](#), shall be void to the same extent that the SSM SIP Call is unenforceable by the EPA as of the effective date of the Federal Register notice of vacatur.

**(b) Visible Emissions.**

1. Except as may be provided in other more restrictive or specific rules or subdivisions of this Chapter, no person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow emissions from any air contaminant source the opacity of which is equal to or greater than forty (40) percent.
2. Upon written application to the Director, a person owning or operating an air pollution source may request that visible emission evaluations (opacity measurements) be conducted during particulate emission tests for a source, for the purpose of demonstrating compliance with a particulate emission standard. Any such tests or evaluations shall be conducted according to methods, procedures and requirements approved by the Division. All test results shall be subject to verification by the Division. The correlated visible emissions opacity determined during any such particulate emission tests which demonstrate compliance (with results verified by the Division) may, if greater than any applicable visible emissions opacity standard of this Chapter 391-3-1, be established by the Director as the visible emissions standard (opacity standard) for the source. Such visible emissions standards if so established shall be incorporated as a condition of the operating permit for the air pollution source.
3. The visible emission limitation of this subsection applies to direct sources of emissions such as stationary structures, equipment, machinery, stacks, flues, pipes, exhausts, vents, tubes, chimneys or similar structures.
4. The provisions of this subsection (b), apply only to facilities or sources subject to some other emission limitation under this section [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#).

**(c) Incinerators.**

1. Except as specified in the section dealing with conical burners, no person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emissions of fly ash and/or other particulate matter from any incinerator, in amounts equal to or exceeding the following:

(i) Units with charging rates of 500 pounds per hour or less of combustible waste, including water, shall not emit fly ash and/or particulate matter in quantities exceeding 1.0 pound per hour.

(ii) Units with charging rates in excess of 500 pounds per hour of combustible waste, including water, shall not emit fly ash and/or particulate matter in excess of 0.20 pounds per 100 pounds of charge.

2. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow from any incinerator, visible emissions the opacity of which is equal to or greater than twenty (20) percent except for one 6-minute period per hour of not more than twenty-seven (27) percent opacity.

3. No person shall cause or allow particles to be emitted from an incinerator which are individually large enough to be visible to the unaided eye.

4. No person shall operate an existing incinerator unless:

(i) it is a dual or multiple chamber incinerator;

(ii) it is equipped with an auxiliary burner in the primary chamber for the purpose of creating a pre-ignition temperature of 800°F; and

(iii) it has a secondary burner to control smoke and/or odors and maintain a temperature of at least 1500°F in the secondary chamber.

5. Designs other than those mentioned in Subparagraph 4. above shall be considered on an individual basis and will be exempt from the provisions if, in the judgment of the Director, said design results in performance which meets the standard set forth in paragraphs (2)(c)1., 2. and 3. above.

6. The provisions of this Subsection (c) shall not apply to:

(i) any hazardous waste incinerator subject to Section [391-3-11](#) of the Georgia Rules for Hazardous Waste Management, [40 CFR 264](#), Subpart O, as adopted by reference, "Standards for Owners and Operators of Hazardous Waste Treatment, Storage and Disposal Facilities," as amended;

(ii) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)71](#). of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control, "Standards of Performance for Municipal Waste Combustors for Which Construction is Commenced After September 20, 1994," as amended;

(iii) any incinerator subject to the Georgia State Plan, under Section 111(d) of the federal Act, for "Municipal Waste Combustors for Which Construction is Commenced On or Before September 20, 1994," as amended;

(iv) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)73](#). of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators," as amended;

(v) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(iii\)](#) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators," as amended;

(vi) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)75](#). of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Standards of Performance for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units," as amended;



(vii) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)](#) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units," as amended;

(viii) any vent gas incineration devices that are used as air pollution control equipment and boilers and industrial furnaces that burn waste (excluding hazardous waste) as a fuel;

(ix) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)20](#). of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Standards of Performance for Sewage Treatment Plants," as amended;

(x) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)74](#). of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Standards of Performance for Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units for Which Construction is Commenced After August 30, 1999," as amended;

(xi) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)76](#). of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Standards of Performance for Other Solid Waste Incinerator Units for Which Construction is Commenced After December 9, 2004, or for Which Modification or Reconstruction is Commenced on or After June 16, 2006," as amended;

(xii) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)83](#). of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Standards of Performance for New Sewage Sludge Incineration Units" as amended; or

(xiii) any incinerator subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(www\)](#) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "Sewage Sludge Incineration Units," as amended.

**(d) Fuel-Burning Equipment.**

1. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emission of fly ash and/or other particulate matter from any fuel-burning equipment in operation or under construction on or before January 1, 1972, in amounts equal to or exceeding the following:

(i) for equipment less than 10 million BTU heat input per hour:

$P = 0.7$  pounds per million BTU heat input;

(ii) for equipment equal to or greater than 10 million BTU heat input per hour, and equal to or less than 2,000 million BTU heat input per hour:

$$P = 0.7 \left( \frac{10}{R} \right)^{0.202} \text{ pounds per million BTU heat input;}$$

(iii) equipment larger than 2,000 million BTU heat input per hour:

$P = 0.24$  pounds per million BTU heat input.

2. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emission of fly ash and/or other particulate matter from any fuel-burning equipment constructed after January 1, 1972, in amounts equal to or exceeding the following:

(i) for equipment less than 10 million BTU heat input per hour:

$P = 0.5$  pounds per million BTU heat input;

(ii) for equipment equal to or greater than 10 million BTU heat input per hour, and equal to or less than 250 million BTU heat input per hour:

$$P = 0.5 \left( \frac{10}{R} \right)^{0.5} \text{ pounds per million BTU heat input;}$$

(iii) for equipment greater than 250 million BTU heat input per hour:

$P = 0.10$  pounds per million BTU heat input

$P$  = allowable weight of emissions of fly ash and/or other particulate matter in pounds per million BTU heat input

$R$  = heat input of fuel-burning equipment in million BTU per hour

3. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emission from any fuel-burning equipment constructed or extensively modified after January 1, 1972, visible emissions the opacity of which is equal to or greater than twenty (20) percent except for one six minute period per hour of not more than twenty-seven (27) percent opacity.

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emission of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), reported as nitrogen dioxide, from any fuel-burning equipment equal to or greater than 250 million BTU per hour of heat input that is constructed or extensively modified after January 1, 1972, equal to or exceeding the following:

(i) when firing coal--0.7 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per million BTUs of heat input;

(ii) when firing oil--0.3 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per million BTUs of heat input;

(iii) when firing gas--0.2 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per million BTUs of heat input;

(iv) when different fuels are burned simultaneously in any combination the applicable standard, expressed as pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> per million BTUs of heat input, shall be determined by proration. Compliance shall be determined by using the following formula:

$$\frac{x(0.20) + y(0.30) + z(0.70)}{x + y + z}$$

where:

$x$  = percent of total heat input derived from gaseous fuel;

$y$  = percent of total heat input derived from oil;

$z$  = percent of total heat input derived from coal.

**(e) Particulate Emission from Manufacturing Processes.**

1. Except as may be specified in other sections of these regulations or as may be specified in a permit issued by the Director, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the rate of emission from any source, particulate matter in total quantities equal to or exceeding the amounts specified in subparagraphs (i) or (ii), below, as applicable. Equipment in operation, or under construction contract, on or before July 2, 1968, shall be considered existing equipment. All other equipment put in operation or extensively altered after said date is to be considered new equipment.

(i) The following equations shall be used to calculate the allowable rates of emission from new equipment:

$E = 4.1 P^{0.67}$ ; for process input weight rate up to and including 30 tons per hour.

$E = 55 P^{0.11} - 40$ ; for process input weight rate above 30 tons per hour.

(ii) The following equation shall be used to calculate the allowable rates of emission from existing equipment:

$$E = 4.1 P^{0.67}$$

E = emission rate in pounds per hour

P = process input weight rate in tons per hour.

**(f) Normal Superphosphate Manufacturing Facilities.**

1. Unit emissions of fluoride for normal superphosphate manufacturing facilities, expressed as pounds of fluoride ion per ton of  $P_2O_5$  or equivalent, shall not exceed 0.40 pounds. The allowable emission of fluorides shall be calculated by multiplying the unit emission specified above times the expressed design capacity of the source in question.

**(g) Sulfur Dioxide.**

1. New fuel-burning sources capable of firing fossil fuel(s) at a rate exceeding 250 million BTUs per hour heat input, constructed or extensively modified after January 1, 1972, excluding kraft pulp mill recovery furnaces, may not emit sulfur dioxide equal to or exceeding:

(i) 0.8 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million BTUs of heat input derived from liquid fossil fuel or derived from liquid fossil fuel and wood residue;

(ii) 1.2 pounds of sulfur dioxide per million BTUs of heat input derived from solid fossil fuel or derived from solid fossil fuel and wood residue;

(iii) When different fossil fuels are burned simultaneously in any combination, the applicable standard expressed as pounds of sulfur dioxide per million BTUs of heat input shall be determined by proration using the following formula:

$$a = \frac{y(0.80) + z(1.2)}{y + z}$$

where:

y = percent of total heat input derived from liquid fossil fuel;

z = percent of total heat input derived from solid fossil fuel;

a = the allowable emission in pounds per million BTUs.

2. All fuel burning sources below 100 million BTUs of heat input per hour shall not burn fuel containing more than 2.5 percent sulfur, by weight. All fuel burning sources having a heat input of 100 million BTUs per hour or greater shall not burn a fuel containing more than 3 percent sulfur, by weight.

3. Notwithstanding the limitations on sulfur content of fuels stated in paragraph 2. above, the Director may allow sulfur content greater than that allowed in paragraph 2. above, provided that the source utilizes sulfur dioxide removal and the sulfur dioxide emission does not exceed that allowed by paragraph 2. above, utilizing no sulfur dioxide removal.

**(h) Portland Cement Plants.**

1. See Section [391-3-1-.02\(8\)](#) for applicable New Source Performance Standards.

**(i) Nitric Acid Plants.**

1. No person shall cause or allow the emission of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), expressed as nitrogen dioxide, from Nitric Acid Plants equal to or exceeding:

(i) for plants constructed before January 1, 1972: 25 pounds of NO<sub>x</sub> expressed as nitrogen dioxide, per ton of 100% acid produced;

(ii) for plants constructed after January 1, 1972, the applicable New Source Performance Standards of [391-3-1-.02\(8\)](#).

2. No person shall operate a nitric acid plant unless the plant is equipped with a continuous NO<sub>x</sub> monitor and recorder or an alternate system approved by the Director.

**(j) Sulfuric Acid Plants.**

1. No person shall cause or allow the emission of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>) and acid mist from sulfuric acid plants equal to or exceeding:

(i) For plants constructed before January 1, 1972, 27.0 pounds of SO<sub>2</sub>, and 0.15 pounds of acid mist per ton of 100% acid produced;

(ii) For plants constructed or extensively modified after January 1, 1972, the applicable New Source Performance Standards of [391-3-1-.02\(8\)](#).

2. No person shall operate a sulfuric acid plant unless the plant is equipped with a continuous SO<sub>2</sub> monitor and recorder or an approved alternate system approved by the Director.

**(k) Particulate Emission from Asphaltic Concrete Hot Mix Plants.**

1. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emission of particulate matter from an Asphaltic Concrete Hot Mix Plant equal to or exceeding amounts derived from the following formulas:

(i) For existing plants below 45 tons per hour input-- $E = P$ , pounds per hour;

(ii) For existing plants equal to or greater than 45 tons per hour input-- $E = 10P^{0.4}$  pounds per hour;

(iii) For new plants below 125 tons per hour input-- $E = 2.1P^{0.6}$ , pounds per hour;

(iv) For new plants equal to or greater than 125 tons per hour input-- $E = 14P^{0.2}$ , pounds per hour;

(v) Equals the allowable emission of particulate matter in pounds per hour. P equals the process input weight rate in tons per hour;

(vi) Equipment in operation, or under construction contract, on or before January 1, 1972, shall be considered existing equipment. All equipment constructed or extensively altered after said date shall be considered new.

2. The New Source Performance Standards of [391-3-1-.02\(8\)](#) for such asphaltic concrete plants apply to all such plants commencing construction on or after the effective date of such standards.

**(l) [reserved]**

**(m) Repealed.**

**(n) Fugitive Dust.**

1. All persons responsible for any operation, process, handling, transportation or storage facility which may result in fugitive dust shall take all reasonable precautions to prevent such dust from becoming airborne. Some reasonable precautions which could be taken to prevent dust from becoming airborne include, but are not limited to, the following:

(i) Use, where possible, of water or chemicals for control of dust in the demolition of existing buildings or structures, construction operations, the grading of roads or the clearing of land;

(ii) Application of asphalt, water, or suitable chemicals on dirt roads, materials, stockpiles, and other surfaces which can give rise to airborne dusts;

(iii) Installation and use of hoods, fans, and fabric filters to enclose and vent the handling of dusty materials. Adequate containment methods can be employed during sandblasting or other similar operations;

(iv) Covering, at all times when in motion, open bodied trucks, transporting materials likely to give rise to airborne dusts;

(v) The prompt removal of earth or other material from paved streets onto which earth or other material has been deposited.

2. The percent opacity from any fugitive dust source listed in paragraph (2)(n)1. above shall not equal or exceed 20 percent.

(o) [reserved]

**(p) Particulate Emissions from Kaolin and Fuller's Earth Processes.**

1. The following equations shall be used to calculate the allowable rates of emission from kaolin and fuller's earth process equipment constructed or extensively modified after January 1, 1972:

(i)  $E = 3.59P^{0.62}$ ; for process input weight rate up to and including 30 tons per hour;

(ii)  $E = 17.31P^{0.16}$ ; for process input weight rate in excess of 30 tons per hour.

2. The following equation shall be used to calculate the allowable rates of emission from kaolin and fuller's earth process equipment constructed or put in operation on or before January 1, 1972:

(i)  $E = 4.1P^{0.67}$ ; for process input weight rate up to and including 30 tons per hour;

(ii)  $E = 55P^{0.11} - 40$ ; for process input weight rate above 30 tons per hour.

E = allowable emission rate in pounds per hour;

P = process input weight rate in tons per hour.

**(q) Particulate Emissions from Cotton Gins.**

1. The emission of particulate matter from any cotton ginning operation shall not exceed the amounts specified below.

(i) The following equation shall be used to calculate the allowable rates of emission:

$$E = 7 B^{0.5}$$

E = allowable emission rate in pounds per hour

B = number of standard bales per hour--A standard bale is defined as a finished bale weighing 500 pounds.

2. In lieu of demonstrating compliance with the applicable emission standard contained in [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(q\)1.\(i\)](#) the following control devices may be utilized:

(i) for emission control from low pressure exhausts, the use of screens with a mesh size of 80 by 80 or finer, or the use of perforated condenser drums with holes not exceeding .045 inches in diameter, or the use of a dust house.

(ii) for emission control from high pressure exhausts, the use of high efficiency cyclones.

If compliance with the emission standard specified in [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(q\)1.\(i\)](#) is required, then the testing methodology to be utilized shall be that specified in the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants.

**(r) Particulate Emissions from Granular and Mixed Fertilizer Manufacturing Units.**

1. For the purpose of this regulation the ammoniator, dryer, cooler and associated equipment will be considered one unit.

2. The following equations shall be used to calculate the allowable rates of emission from granular and mixed fertilizer manufacturing units:

(i)  $E = 3.59P^{0.62}$ ; for production weights up to and including 30 tons per hour;

(ii)  $E = 17.31P^{0.16}$ ; for production rates above 30 tons per hour;

E = allowable emission rate in pounds per hour;

P = production rate of finished product in tons per hour. Recycle will not be included.

**(s) Nitrogen Oxides. (Repealed)**

**(t) VOC Emissions from Automobile and Light-Duty Truck Manufacturing.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of VOC from automobile and/or light-duty truck manufacturing facilities to exceed:

(i) 1.2 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating excluding water, as a monthly weighted average, from each electrophoretic applied prime operation;

(ii) 15.1 pounds of VOC per gallon of applied coating solids, as a daily weighted average, from each spray prime operation;

(iii) 15.1 pounds of VOC per gallon of applied coating solids, as a daily weighted average, from each topcoat operation;

(iv) 4.8 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating delivered to the coating applicator from each final repair operation. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 4.8 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating, the limit shall be 13.8 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating solids sprayed, as a daily weighted average.

(v) 3.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of sealer, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies sealers in amounts less than 25,000 gallons during a 12 consecutive month period;

(vi) 1.0 pounds of VOC per gallon of sealer, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies sealers in amounts greater than 25,000 gallons during a 12 consecutive month period;

(vii) 3.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of adhesive, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies adhesives, except body glass adhesives;

(viii) 6.9 pounds of VOC per gallon of cleaner, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies cleaner to the edge of body glass prior to priming;

(ix) 5.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of primer, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies primer to the body glass or to the body to prepare the glass and body for bonding;

(x) 1.0 pounds of VOC per gallon of adhesive, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies adhesive to bond body glass to the body;

(xi) 4.4 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating delivered to any applicator that applies clear coating to fascias. No coating may be used that exceeds this limit;

(xii) 4.4 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating delivered to any applicator that applies base coat to fascias, on a daily weighted average basis;

(xiii) 3.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of material, excluding water, for all other materials not subject to some other emission limitation stated in this paragraph.

2. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of VOC from automobile and/or light-duty truck manufacturing facilities to exceed:

(i) 0.7 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating solids applied, as a monthly weighted average, from each electrodeposition primer (EDP) operation when the solids turnover ratio is greater than or equal to 0.16. For purposes of this subsection an EDP operation includes application area, spray/rinse stations, and curing oven.

(ii) Electrodeposition Primer Operation: the value calculated by the following formula, as a monthly weighted average, from each electrodeposition primer (EDP) operation when the solids turnover ratio is less than 0.160 and greater than or equal to 0.040:

(I) pounds of VOC per gallon of coating solids applied

$$= (8.34 \text{ lb / gal})(0.084)(350^{0.160-R_T})$$

where  $R_T$  = Solids Turnover Ratio

(iii) 12.0 pounds of VOC per gallon of deposited solids, as a daily weighted average basis from each of the following: primer-surfacer operation; topcoat operation; combined primer-surfacer and topcoat operations. For purposes of this subsection each operation includes application area, flash-off area, and oven.

(iv) 4.8 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating, less water and less exempt solvents, as a daily weighted average, from each final repair operation.

(v) 3.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of sealer, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies sealers in amounts less than 25,000 gallons during a 12 consecutive-month period;

(vi) 1.0 pounds of VOC per gallon of sealer, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies sealers in amounts greater than 25,000 gallons during a 12 consecutive-month period;

(vii) 250 grams of VOC per liter of adhesive (2.08 lb/gallon), excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies adhesives, except body glass adhesives and weatherstrip adhesives;

(viii) 1.0 pounds of VOC per gallon of adhesive, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies adhesive to bond body glass to the body;

(ix) 6.9 pounds of VOC per gallon of cleaner, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies cleaner to the edge of body glass prior to priming;

(x) 5.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of primer, excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies glass bonding primer to the body glass or to the body to prepare the glass and body for bonding;

(xi) 4.4 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating delivered to any applicator that applies clear coating to fascias. No coating may be used that exceeds this limit;

(xii) 4.4 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating delivered to any applicator that applies base coat to fascias, on a daily weighted average basis;

(xiii) 200 grams of VOC per liter of coating (1.669 lb/gal), excluding water, delivered to an applicator that applies one of the following: gasket/gasket sealing material; bedliner;

(xiv) 3.5 pounds of VOC per gallon of material, excluding water, for all other materials not subject to some other emission limitation stated in this paragraph. This includes but is not limited to coatings such as cavity wax, deadener, underbody coating, interior coating, weatherstrip adhesive, and/or lubricating wax/compound.

3. The emission limits stated in paragraphs 1. and 2. shall be achieved by the application of low solvent technology or a system demonstrated to have equivalent control efficiency on the basis of pounds of VOC per gallon of solids.

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of VOC from the use of wipe-off solvents to exceed 1.0 pounds per unit of production as a rolling, 12-month average. Wipe-off solvents shall include those solvents used to clean dirt, grease, excess sealer and adhesive, or other foreign matter from the car body in preparation for painting or other production-related operation.

5. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emission of VOCs from flush or clean paint application systems including paint lines, tanks and applicators, unless such solvents are captured to the maximum degree feasible by being directed into containers that prevent evaporation into the atmosphere.

6. No person shall store solvents or waste solvents in drums, pails, cans or other containers unless such containers have air-tight covers which are in place at all times when materials are not being transferred into or out of the container.

7. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of VOC from the cleaning of oil and grease stains on the body shop floor to exceed 0.1 pounds per unit of production.

8. For the purpose of this subsection; the following definitions apply:

(i) "Adhesive" means any chemical substance that is applied for the purpose of bonding two surfaces together without regard to the substrates involved other than by mechanical means.

(ii) "Automobile" means all passenger cars or passenger car derivatives capable of seating a maximum of 12 or fewer passengers.

(iii) "Bedliner" means a multi-component coating, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to a cargo bed after the application of topcoat and outside of the topcoat operation to provide additional durability and chip resistance.

(iv) "Cavity wax" means a coating, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied into the cavities of the vehicle primarily for the purpose of enhancing corrosion protection.



(v) "Deadener" means a coating, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to selected vehicle surfaces primarily for the purpose of reducing the sound of road noise in the passenger compartment.

(vi) "Electrodeposition primer" means a process of applying a protective, corrosion-resistant waterborne primer on exterior and interior surfaces that provides thorough coverage of recessed areas. It is a dip coating method that uses an electrical field to apply or deposit the conductive coating onto the part. The object being painted acts as an electrode that is oppositely charged from the particles of paint in the dip tank. Also referred to as E-coat, Uni-Prime, and ELPO Primer.

(vii) "Electrophoretic Applied Prime Operation" means the dip tank flash-off area and bake oven(s) which are used to apply and dry or cure the initial coating on components of automobile and light-duty truck bodies by submerging the body components in a coating bath with an electrical potential difference between the components and the bath, and drying or curing such coating on the components in bake oven(s);

(viii) "Final repair" means the operations performed and coating(s) applied to completely-assembled motor vehicles or to parts that are not yet on a completely assembled vehicle to correct damage or imperfections in the coating. The curing of the coatings applied in these operations is accomplished at a lower temperature than that used for curing primer-surfacer and topcoat. This lower temperature cure avoids the need to send parts that are not yet on a completely assembled vehicle through the same type of curing process used for primer-surfacer and topcoat and is necessary to protect heat sensitive components on completely assembled vehicles.

(ix) "Gasket/gasket sealing material" means a fluid, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to coat a gasket or replace and perform the same function as a gasket. Automobile and light-duty truck gasket/gasket sealing material includes room temperature vulcanization (RTV) seal material.

(x) "Glass bonding primer" means a primer, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to windshield or other glass, or to body openings, to prepare the glass or body opening for the application of glass bonding adhesives or the installation of adhesive bonded glass. Automobile and light-duty truck glass bonding primer includes glass bonding/cleaning primers that perform both functions (cleaning and priming of the windshield or other glass, or body openings) prior to the application of adhesive or the installation of adhesive bonded glass.

(xi) "In-line repair" means the operation performed and coating(s) applied to correct damage or imperfections in the topcoat on parts that are not yet on a completely assembled vehicle. The curing of the coatings applied in these operations is accomplished at essentially the same temperature as that used for curing the previously applied topcoat. Also referred to as high bake repair or high bake reprocess. In-line repair is considered part of the topcoat operation.

(xii) "Interior coating" means a coating, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility outside of the primer-surfacer and topcoat operations, applied to the trunk interior to provide chip protection.

(xiii) "Light-Duty Trucks" means any motor vehicles rated 8500 pounds gross weight or less which are designed primarily for the purpose of transportation or are derivatives of such vehicles;

(xiv) "Lubricating wax/compound" means a protective lubricating material, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to vehicle hubs and hinges.

(xv) "Manufacturing Facility" means a facility which assembles twenty (20) or more automobiles or light-duty trucks per day (either separately or in combination) ready for sale to vehicle dealers. Customizers, body shops and other repainters are not part of this definition;

(xvi) "Primer-surfacer" means an intermediate protective coating applied over the electrodeposition primer and under the topcoat. Primer-surfacer provides adhesion, protection, and appearance properties to the total finish. Primer-surfacer may also be called guide coat or surfacer. Primer-surfacer operations may include other coating(s) (e.g., anti-chip, lower-body anti-chip, chip-resistant edge primer, spot primer, blackout, deadener, interior color, basecoat replacement coating, etc.) that is (are) applied in the same spray booth(s).

(xvii) "Sealer" means a high viscosity material, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, generally, but not always, applied in the paint shop after the body has received an electrodeposition primer coating and before the application of subsequent coatings (e.g., primer-surfacer). The primary purpose of automobile and light-duty truck sealer is to fill body joints completely so that there is no intrusion of water, gases or corrosive materials into the passenger area of the body compartment. Such materials are also referred to as sealant, sealant primer, or caulk.

(xviii) "Solids turnover ratio ( $R_T$ )" means the ratio of total volume of coating solids that is added to the EDP system in a calendar month divided by the total volume design capacity of the EDP system.

(xix) "Spray Prime Operation" means the spray prime booth, flash-off area and bake oven(s) which are used to apply and dry or cure a surface coating between the electrophoretic applied prime and topcoat operations on the components of automobile and light-duty truck bodies;

(xx) "Topcoat" means the final coating system applied to provide the final color and/or a protective finish. The topcoat may be a monocoat color or basecoat/clearcoat system. In-line repair and two-tone are part of topcoat. Topcoat operations may include other coating(s) (e.g., blackout, interior color, etc.) that is (are) applied in the same spray booth(s).

(xxi) "Underbody coating" means a coating, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to the undercarriage or firewall to prevent corrosion and/or provide chip protection.

(xxii) "Weatherstrip adhesive" means an adhesive, used at an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to weatherstripping materials for the purpose of bonding the weatherstrip material to the surface of the vehicle.

9. Applicability: Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (t) shall apply to facilities at which actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of automobile and light-duty truck assembly coatings equal or exceed 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

10. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (t) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of automobile and light-duty truck assembly coatings equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

11. Applicability: On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (t) shall apply to facilities at which actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of automobile and light-duty truck assembly coatings equal or exceed 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period and are located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

(ii) Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in subparagraph 2 are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 14.

12. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (t) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of automobile and light-duty truck assembly coatings equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8.

13. Applicability: The requirements of subparagraphs 11. and 12. will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in those subparagraphs are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015 and such counties continue to maintain that Standard thereafter. Instead, the provisions of subparagraphs 9. and 10. will continue to apply on and after January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of subparagraphs 11. and 12. will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

14. Compliance Schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified in subparagraph 2 must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

(u) **VOC Emissions from Can Coating.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from can coating operations to exceed:

(i) 2.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from sheet base coat (exterior and interior) and overvarnish or two-piece can exterior (basecoat and overvarnish) operations. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.52 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(ii) 4.2 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from two and three-piece can interior body spray and two-piece can exterior end (spray and roll coat) operations. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 4.2 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 9.78 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(iii) 5.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from three-piece side-seam spray operations. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 5.5 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 21.8 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(iv) 3.7 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from end seal compound operations. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.7 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 7.44 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

2. The emission limits in this subsection shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection; or

(ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit, expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids, stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection; averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the non-methane volatile organic compounds which

enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection.

3. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

- (i) "End sealing compound" means a synthetic rubber compound which is coated onto can ends and which functions as a gasket when the end is assembled on the can.
- (ii) "Exterior base coating" means a coating applied to the exterior of a two-piece can body to provide protection to the metal or to provide background for the lithographic or printing operation.
- (iii) "Sheet base coating" means a coating applied to metal in sheet form to serve as either the exterior or interior of two-piece or three-piece can bodies or can ends.
- (iv) "Interior body spray" means a coating sprayed on the interior of the can body to provide a protective film between the product and the can.
- (v) "Overvarnish" means a coating applied directly over ink to reduce the coefficient of friction, to provide gloss and to protect the finish against abrasion and corrosion.
- (vi) "Three-piece can side-seam spray" means a coating sprayed on the exterior and interior of a welded, cemented or solder seam to protect the exposed metal.
- (vii) "Two-piece can exterior end coating" means a coating applied by roller coating or spraying to the exterior end of a can to provide protection to the metal.

**(v) VOC Emissions from Coil Coating.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from coil coating operations to exceed:

- (i) 2.6 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from prime and topcoat or single coat operations. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.6 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.02 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.
- (ii) The emission limits in this subsection shall apply to the coating applicator(s), oven(s) and quench area(s) of coil coating lines involved in prime and topcoat or single coat operations.

2. The emission limits in this subsection shall be achieved by:

- (i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit of 2.6 pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection; or
- (ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit of 4.02 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids, stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection; averaging across lines is not allowed; or
- (iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the non-methane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit of 4.02 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection.

3. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

- (i) "Coil Coating" means the coating of any flat metal sheet or strip that comes in rolls or coils;

(ii) "Quench Area" means a chamber where the hot metal exiting the oven is cooled by either a spray of water or a blast of air followed by water cooling.

**(w) VOC Emissions from Paper Coating.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from paper coating to exceed:

(i) 2.9 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from a paper coating line. This limit shall apply to roll, knife, rotogravure and saturation coater(s) and drying oven(s) of paper coating. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.9 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.79 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

2. The emission limits in subparagraph 1. shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit of 2.9 pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water; or

(ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit of 4.79 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids; averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the non-methane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit of 4.79 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids.

3. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from paper, film and foil coating unless:

(i) VOC emission reduction equipment with an overall VOC control efficiency is 90 percent for each coating line is installed and operated; or

(ii) VOC emissions are less than 0.08 pounds per pound of coating for each coating line except pressure sensitive tape and label coating; or

(iii) VOC emissions are less than 0.40 pounds per pound of solids applied for each coating line except pressure sensitive tape and label coating.

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from pressure sensitive tape and label coating unless:

(i) VOC emission reduction equipment with an overall VOC control efficiency is 90 percent for each coating line is installed and operated; or

(ii) VOC emissions are less than 0.067 pounds per pound of coating for each coating line; or

(iii) VOC emissions are less than 0.20 pounds per pound of solids applied for each coating line.

5. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats paper, film or foil including pressure sensitive tape and label coating shall comply with the following housekeeping requirements for any affected cleaning operation:

(i) store all VOC-containing cleaning materials and used shop towels in closed containers;

(ii) ensure that storage containers used for VOC-containing cleaning materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;

(iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing cleaning materials;

(iv) convey VOC-containing cleaning materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes; and

(v) minimize VOC emissions from cleaning of application, storage, mixing, and conveying equipment by ensuring that equipment cleaning is performed without atomizing the cleaning solvent and all spent solvent is captured in closed containers.

6. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definitions apply:

(i) "Knife Coating" means the application of a coating material to a substrate by means of drawing the substrate beneath a knife that spreads the coating evenly over the full width of the substrate;

(ii) "Paper Coating" means the application of a coating on paper and pressure sensitive tapes, including plastic film and metallic foil, regardless of substrate, in which the coating is distributed uniformly across the web;

(iii) "Roll Coating" means the application of a coating material to a substrate by means of hard rubber or steel rolls;

(iv) "Rotogravure Coating" means the application of a coating material to a substrate by means of a roll coating technique in which the pattern to be applied is etched on the coating roll. The coating material is picked up in these recessed areas and is transferred to the substrate.

7. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (w) shall apply to facilities at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from paper, film, and foil coating, including pressure sensitive tape and label coating, equal or exceed 15 pounds per day and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 6.

8. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (w) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from paper, film, and foil coating, including pressure sensitive tape and label coating, equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 6.

9. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this Subparagraph (w) shall apply to facilities at which actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from paper, film, and foil coating, including pressure sensitive tape and label coating, equal or exceed 15 pounds per day (or 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period) for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 5. and 6.

(ii) Individual surface coating lines that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from paper, film, and foil coating, including pressure sensitive tape and label coating, that equal or exceed 25 tons per year shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 3. and 4.

(iii) Individual surface coating lines that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from paper, film, and foil coating, including pressure sensitive tape and label coating, that do not equal or exceed 25 tons per year and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, or Rockdale County shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1. and 2.

(iv) Individual surface coating lines that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from paper, film, and foil coating, including pressure sensitive tape and label coating, that do not equal or exceed 25 tons per year but are located at facilities that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from paper coating that equal or

exceed 100 tons per year and are located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, or Walton County shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1. and 2.

(v) Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in subparagraphs 3., 4., or 5. are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 12.

10. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (w) shall apply to facilities at which potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from paper, film, and foil coating, including pressure sensitive tape and label coating, equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside of counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 6.

11. Applicability. The requirements of subparagraphs 9. and 10. will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in those subparagraphs are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015 and such counties continue to maintain that Standard thereafter. Instead, the provisions of subparagraphs 7. and 8. will continue to apply on and after January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of subparagraphs 9. and 10. will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

12. Compliance schedule.

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements of subparagraphs 3., 4., and 5. must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

**(x) VOC Emissions from Fabric and Vinyl Coating.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from fabric and vinyl coating operations to exceed:

(i) 2.9 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from a fabric coating line. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.9 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.79 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(ii) 3.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from a vinyl coating line. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 7.86 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(iii) The emission limits in this subsection shall apply to roll, knife, or rotogravure coater(s) and drying oven(s) of fabric and vinyl coating lines.

2. The emission limits in this subsection shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit, expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating excluding water, stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection; or

(ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit, expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids, stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection; averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the non-methane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection.

3. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

(i) "Fabric Coating" means the coating of a textile substrate with a knife roll, or rotogravure coater to impart properties that are not initially present, such as strength, stability, water or acid repellency, or appearance;

(ii) "Knife Coating" means the application of a coating material to a substrate by means of drawing the substrate beneath a knife that spreads the coating evenly over the full width of the substrate;

(iii) "Roll coating" means the application of a coating material to a substrate by means of hard rubber or steel rolls;

(iv) "Rotogravure Coating" means the application of a coating material to a substrate by means of a roll coating technique in which the pattern to be applied is etched on the coating roll. The coating material is picked up in these recessed areas and is transferred to the substrate.

(v) "Vinyl Coating" means applying a decorative or protective topcoat, or printing on vinyl coated fabric or vinyl sheets, but shall not mean applying plastisol coating.

**(y) VOC Emissions from Metal Furniture Coating.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from metal furniture coating operations to exceed:

(i) 3.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from prime and topcoat or single coat operations. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 5.06 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(ii) The emission limit in this subparagraph shall apply to the application area(s), flashoff area(s) and oven(s) of metal furniture coating lines involved in prime and topcoat or single coat operations.

2. The emission limits in subparagraph 1. shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit of 3.0 pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water; or

(ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour or monthly weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit of 5.06 pounds VOC-per-gallon of coating solids (averaging across lines is not allowed); or

(iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the nonmethane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit of 5.06 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids.

3. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from metal furniture coating operations for baked coatings to exceed:



(i) 2.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from general one-component, and general multi-component coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 3.3 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids as applied.

(ii) 3.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from extreme high gloss, extreme performance, heat resistant, metallic, solar absorbent and pretreatment coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 5.06 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids as applied.

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from metal furniture coating operations for air-dried coatings to exceed:

(i) 2.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from general one-component coatings. If any coating contains more than 2.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 3.3 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids as applied.

(ii) 2.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from general multi-component, and extreme high gloss coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.5 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids as applied.

(iii) 3.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from extreme performance, heat resistant, metallic, solar absorbent and pretreatment coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 5.06 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids as applied.

5. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats metal furniture shall ensure that all coating application systems utilize one or more of the application techniques stated below:

(i) Electrostatic spray application;

(ii) High volume low pressure (HVLP) spraying;

(iii) Flow/curtain application;

(iv) Roll coating;

(v) Dip coat application including electrodeposition;

(vi) Brush coat;

(vii) Airless spray;

(viii) Air-assisted airless spray; or

(ix) Other coating application methods that achieve transfer efficiency equivalent to HVLP or electrostatic spray application methods, as determined by the Director.

6. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats metal furniture shall comply with the following work practice standards:

(i) store all VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials in closed containers;

(ii) ensure that mixing and storage containers used for VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;

- (iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials; and
- (iv) convey VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes.

7. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats metal furniture shall comply with the following housekeeping requirements for any affected cleaning operation:

- (i) store all VOC-containing cleaning materials and used shop towels in closed containers;
- (ii) ensure that storage containers used for VOC-containing cleaning materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;
- (iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing cleaning materials;
- (iv) convey VOC-containing cleaning materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes; and
- (v) minimize VOC emissions from cleaning of application, storage, mixing, and conveying equipment by ensuring that equipment cleaning is performed without atomizing the cleaning solvent and all spent solvent is captured in closed containers.

8. The VOC limits specified in this subparagraphs 3. and 4. do not apply to the following types of metal furniture coatings and/or coating operations:

- (i) Touch-up and repair coatings;
- (ii) Stencil coatings;
- (iii) Safety-indicating coatings;
- (iv) Solid-film lubricants;
- (v) Electric-insulating and thermal-conducting coatings; and
- (vi) Coating application utilizing hand-held aerosol cans.

9. The emission limits in subparagraphs 3. and 4. shall be achieved by:

- (i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, stated in subparagraphs 3. and 4. of this subparagraph; or
- (ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids, stated in subparagraphs 3. and 4. of this subparagraph; averaging across lines is not allowed; or
- (iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the nonmethane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit, expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in subparagraphs 3. and 4. of this subparagraph.

10. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definitions apply:

- (i) "Application Area" means the area where the coating is applied by spraying, dipping or flow coating techniques.

(ii) "Metal Furniture Coating" means the surface coating of any furniture made of metal or any metal part, which will be assembled with other metal wood, fabric, plastic or glass parts to form a furniture piece.

11. Applicability: Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (y) shall apply to facilities at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of metal furniture coatings equal or exceed 15 pounds per day and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 10.

12. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (y) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of metal furniture coatings equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 10.

13. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (y) shall apply to facilities at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of metal furniture coatings, before controls, equal or exceed 15 pounds per day (or 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period) for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 9., and 10.

(ii) Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in subparagraphs 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., or 9. are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 16.

14. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (y) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of metal furniture coatings equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 10.

15. Applicability. The requirements of subparagraphs 13. and 14. will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in those subparagraphs are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015 and such counties continue to maintain that Standard thereafter. Instead, the provisions of subparagraphs 11. and 12. will continue to apply on and after January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of subparagraphs 13. and 14. will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

16. Compliance schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements of subparagraphs 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., and 9. must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

(z) **VOC Emissions from Large Appliance Surface Coating.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from the surface coating of large appliances to exceed:

(i) 2.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from prime single or topcoat operations. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.52 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator;

(ii) The emission limits in this subparagraph shall apply to the application area(s), flashoff area(s) and oven(s) of large appliance coating lines involved in prime, single or topcoat coating operations;

(iii) The emission limit in this subparagraph shall not apply to the use of quick drying lacquers used for repair of scratches and nicks.

2. The emission limits in subparagraph 1. shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit of 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water; or

(ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit of 4.52 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids; averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the non-methane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit of 4.52 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids.

3. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from the surface coating of large appliances using baked coatings to exceed:

(i) 2.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt compounds, delivered to the coating applicator general one component and general multi-component coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 3.3 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator;

(ii) 2.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt compounds, delivered to the coating applicator from extreme high gloss, extreme performance, heat resistant, metallic, and solar absorbent, and pretreatment coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.5 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator;

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from the surface coating of large appliances using air-dried coatings to exceed:

(i) 2.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt compounds, delivered to the coating applicator from general one-component coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 3.3 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator;

(ii) 2.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt compounds, delivered to the coating applicator from general multi-component, extreme high gloss, extreme performance, heat resistant, metallic, solar absorbent and pretreatment coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.5 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator;

5. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats large appliances shall ensure that all coating application systems utilize one or more of the application techniques stated below:

- (i) Electrostatic spray application;
- (ii) High volume low pressure (HVLP) spraying;
- (iii) Flow/curtain application;
- (iv) Roll coating;
- (v) Dip coat application including electrodeposition;
- (vi) Brush coat;
- (vii) Airless spray;
- (viii) Air-assisted airless spray; or
- (ix) Other coating application methods that achieve transfer efficiency equivalent to HVLP or electrostatic spray application methods, as determined by the Director.

6. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats large appliances shall comply with the following work practice standards:

- (i) store all VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials in closed containers;
- (ii) ensure that mixing and storage containers used for VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;
- (iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials; and
- (iv) convey VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes.

7. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats large appliances shall comply with the following housekeeping requirements for any affected cleaning operation:

- (i) store all VOC-containing cleaning materials and used shop towels in closed containers;
- (ii) ensure that storage containers used for VOC-containing cleaning materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;
- (iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing cleaning materials;
- (iv) convey VOC-containing cleaning materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes; and
- (v) minimize VOC emissions from cleaning of application, storage, mixing, and conveying equipment by ensuring that equipment cleaning is performed without atomizing the cleaning solvent and all spent solvent is captured in closed containers.

8. The VOC limits specified in subparagraphs 3. and 4. do not apply to the following types of large appliance coatings and/or coating operations:

- (i) Touch-up and repair coatings;

- (ii) Stencil coatings;
- (iii) Safety-indicating coatings;
- (iv) Solid-film lubricants;
- (v) Electric-insulating and thermal-conducting coatings; and
- (vi) Coating application utilizing hand-held aerosol cans.

9. The emission limits in subparagraphs 3. and 4. shall be achieved by:

- (i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, stated in subparagraphs 3. and 4. of this subparagraph; or
- (ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids, stated in subparagraphs 3. and 4. of this subparagraph (averaging across lines is not allowed); or
- (iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the nonmethane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit, expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in subparagraphs 3. and 4. of this subparagraph.

10. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definitions apply:

- (i) "Application Area" means the area where the coating is applied by spraying, dipping or flow coating techniques.
- (ii) "Single Coat" means a single film of coating applied directly to the metal substrate omitting the primer application.
- (iii) "Large Appliances" means doors, cases, lids, panels and interior support parts of residential and commercial washers, dryers, ranges, refrigerators, freezers, water heaters, dishwashers, trash compactors, air conditioners and other similar products.

11. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (z) shall apply to facilities at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of large appliance coatings equal or exceed 15 pounds per day and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

- (i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 10.

12. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (z) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of large appliance coatings equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

- (i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 10.

13. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (z) apply to facilities at which actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of large appliance coatings, before controls, equal or exceed 15 pounds per day (or 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period) for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., 9. and 10.

(ii) Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in subparagraphs 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., or 9. are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 16.

14. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (z) shall apply to facilities at which potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of large appliance coatings equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside of counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2, and 10.

15. Applicability: The requirements of subparagraphs 13. and 14. will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in those subparagraphs are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015 and such counties continue to maintain that Standard thereafter. Instead, the provisions of subparagraphs 11. and 12. will continue to apply on and after January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of subparagraphs 13. and 14. will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

16. Compliance schedule: All existing facilities subject to this subparagraph shall comply with the following compliance schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements of subparagraphs 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., 8., and 9. must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

**(aa) VOC Emissions from Wire Coating.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from wire coating operations to exceed:

(i) 1.7 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to the coating applicator from wire coating operations. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 1.7 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 2.21 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(ii) The emission limit in this subsection shall apply to the oven(s) of wire coating operations.

2. The emission limits in this subsection shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit of 1.7 pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection; or

(ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit of 2.21 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids, stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection; averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the nonmethane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit of 2.21 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in paragraph 1. of this subsection.

3. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

(i) "Wire Coating" means the process of applying a coating of electrically insulating varnish or enamel to aluminum or copper wire for use in electrical machinery.

**(bb) Petroleum Liquid Storage.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the use of a fixed roof storage vessel with capacities of 40,000 gallons or greater containing a volatile petroleum liquid where true vapor pressure is greater than 1.52 psia unless:

(i) the vessel has been fitted with a floating roof; or

(ii) the vessel has been fitted with control equipment demonstrated to have control efficiency equivalent to or greater than required in (i) of this paragraph, and approved by the Director.

2. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to vessels:

(i) underground, if the total volume of petroleum liquids added to and taken from the tank annually does not exceed twice the volume of the tank; or

(ii) having capacities less than 425,000 gallons used to store crude oil prior to lease custody transfer.

3. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Crude Oil" means a naturally occurring mixture which consists of hydrocarbons and/or sulfur, nitrogen and/or oxygen derivatives of hydrocarbons and which is a liquid at standard conditions;

(ii) "Floating Roof" means a storage vessel cover consisting of a double deck, pontoon single deck, internal floating cover or covered floating roof, which rests upon and is supported by the petroleum liquid being contained, and is equipped with a closure seal or seals to close the space between the roof edge and tank wall;

(iii) "Petroleum Liquids" means crude oil, condensate, and any finished or intermediate products manufactured in a petroleum refinery;

(iv) "Petroleum Refinery" means any facility engaged in producing gasoline, kerosene, distillate fuel oils, residual fuel oils, lubricants, or other products through distillation of crude oils, or through redistillation, cracking, extraction, or reforming of unfinished petroleum derivatives;

(v) "True Vapor Pressure" means the equilibrium partial pressure exerted by a petroleum liquid as determined in accordance with methods described in American Petroleum Institute Bulletin 2517, "Evaporation Loss from Floating Roof Tanks," 1962.

**(cc) Bulk Gasoline Terminals.**

1. No person may load gasoline into any tank trucks or trailers from any bulk gasoline terminal unless:

(i) The bulk gasoline terminal is equipped with vapor control equipment capable of complying with subparagraph 1.(v) of this paragraph 1., properly installed, in good working order, in operation, and consisting of one of the following:

(I) An adsorber or condensation equipment which processes and recovers at least 90 percent of all vapors and gases from the equipment being controlled; or

(II) Vapor collection equipment which directs all vapors to a fuel gas system; or



(III) Control equipment demonstrated to have control efficiency equivalent to or greater than required in (I) or (II) of this paragraph, and approved by the Director; and

(ii) All displaced vapors and gases are vented only to the vapor control equipment; and

(iii) Complete drainage of any loading arm will be accomplished before it is removed from the tank; and

(iv) All loading and vapor lines are equipped with fittings which make vapor-tight connections and which close automatically when disconnected, or a loading arm with vapor return line and hatch seal designed to prevent the escape of gases and vapor while loading;

(v) Sources and persons affected under this subsection may not allow mass emissions of volatile organic compounds from control equipment to exceed 4.7 grains per gallon of gasoline loaded.

2. Sources and persons affected under this subsection shall comply with the vapor collection and control system requirements of Rule [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ss\)](#).

3. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to loading of gasoline into tank trucks or trailers of less than 3000 gallons capacity outside those counties of Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale.

4. The requirements of this subsection shall apply to loading of gasoline into tank trucks or trailers of less than 3000 gallons capacity inside those counties of Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale after July 1, 1991.

5. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

(i) "Bulk Gasoline Terminal" means a gasoline storage facility which receives gasoline from refineries primarily by pipeline, ship, or barge, and delivers gasoline to bulk gasoline plants or to commercial or retail accounts primarily by tank truck and has an average daily throughput of more than 20,000 gallons of gasoline.

(ii) "Gasoline" means a petroleum distillate having a Reid vapor pressure of 4 psia or greater.

(dd) **Cutback Asphalt.**

1. After January 1, 1981, no person may cause, allow or permit the use of cutback asphalts for paving purposes except as necessary for:

(i) long-life stockpile storage; or

(ii) the use or application at ambient temperatures less than 50°F; or

(iii) solely as a penetrating prime coat; or

(iv) base stabilization.

2. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Asphalt" means a dark-brown to black cementitious material (solid, semisolid, or liquid in consistency) in which the predominating constituents are bitumens which occur in nature as such or which are obtained as residue in refining petroleum;

(ii) "Cutback Asphalt" means asphalt cement which has been liquified by blending with petroleum solvents (diluent). Upon exposure to atmospheric conditions the diluents evaporate, leaving the asphalt cement to perform its function;

(iii) "Penetrating Prime Coat" means an application of low viscosity liquid asphalt to an absorbent surface. It is used to prepare an untreated base for an asphalt surface. The prime penetrates the base and plugs the voids, hardens the top, and helps bind it to the overlying asphalt course. It also reduces the necessity of maintaining an untreated base course prior to placing the asphalt pavement.

**(ee) Petroleum Refinery.**

1. Persons responsible for any vacuum producing system at a petroleum refinery shall control the emissions of any noncondensable volatile organic compound from the condensers, hot wells or accumulators by:

(i) Piping the noncondensable vapors to a firebox or incinerator; or

(ii) Compressing the vapors and adding them to the refinery fuel gas; or

(iii) Controlling the vapors by using control equipment demonstrated to have control efficiency equivalent to or greater than required in (i) or (ii) of this paragraph, and approved by the Director; and

2. Persons responsible for any wastewater (oil/water) separator at a petroleum refinery shall:

(i) Provide covers and seals approved by the Director, on all separators and forebays; and

(ii) Equip all openings in covers, separators, and forebays with lids or seals such that the lids or seals are in the closed position at all times except when in actual use.

3. Before January 1, 1980, the owner or operator of any affected petroleum refinery located in this State shall develop and submit to the Director for approval a detailed procedure for minimization of volatile organic compound emissions during process unit turnaround. As a minimum, the procedure shall provide for:

(i) Depressurization venting of the process unit or vessel to a vapor recovery system, flare or firebox; and

(ii) No emission of volatile organic compounds from a process unit or vessel unless its internal pressure is 19.7 psi or less.

4. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Accumulator" means the reservoir of a condensing unit receiving the condensate from the condenser;

(ii) "Condenser" means any heat transfer device used to liquefy vapors by removing their latent heats of vaporization. Such devices include, but are not limited to, shell and tube, coil, surface, or contact condensers;

(iii) "Firebox" means the chamber or compartment of a boiler or furnace in which materials are burned but does not mean the combustion chamber of an incinerator;

(iv) "Forebays" means the primary sections of a wastewater separator;

(v) "Hot Well" means the reservoir of a condensing unit receiving the warm condensate from the condenser;

(vi) "Petroleum Refinery" means any facility engaged in producing gasoline, kerosene, distillate fuel oils, residual fuel oils, lubricants, or other products through distillation, cracking, extraction, or refining of unfinished petroleum derivatives;

(vii) "Refinery Fuel Gas" means any gas which is generated by a petroleum refinery process unit and which is combusted, including any gaseous mixture of natural gas and fuel gas;

(viii) "Turnaround" means the procedure of shutting a refinery unit down after a run to do necessary maintenance and repair work and putting the unit back on stream;

(ix) "Vacuum Producing System" means any reciprocating, rotary, or centrifugal blower or compressor, or any jet ejector or device that takes suction from a pressure below atmospheric and discharges against atmospheric pressure;

(x) "Vapor Recovery System" means a system that prevents releases to the atmosphere of no less than 90 percent by weight of organic compounds emitted during the operation of any transfer, storage, or process equipment;

(xi) "Wastewater (oil/water) Separator" means any device or piece of equipment which utilizes the difference in density between oil and water to remove oil and associated chemicals from water or any device, such as a flocculation tank, clarifier, etc., which removes petroleum derived compounds from wastewater.

**(ff) Solvent Metal Cleaning.**

1. No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the operation of a cold cleaner degreaser unless the following requirements for control of emissions of the volatile organic compounds are satisfied:

(i) The degreaser shall be equipped with a cover to prevent the escape of volatile organic compounds during periods of non-use;

(ii) The degreaser shall be equipped with a facility for draining cleaned parts before removal;

(iii) If used, the solvent spray must be a solid, fluid stream (not a fine, atomized or shower type spray) and at a pressure which does not cause excessive splashing;

(iv) If the solvent volatility is 0.60 psi or greater measured at 100°F, or if the solvent is heated above 120°F, then one of the following control devices must be used:

(I) Freeboard that gives a freeboard ratio of 0.7 or greater;

(II) Water cover (solvent must be insoluble in and heavier than water);

(III) Other systems of equivalent control, such as a refrigerated chiller or carbon adsorption.

(v) Waste solvent shall be stored only in covered containers and shall not be disposed of by such a method as to allow excessive evaporation into the atmosphere.

2. No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the operation of an open top vapor degreaser unless the following requirements for control of emissions of volatile organic compounds are satisfied:

(i) The degreaser shall be equipped with a cover to prevent the escape of volatile organic compounds during periods of non-use;

(ii) The degreaser shall be equipped with one of the following control devices:

(I) Freeboard ratio greater than or equal to 0.75;

(II) Refrigerated chiller;

(III) Enclosed design (cover or door opens only when the dry part is actually entering or exiting the degreaser);

(IV) Carbon adsorption system, with ventilation greater than 50 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> of air/vapor area (when cover is open), and exhausting less than 25 ppm solvent averaged over one complete adsorption cycle; or

(V) Control equipment demonstrated to have control efficiency equivalent to or better than any of the above.

(iii) The degreaser shall be operated in accordance with the following procedures. Operating instructions summarizing these procedures shall be displayed on the degreaser.

(I) Keep cover closed at all times except when processing work loads through the degreaser;

(II) Minimize solvent carry-out by the following measures:

I. Rack parts to allow full drainage;

II. Degrease the work load in the vapor zone at least 30 seconds or until condensation ceases;

III. Tip out any pools of solvent on the cleaned parts before removal;

IV. Allow parts to dry within the degreaser for at least 15 seconds or until visually dry.

(III) Do not degrease porous or adsorbent materials, such as cloth, leather, wood or rope;

(IV) Work loads should not occupy more than half of the degreaser's open top area;

(V) The vapor level should not drop more than 4 inches when the workload enters the vapor zone;

(VI) Never spray above the vapor level;

(VII) Repair solvent leaks immediately, or shutdown the degreaser;

(VIII) Ventilation fans should not be used near the degreaser opening;

(IX) Water should not be visually detectable in solvent exiting the water separator.

(iv) Waste solvent shall be stored only in covered containers and shall not be disposed of or transferred to another party by such a method as to allow excessive evaporation into the atmosphere.

3. No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the operation of a conveyORIZED degreaser unless the following requirements for control of emissions of the volatile organic compounds are satisfied.

(i) The degreaser shall be equipped with a cover to prevent the escape of volatile organic compounds during periods of non-use;

(ii) The degreaser shall be equipped with either a drying tunnel, or other means such as rotating (tumbling) basket, sufficient to prevent cleaned parts from carrying out solvent liquid or vapor;

(iii) The degreaser shall be equipped with one of the following:

(I) Refrigerated chiller;

(II) Carbon adsorption system, with ventilation greater than 50 cfm/ft<sup>2</sup> of air/vapor area (when down-time covers are open), and exhausting less than 25 ppm of solvent by volume averaged over a complete adsorption cycle; or

(III) Control equipment demonstrated to have control efficiency equivalent to or better than any of the above.

(iv) The degreaser shall be operated in accordance with the following procedure. Operating instructions summarizing these procedures shall be displayed on the degreaser.

(I) Exhaust ventilation should not exceed 65 cfm per ft<sup>2</sup> of degreaser opening, unless necessary to meet OSHA requirements. Work place fans should not be used near the degreaser opening;

(II) Minimize carryout emissions by:

I. Racking parts for best drainage; Maintaining vertical conveyor speed at less than 11 ft/min.

(III) Repair solvent leaks immediately, or shutdown the degreaser;

(IV) Water should not visibly be detectable in the solvent exiting the water separator;

(V) Down-time cover must be placed over entrances and exits of conveyORIZED degreasers immediately after the conveyor and exhaust are shutdown and removed just before they are started up.

(v) Waste solvent shall be stored only in covered containers and shall not be disposed of or transferred to another party by such a method as to allow excessive evaporation into the atmosphere.

4. The following requirements apply to degreasers using trichloroethylene, carbon tetrachloride, and/or chloroform in a total concentration greater than 5 percent by weight:

(i) Degreasers constructed or reconstructed after November 29, 1993 shall comply with paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(9\)\(b\)34](#). "Emission Standard for Halogenated Solvent Cleaning, [40 CFR 63](#), Subpart T, as amended" (NESHAP) and not paragraphs 1. through 3. of this subsection (ff) (Georgia Rule).

(ii) Existing degreasers (constructed or reconstructed on or before November 29, 1993) shall comply with paragraphs 1. through 3. of this subsection (ff) (Georgia Rule) until December 2, 1997; after which they must comply with paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(9\)\(b\)34](#). (NESHAP).

(iii) An existing degreaser (as defined above) may elect to comply with paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(9\)\(b\)34](#). prior to December 2, 1997. In such case, they are not required comply with Paragraphs 1. through 3. of this subsection (ff) (Georgia Rule) once they are in compliance with paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(9\)\(b\)34](#). (NESHAP).

(iv) Any facility which currently complies with paragraphs [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ff\)1. through 3.](#) (Georgia Rule) which will be changing to comply with paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(9\)\(b\)34](#). (NESHAP) should submit a schedule of construction/ modification for changes necessary to comply with [391-3-1-.02\(9\)\(b\)34](#). (NESHAP) as soon as practically possible but no later than 60 days prior to any construction/modification.

5. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Cold Cleaning" means the batch process of cleaning and removing soils from metal surfaces by spraying, brushing, flushing or immersion while maintaining the solvent below its boiling point. Wipe cleaning is not included in this definition;

(ii) "Conveyorized Degreasing" means the continuous process of cleaning and removing soils from metal surfaces by operating with either cold or vaporized solvents;

(iii) "Freeboard Height" means the distance from the top of vapor zone to the top of the degreaser tank;

(iv) "Freeboard Ratio" means the freeboard height divided by the width (smallest dimension) of the degreaser;

(v) "Open Top Vapor Degreasing" means the batch process of cleaning and removing soils from metal surfaces by condensing hot solvent vapor on the colder metal parts;

(vi) "Solvent Metal Cleaning" means the process of cleaning soils from metal surfaces by cold cleaning, or open top vapor degreasing or conveyorized degreasing. Solvent metal cleaning does not include cleaners that use aqueous cleaning solvent or buckets, pails and beakers with capacities of two gallons or less.

(vii) "Aqueous Cleaning Solvent" means a cleaning solvent in which water is the primary ingredient (greater than 80 percent by weight of cleaning solvent solution as applied must be water).

6. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to any solvent metal cleaning operation subject to Section [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(kkk\)](#) of the Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control "VOC Emissions from Aerospace manufacturing and Rework Facilities."

(gg) **Kraft Pulp Mills.**

1. Except as provided for in paragraph 2. of this subsection, no person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emissions of TRS from any kraft pulp mill in operation, or under construction contract, on or before September 24, 1976, in amounts equal to or exceeding the following:

(i) Recovery Furnaces.

(I) Old Recovery Furnaces: 20 parts per million of TRS on a dry basis and as a 24-hour average, corrected to 8 volume percent oxygen;

(II) New Recovery Furnaces: 5 parts per million of TRS on a dry basis and as a 24-hour average, corrected to 8 volume percent oxygen;

(III) Cross Recovery Furnaces: 25 parts per million of TRS on a dry basis and as a 24-hour average, corrected to 8 volume percent oxygen.

(ii) Digester System or Multiple-Effect Evaporator System: 5 parts per million of TRS on a dry basis and a 24-hour average, corrected to 10 volume percent oxygen unless the following conditions are met:

(I) The gases are combusted in a lime kiln subject to the provisions of paragraph (iv) of this subsection; or

(II) The gases are combusted in a recovery furnace subject to the provisions of paragraph (i) of this subsection; or

(III) The gases are combusted with other gases in an incinerator or other device, or combusted in a lime kiln or recovery boiler not subject to the provisions of this subsection, and are subjected to a minimum temperature of 1200°F for at least 0.5 second; or

(IV) The gases are controlled by a means other than combustion. In this case, the gases discharged shall not contain TRS in excess of five parts per million on a dry basis and as a 24-hour average, corrected to the actual oxygen content of the untreated gas stream.

(iii) Smelt Dissolving Tanks: 0.0168 pounds of TRS per ton of black liquor solids (dry weight).

(iv) Lime Kilns: 40 parts per million of TRS on a dry basis and as a 24-hour average, corrected to 10 volume percent oxygen.

2. Nothing in paragraph 1. shall prevent the owner or operator of a kraft pulp mill subject to the provisions of this subsection (gg) from applying to the Director for permission to control TRS emissions from the kraft pulp mill under the provisions of this paragraph provided that:

(i) General Provisions.

(I) The owner or operator of such kraft pulp mill makes such application in writing no later than six months following the notification date; and

(II) In the event that the kraft pulp mill contains TRS emitting process equipment which is subject to the New Source Performance Standard for Kraft Pulp Mills, [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(b\)23.](#), then that TRS emitting process equipment must also comply with the applicable New Source Performance Standard TRS emission limitation(s);

(III) The owner or operator of such kraft pulp mill may not elect to control TRS emissions from process equipment not subject to the provisions of this subsection (gg) in lieu of controlling TRS emissions from those sources subject to this subsection (gg); and

(IV) For the purpose of this paragraph 2.; the maximum allowable emissions of TRS shall be calculated using the production rate (annual average or most recent 12 months of record) for the kraft pulp mill expressed as tons of air dried pulp per day, and the allowable emission rate of TRS from the kraft pulp mill shall be expressed as pounds of TRS per ton of air dried pulp.

(V) For the purpose of this paragraph, the "notification date" means September 1, 1988.

(ii) Emission Limitation: No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the total emissions of TRS from the following processes: recovery furnace(s), lime kiln(s), smelt dissolving tank(s), digester system, multiple-effect evaporator system, equal to or exceeding the amount determined by the following formula:

$A = RB + LK + 0.065$  pounds of TRS per ton of air dried pulp;

The values for the terms RB and LK shall be determined using the following formula:

$$LK = \frac{(0.20U + 0.04V)}{U + V}$$

$$RB = \frac{(0.15W + 0.15X + 0.60Y + 0.75Z)}{W + X + Y + Z}$$

Where:

A = the total amount of allowable TRS emissions from the kraft pulp mill expressed as pounds of TRS per ton of air dried pulp;

LK = the fraction of the total allowable emission of TRS in pounds per ton of air dried pulp for lime kilns;

RB = the fraction of the total allowable emission of TRS in pounds per ton of air dried pulp for recovery furnaces;

U = tons per hour of lime mud solids calcined in lime kiln(s) not subject to the New Source Performance Standard for Kraft Pulp Mills;

V = tons per hour of lime solids calcined in lime kiln(s) subject to the New Source Performance Standard for Kraft Pulp Mills;

W = pounds per hour of black liquor solids burned in recovery furnace(s) subject to the New Source Performance Standard for Kraft Pulp Mills;

X = pounds per hour of black liquor solids burned in new recovery furnace(s);

Y = pounds per hour of black liquor solids burned in old recovery furnace(s);

Z = pounds per hour of black liquor solids burned in cross recovery furnace(s);

3. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "New Recovery Furnace" means a recovery furnace which had stated in the purchase contract a TRS performance guarantee or which included in the purchase contract a statement that the control of air pollutants was a design objective and which has incorporated into its design: membrane wall or welded wall construction; and emission control air systems.

(ii) "Old Recovery Furnace" means a recovery furnace which is not classified as a new recovery furnace.

**(hh) Petroleum Refinery Equipment Leaks.**

1. No person shall cause, let, suffer, or allow the use of petroleum refinery equipment unless:

(i) A plan is submitted to the Director by no later than July 1, 1981 for monitoring VOC leaks. Such a program must contain:

(I) A list of refinery units and the quarter in which they will be monitored;

(II) A copy of the log book format;

(III) The make and model of the monitoring equipment to be used.

(ii) Monitoring for potential VOC leaks is carried out no less frequently than:

(I) Yearly using detection equipment for pump seals, pipeline valves in liquid service, and process drains;

(II) Quarterly using detection equipment for compressor seals, pipeline valves in gaseous service, and pressure relief valves in gaseous service;

(III) Weekly by visible inspection for all pump seals;

(IV) Immediately using detection equipment for any pump seals from which liquids are observed dripping and immediately after repair of any component previously found to be leaking;

(V) Within 24 hours for a relief valve after it has vented to the atmosphere.

(iii) All components which have emissions with a VOC concentration exceeding 10,000 ppm, as determined by Method 21 of the reference in Section [391-3-1-.02\(3\)\(a\)](#) of these Rules, shall be affixed with a weatherproof and readily visible tag, bearing an identification number and the date on which the leak is located. This tag shall remain in place until the leaking component is repaired.

(iv) Leaking components as defined by (iii) above which can be repaired without a unit shutdown shall be repaired and retested as soon as practicable but no later than 15 days after the leak is identified.

(v) Leaking components as defined by (iii) above which require unit shutdown for repair may be corrected at the regularly scheduled turnaround unless the Director at his discretion requires early unit turnaround based on the number and severity of tagged leaks awaiting turnaround.

(vi) Except for safety pressure relief valves, no owner or operator of a petroleum refinery shall install or operate a valve at the end of a pipe or line containing volatile organic compounds unless the pipe or line is sealed with a second valve, a blind flange, a plug, or a cap. The sealing device may be removed only when a sample is being taken or during maintenance operations.

(vii) Pipeline valves and pressure relief valves in gaseous volatile organic compound service shall be marked in some manner that will be readily obvious to both refinery personnel performing monitoring and the Director.

(viii) Pressure relief devices which are connected to an operation flare header, vapor recovery device, inaccessible valves, storage tank valves, and valves that are not externally regulated are exempt from the monitoring requirements of this rule.

2. The owner or operator of a petroleum refinery shall maintain a leaking components monitoring log. Copies of the monitoring log shall be retained by the owner or operator for a minimum of two years after the date on which the



record was made or the report prepared and shall immediately be made available to the Director, upon verbal or written request, at any reasonable time. The monitoring log shall contain the following data:

- (i) The name and the process unit where the component is located.
- (ii) The type of component (e.g., valve, seal).
- (iii) The tag number of the component.
- (iv) The date on which a leaking component is discovered.
- (v) The date on which a leaking component is repaired.
- (vi) The date and instrument reading of the recheck procedure after a leaking component is repaired.
- (vii) A record of the calibration of the monitoring instrument.
- (viii) Those leaks that cannot be repaired until turnaround.
- (ix) The total number of components checked and the total number of components found leaking.

3. The owner or operator of a petroleum refinery shall:

- (i) Submit a report to the Director by the fifteenth day of January, April, July, and October that lists all leaking components that were located during the previous three calendar months but not repaired within fifteen days, all leaking components awaiting unit turnaround, the total number of components inspected, and the total number of components found leaking.
- (ii) Submit a signed statement with the report attesting to the fact that, all monitoring and repairs were performed as stipulated in the monitoring program.
- (iii) The first quarterly report shall be submitted to the Director no later than January 1, 1982.

4. The Director, upon written notice, may modify the monitoring, record keeping and reporting requirements.

5. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

- (i) "Petroleum refinery" means any facility engaged in producing gasoline, aromatics, kerosene, distillate fuel oils residual fuel oils, lubricants, asphalt, or other products through distillation of petroleum or through redistillation, cracking, rearrangement or reforming of unfinished petroleum derivatives.
- (ii) "Component" means any piece of equipment which has the potential to leak volatile organic compounds when tested in the manner described in subparagraph 1.(iii). These sources include, but are not limited to, pumping seals, compressor seals, seal oil degassing vents pipeline valves, pressure relief devices, process drains, and open ended pipes. Excluded from these sources are valves which are not externally regulated.
- (iii) "Liquid service" means equipment which processes, transfers or contains a volatile organic compound or mixture of volatile organic compounds in the liquid phase.
- (iv) "Gas service" means equipment which processes, transfers or contains a volatile organic compound or mixture of volatile organic compounds in the gaseous phase.
- (v) "Valves not externally regulated" means valves that have no external controls, such as in-line check valves.
- (vi) "Refinery unit" means a set of compounds which are a part of a basic process operation, such as, distillation, hydrotreating, cracking or reforming of hydrocarbons.

**(ii) VOC Emissions from Surface Coating of Miscellaneous Metal Parts and Products.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of miscellaneous metal parts and products to exceed:

(i) 4.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies clear coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 4.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 10.3 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(ii) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator in a coating application system that is air dried or forced warm air dried at temperatures up to 194°F. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.5 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 6.67 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(iii) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies extreme performance coatings. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.5 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 6.67 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(iv) 6.2 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator in a high performance architectural coating operation; and

(v) 3.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator for all other coatings and coating application systems. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 5.06 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

2. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of miscellaneous metal parts and products using air-dried coatings to exceed:

(i) 2.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies anyone of the following air-dried coatings: general one component; general multi component; military specification; drum coating — new exterior. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.52 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(ii) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies any one of the following air-dried coatings: camouflage; electric-insulating varnish; etching filler; high temperature; metallic; mold-seal; pan backing; pretreatment; drum coating — new interior; drum coating — reconditioned, exterior; silicone release; vacuum-metalizing; extreme high-gloss; extreme performance; heat-resistant; drum coating — reconditioned interior; solar-absorbent; prefabricated architectural multi-component; prefabricated architectural one-component. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.5 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 6.67 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(iii) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies the following air-dried coating: repair and touch-up.

(iv) 6.2 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies the following air-dried coating: high performance architectural.

3. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of miscellaneous metal parts and products using baked coatings to exceed:

(i) 2.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies anyone of the following baked coatings: general one component; general multi-component; military specification; prefabricated architectural multi-component; prefabricated architectural one-component. If any coating delivered to the coating

applicator contains more than 2.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 3.35 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(ii) 2.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies drum coating — new exterior coating. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.52 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(iii) 3.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies anyone of the following baked coatings: drum coating — reconditioned interior; camouflage; electric-insulating varnish; etching filler; extreme high-gloss; extreme performance; heat-resistant; high temperature; metallic; mold-seal; pan backing; pretreatment; drum coating — new interior; drum coating — reconditioned exterior; silicone release; solar-absorbent; and vacuum-metalizing. If any coating delivered to the coating applicator contains more than 3.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 5.06 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating applicator.

(iv) 6.2 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies the following baked coating: high performance architectural.

(v) 3.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies repair and touch-up coatings.

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of motor vehicle materials at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck manufacturing facility to exceed:

(i) 1.7 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies the following motor vehicle materials: gasket/gasket sealing material and bedliner.

(ii) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating applicator that applies the following motor vehicle materials: cavity wax, sealer, deadener, underbody coating, trunk interior coating, and lubricating wax/compound.

5. If more than one emission limitation in this subparagraph (ii) applies to a specific coating, then the least stringent emission limitation in this subparagraph (ii) of this subsection shall be applied.

6. All VOC emissions from solvent washings shall be considered in the emission limitations unless the solvent is directed into containers that prevent evaporation into the atmosphere.

7. The emission limits in this subsection shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, stated in paragraphs 1., 2., 3., and 4. of this subsection; or

(ii) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids, stated in paragraphs 1., 2., and 3. of this subsection; averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the nonmethane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit, expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in paragraphs 1., 2., 3., and 4. of this subsection.

(iv) for high performance architectural coatings, compliance may be achieved only as stated in subparagraph 7.(i) or 7.(iii). There is no solids equivalent limit for such coatings.

(v) for motor vehicle materials, compliance may be achieved only as stated in subparagraph 7.(i). There is no solids equivalent limit for such coatings.

(vi) for repair and touch-up materials, compliance may be achieved only as stated in subparagraphs 7.(i). There is no solids equivalent limit for such coatings.

8. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

(i) "Air dried coating" means coatings which are dried by the use of air or forced warm air at temperatures up to 194°F.

(ii) "Baked coating" means a coating that is cured at a temperature at or above 194°F.

(iii) "Bedliner" means a multi-component coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to a cargo bed after the application of topcoat to provide additional durability and chip resistance.

(iv) "Cavity wax" means a coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied into the cavities of the vehicle primarily for the purpose of enhancing corrosion protection.

(v) "Camouflage coating" means a coating used, principally by the military, to conceal equipment from detection.

(vi) "Clear coating" means a colorless coating which contains binders, but no pigment, and is formulated to form a transparent film.

(vii) "Coating application system" means all operations and equipment which applies, conveys, and dries a surface coating, including, but not limited to spray booths, flow coaters, flashoff areas, air dryers and ovens.

(viii) "Deadener" means a coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to selected vehicle surfaces primarily for the purpose of reducing the source of road noise in the passenger compartment.

(ix) "Drum" means any cylindrical metal shipping container larger than 12 gallons capacity but no larger than 110 gallons capacity.

(x) "Electric dissipating coating" means a coating that rapidly dissipates a high-voltage electric charge.

(xi) "Electric-insulating varnish" means a non-convertible-type coating applied to electric motors, components of electric motors, or power transformers, to provide electrical, mechanical, and environmental protection or resistance.

(xii) "EMI/RFI Shielding" means a coating used on electrical or electronic equipment to provide shielding against electromagnetic interference, radio frequency interference, or static discharge.

(xiii) "Etching filler" means a coating that contains less than 23 percent solids by weight, at least 0.5 percent acid by weight, and is used instead of applying a pretreatment coating followed by a primer.

(xiv) "Extreme high-gloss coating" means a coating which, when tested by the American Society for Testing Material Test Method D-523 adopted in 1980, shows a reflectance of 75 or more on a 60 degree meter.

(xv) "Extreme-performance coating" means a coating used on a metal or plastic surface where the coated surface is, in its intended use, subject to the following:

(a) Chronic exposure to corrosive, caustic or acidic agents, chemicals, chemical fumes, chemical mixtures or solutions; or

(b) Repeated exposure to temperatures in excess of 250°F; or

(c) Repeated heavy abrasion, including mechanical wear and repeated scrubbing with industrial grade solvents, cleansers or scouring agents. Extreme performance coatings include, but are not limited to, coatings applied to locomotives, railroad cars, farm machinery, and heavy duty trucks.

(xvi) "Extreme environmental conditions" means exposure to any of: the weather all of the time, temperatures consistently above 200°F, detergents, abrasive and scouring agents, solvents, corrosive atmospheres, or similar environmental conditions;

(xvii) "Gasket/sealing material" means a fluid, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to coat a gasket or replace and perform the same function as a gasket. Automobile and light-duty truck gasket/gasket sealing material includes room temperature vulcanization (RTV) seal material.

(xviii) "Heat-resistant coating" means a coating that must withstand a temperature of at least 400°F during normal use.

(xix) "High-performance architectural coating" means a coating used to protect architectural subsections and which meets the requirements of the Architectural Aluminum Manufacturer Association's publication number AAMA 2604-05 (Voluntary Specification, Performance Requirements and Test Procedures for High Performance Organic Coatings on Aluminum Extrusions and Panels) or 2605-05 (Voluntary Specification, Performance Requirements and Test Procedures for Superior Performing Organic Coatings on Aluminum Extrusions and Panels).

(xx) "High-temperature coating" means a coating that is certified to withstand a temperature of 1000°F for 24 hours.

(xxi) "Low solvent coating" means coatings which contain less organic solvent than the conventional coatings used by the industry. Low solvent coatings include water-borne, higher solids, electrodeposition and powder coatings.

(xxii) "Lubricating wax/compound" means a protective lubricating material, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to vehicle hubs and hinges.

(xxiii) "Mask coating" means thin film coating applied through a template to coat a small portion of a substrate.

(xxiv) "Metallic coating" means a coating which contains more than five grams of metal particles per liter of coating as applied. "Metal particles" are pieces of a pure elemental metal or combination of elemental metals.

(xxv) "Miscellaneous metal parts and products" means surface coating of products manufactured by the following industrial source categories: large farm machinery, small farm machinery, small appliances, commercial machinery, industrial machinery, fabricated metal products and any other industrial category which coats metal parts or products under the Standard Industry Classification Code Major Groups 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, and 41. The miscellaneous metal parts and products source category does not include:

(I) automobiles and light-duty trucks;

(II) metal cans;

(III) flat metal sheets and strips in the form of rolls or coils;

(IV) magnet wire for use in electrical machinery;

(V) metal furniture;

(VI) large appliances;

(VII) aerospace manufacturing and rework operations;

(VIII) automobile refinishing;

(IX) customized top coating of automobiles and trucks, if production is less than 35 vehicles per day; and

(X) exterior of marine vessels.

(xxvi) "Military specification coating" means a coating which has a formulation approved by a United States Military Agency for use on military equipment.

(xxvii) "Mold seal coating" means the initial coating applied to a new mold or a repaired mold to provide a smooth surface which, when coated with a mold release coating, prevents products from sticking to the mold.

(xxviii) "Multi-colored coating" means a coating which exhibits more than one color when applied, and which means packaged in a single container and applied in a single coat.

(xxix) "Multi-component coating" means a coating requiring the addition of a separate reactive resin, commonly known as a catalyst or hardener, before application to form an acceptable dry film.

(xxx) "One-component coating" means a coating that is ready for application as it comes out of its container to form an acceptable dry film. A thinner, necessary to reduce the viscosity, is not considered a component.

(xxxi) "Optical coating" means a coating applied to an optical lens.

(xxxii) "Pan-backing coating" means a coating applied to the surface of pots, pans, or other cooking implements that are exposed directly to a flame or other heating elements.

(xxxiii) "Prefabricated architectural component coatings" are coatings applied to metal parts and products which are to be used as an architectural structure.

(xxxiv) "Pretreatment coating" means a coating which contains no more than 12 percent solids by weight, and at least 0.5 percent acid by weight, is used to provide surface etching, and is applied directly to metal surfaces to provide corrosion resistance, adhesion, and ease of stripping.

(xxxv) "Prime coat" means the first of two or more films of coating applied to a metal surface.

(xxxvi) "Repair coating" means a coating used to re-coat portions of a previously coated product which has sustained mechanical damage to the coating following normal coating operations.

(xxxvii) "Sealer" means a high viscosity material, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, generally, but not always, applied in the paint shop after the body has received an electrodeposition primer coating and before the application of subsequent coatings (e.g., primer-surfacer). The primary purpose of automobile and light-duty truck sealer is to fill body joints completely so that there is no intrusion of water, gases or corrosive materials into the passenger area of the body compartment. Such materials are also referred to as sealant, sealant primer, or caulk.

(xxxviii) "Shock-free coating" means a coating applied to electrical components to protect the user from electric shock. The coating has characteristics of being of low capacitance and high resistance, and having resistance to breaking down under high voltage.

(xxxix) "Silicone-release coating" means any coating which contains silicone resin and is intended to prevent food from sticking to metal surfaces such as baking pans.

(xl) "Single coat" means one film of coating applied to a metal surface.

(xli) "Solar-absorbent coating" means a coating which has as its prime purpose the absorption of solar radiation.

(xlii) "Stencil coating" means an ink or a pigmented coating which is rolled or brushed onto a template or stamp in order to add identifying letters, symbols and/or numbers.

(xliii) "Topcoat" means the final film or series of films of coating applied in a two-coat or more operation.

(xliv) "Touch-up coating" means a coating used to cover minor coating imperfections appearing after the main coating operation.

(xlv) "Translucent coating" means a coating which contains binders and pigment and is formulated to form a colored, but not opaque, film.

(xlvi) "Transfer efficiency" means the weight (or volume) of coating solids adhering to the surface being coated divided by the total weight (or volume) of coating solids delivered to the applicator.

(xlvii) "Trunk interior coating" means a coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to the trunk interior to provide chip protection.

(xlviii) "Two-component coating" means a coating requiring the addition of a separate reactive resin, commonly known as a catalyst, before application to form an acceptable dry film.

(xlix) "Underbody coating" means a coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to the undercarriage or firewall to prevent corrosion and/or provide chip protection.

(l) "Vacuum-metalizing coating" means the undercoat applied to the substrate on which the metal is deposited or the overcoat applied directly to the metal film. Vacuum metalizing/physical vapor deposition (PVD) is the process whereby metal is vaporized and deposited on a substrate in a vacuum chamber.

9. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (ii) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from all surface coating of miscellaneous parts and products equal or exceed 10 tons per year and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 5., 6., 7., and 8.

10. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (ii) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from all surface coating of miscellaneous parts and products equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 5., 6., 7., and 8.

11. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (ii) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from all surface coating of miscellaneous parts and products equal or exceed 10 tons per year and are located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., and 8.

(ii) Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in subparagraphs 2., 3., or 4. are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 14.

12. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (ii) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from all surface coating of miscellaneous parts and products equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll,

Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale Spalding, and Walton as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 5., 6., 7., and 8.

13. Applicability: The requirements of subparagraphs 11. and 12. will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in those subparagraphs are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015 and such counties continue to maintain that Standard thereafter. Instead, the provisions of subparagraphs 9. and 10. will continue to apply on and after January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of subparagraphs 11. and 12. will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

14. Compliance Schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified in subparagraphs 2., 3., and 4. must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

**(jj) VOC Emissions from Surface Coating of Flat Wood Paneling.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of flat wood paneling to exceed:

(i) 6.0 pounds per 1000 square feet of coated finished product from printed interior panels, regardless of the number of coats applied;

(ii) 12.0 pounds per 1000 square feet of coated finished product from natural finish hardwood plywood panels, regardless of the number of coats applied; and

(iii) 10.0 pounds per 1000 square feet of coated finished product from Class II finishes on hardboard panels, regardless of the number of coats applied.

2. The emission limits in this subparagraph shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where the 24-hour of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the limits stated in subparagraph 1. of this subparagraph; averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(ii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the nonmethane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the limits stated in subparagraph 1. of this subparagraph.

(iii) control equipment demonstrated to have control efficiency equivalent to or greater or VOC emissions equal to or less than required in (i) or (ii) of this subparagraph and approved by the Director.

3. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from the inks, coatings, and adhesives used by flat wood paneling coating facilities to exceed:

(i) 2.1 lbs VOC per gallon (250 grams per liter) of coating, excluding water, and exempt compounds, or



(ii) 2.9 lbs VOC per gallon (350 grams per liter) of solids.

4. Averaging across lines for the VOC limits in subparagraph 3. is not permitted.

5. Should product performance requirements or other needs dictate the use of higher VOC coatings, than those specified in subparagraph 3., add-on control equipment with an overall control efficiency of 90% may be used as an alternative.

6. Each owner or operator of a facility that manufactures flat wood paneling shall comply with the following work practice standards:

(i) store all VOC-containing materials in closed containers;

(ii) ensure that mixing and storage containers used for VOC-containing materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;

(iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing materials; and

(iv) convey VOC-containing materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes.

7. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definitions also apply:

(i) "Class II hardboard paneling finish" means finishes which meet the specifications of Voluntary Product Standard PS-59-73 as approved by the American National Standards Institute.

(ii) "Coating application system" means all operations and equipment which apply, convey, and dry a surface coating, including, but not limited to, spray booths, flow coaters, conveyers, flashoff areas, air dryers and ovens.

(iii) "Flat wood paneling" means both interior and exterior panels used in construction and typically include decorative interior panels, exterior siding and tileboard. Flat wood paneling includes hardboard, hardwood plywood, natural finish hardwood plywood panels, printed interior panels, thin particleboard and tileboard.

(iv) "Hardboard" is a panel manufactured primarily from interfelted lignocellulosic fibers which are consolidated under heat and pressure in a hot press.

(v) "Hardwood plywood" is plywood whose surface layer is a veneer.

(vi) "Natural finish hardwood plywood panels" means panels whose original grain pattern is enhanced by essentially transparent finishes frequently supplemented by fillers and toners.

(vii) "Thin particleboard" is a manufactured board 1/4 inch or less in thickness made of individual wood particles which have been coated with a binder and formed into flat sheets by pressure.

(viii) "Tileboard" means paneling that has a colored waterproof surface coating.

(ix) "Printed interior panels" means panels whose grain or natural surface is obscured by fillers and basecoats upon which a simulated grain or decorative pattern is printed.

8. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (jj) shall apply to facilities at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the surface coating of flat wood paneling equal or exceed 15 pounds per day and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 7.

9. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (jj) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the surface coating of flat wood paneling equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 7.

10. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (jj) shall apply to facilities at which actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the surface coating of flat wood paneling, before controls, equal or exceed 15 pounds per day (or 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period) for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 3., 4., 5., 6., and 7.

(ii) Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in subparagraphs 3., 4., 5., or 6. are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 13.

11. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (jj) shall apply to facilities at which potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the surface coating of flat wood paneling equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside of counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 7.

12. Applicability. The requirements of subparagraphs 10. and 11. will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in those subparagraphs are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015 and such counties continue to maintain that Standard thereafter. Instead, the provisions of subparagraphs 8. and 9. will continue to apply on and after January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of subparagraphs 10. and 11. will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

13. Compliance Schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified in subparagraph 10.(i) must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

**(kk) VOC Emissions from Synthesized Pharmaceutical Manufacturing.**

1. The owner or operator of a synthesized pharmaceutical manufacturing facility shall:

(i) Control the volatile organic compound emissions from all reactors, distillation operations, crystallizers, centrifuges and vacuum dryers that emit 15 pounds per day or more of VOC. Surface condensers or equivalent controls shall be used, provided that:

(I) If surface condensers are used, the condenser outlet gas temperature must not exceed:

I. -13°F when condensing VOC of vapor pressure greater than 5.8 psi, measured at 68°F;

II. 5°F when condensing VOC of vapor pressure greater than 2.9 psi, measured at 68°F;

III. 32°F when condensing VOC of vapor pressure greater than 1.5 psi, measured at 68°F;

IV. 50°F when condensing VOC of vapor pressure greater than 1.0 psi, measured at 68°F;

V. 77°F when condensing VOC of vapor pressure greater than 0.5 psi, measured at 68°F.

(II) If equivalent controls are used, the VOC emissions must be reduced by at least as much as they would be by using a surface condenser which meets the requirements of Part I. of this subparagraph.

(ii) The owner or operator of a synthesized pharmaceutical manufacturing facility subject to this regulation shall reduce the VOC emissions from all air dryers and production equipment exhaust systems;

(I) By at least 90 percent if emissions are 330 pounds per day or more of VOC; or

(II) 33 pounds per day or less if emissions are less than 330 pounds;

(III) The owner or operator of a synthesized pharmaceutical manufacturing facility subject to this regulation shall:

I. Provide a vapor balance system or equivalent control that is at least 90.0 percent effective in reducing emissions from truck or railcar deliveries to storage tanks with capacities greater than 2,000 gallons that store VOC with vapor pressures greater than 4.1 psi at 68°F; and

II. Install pressure/vacuum conservative vents set on all storage tanks that store VOC with vapor pressure greater than 1.5 psi at 68°F unless a more effective control system is used.

(iii) The owner or operator of a synthesized pharmaceutical facility subject to this regulation shall enclose all centrifuges, rotary vacuum filters, and other filters having an exposed liquid surface, where the liquid contains VOC and exerts a total VOC vapor pressure of 0.5 psi or more at 68°F.

(iv) The owner or operator of a synthesized pharmaceutical facility subject to this regulation shall install covers on all in-process tanks containing a volatile organic compound at any time. These covers must remain closed, unless production, sampling, maintenance, or inspection procedures require operator access.

(v) The owner or operator of a synthesized pharmaceutical manufacturing facility subject to this regulation shall repair all leaks from which liquid, containing VOC, can be observed running or dripping. The repair shall be completed the first time the equipment is off-line for a period of time long enough to complete the repair.

2. For the purpose of this regulation, the following definitions also apply:

(i) "Condenser" means a device which cools a gas stream to a temperature which removes specific organic compounds by condensation;

(ii) "Control system" means any number of control devices, including condensers, which are designed and operated to reduce the quantity of VOC emitted to the atmosphere;

(iii) "Reactor" means a vat or vessel, which may be jacketed to permit temperature control, designed to contain chemical reactions;

(iv) "Separation operation" means a process that separates a mixture of compounds and solvents into two or more components. Specific mechanisms include extraction, centrifugation, filtration, and crystallization;

(v) "Synthesized pharmaceutical manufacturing" means manufacture of pharmaceutical products by chemical synthesis;

(vi) "Production equipment exhaust system" means a device for collecting and directing out of the work area VOC fugitive emissions from reactor openings, centrifuge openings, and other vessel openings for the purpose of protecting workers from excessive VOC exposure.

**(ll) VOC Emissions from the Manufacture of Pneumatic Rubber Tires.**

1. The owner or operator of an undertread cementing, tread end cementing, or bead dipping operation subject to this regulation shall:

(i) Install and operate a capture system, designed to achieve maximum reasonable capture from all undertread cementing, tread and cementing and bead dipping operation; and install and operate a control device that effects at least a 90.0 percent reduction efficiency, measured across the control system, and has been approved by the Director.

(ii) The owner or operator of an undertread cementing operation, tread end cementing operation or bead dipping operation may, in lieu of a vapor capture and control system for those operations, make process changes which reduces emissions to a level equal to or below that which would be achieved with emission controls as specified in subparagraph (i) above.

2. The owner or operator of a green tire spraying operation subject to this regulation shall:

(i) Substitute water-based sprays for the normal solvent-based mold release compound; or

(ii) Comply with paragraph 1. of this regulation.

3. If the total volatile organic compound emissions from all undertreading cementing, tread end cementing, bead dipping and green tire spraying operations at a pneumatic rubber tire manufacturing facility do not exceed 57 grams per tire, paragraphs 1. and 2. above shall not apply.

4. For the purpose of this subsection the following definitions also apply:

(i) "Pneumatic rubber tire manufacture" means the undertread cementing, tread end cementing, bead dipping, and green tire spraying associated with the production of pneumatic rubber, passenger type tires on a mass production basis.

(ii) "Passenger type tire" means agricultural, airplane, industrial, mobile home, light and medium duty truck, and passenger vehicle tires with a bead diameter up to but excluding 20.0 inches and cross section dimension up to 12.8 inches.

(iii) "Undertread cementing" means the application of a solvent based cement to the underside of a tire tread.

(iv) "Bead dipping" means the dipping of an assembled tire bead into a solvent based cement.

(v) "Tread end cementing" means the application of a solvent based cement to the tire tread ends.

(vi) "Green tires" means assembled tires before molding and curing have occurred.

(vii) "Green tire spraying" means the spraying of green tires, both inside and outside, with release compounds which help remove air from the tire during molding and prevent the tire from sticking to the mold after curing.

(viii) "Water based spray" means release compounds, sprayed on the inside and outside of green tires, in which solids, water, and emulsifiers have been substituted for organic solvents.

**(mm) VOC Emissions from Graphic Arts Systems.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the operation of a packaging rotogravure, publication rotogravure or flexographic printing facility unless:

(i) For packaging rotogravure and flexographic printing, the VOC content of any ink or coating as applied is equal to or less than one of the following:

(I) 25 percent by volume of the volatile content of the coating or ink; or

(II) 40 percent by volume of the coating or ink, minus water; or

(III) 0.5 pounds of VOC per pound of coating solids.

(ii) For publication rotogravure printing, the VOC content of any ink or coating as applied is equal to or less than one of the following:

(I) 25 percent by volume of the volatile content of the coating or ink; or

(II) 40 percent by volume of the coating or ink, minus water.

2. As an alternative to compliance with the limits in subparagraph 1., an owner or operator of a packaging rotogravure, publication rotogravure or flexographic printing facility may comply with the requirements of this subparagraph by:

(i) Averaging on a 24-hour weighted basis the VOC content of all inks and coatings, as applied, on a single printing line, where the average does not exceed the limits in subparagraph 1.; averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(ii) Installing and operating volatile organic compound emission reduction equipment having at least 90.0 percent reduction efficiency, and a capture system approved by the Director.

3. If, as an alternative to compliance with the limits in subparagraph 1.(i), volatile organic compound emission reduction equipment is installed and operated at a flexible packaging printing facility to comply with subparagraph 2.(ii) it shall have an overall VOC control efficiency that is equal to or greater than the percentage specified in the following subparagraphs (i) through (iv).

(i) 65 percent for a press that was first installed prior to March 14, 1995, and that is controlled by an add-on air pollution control device whose first installation date was prior to February 19, 2012;

(ii) 70 percent for a press that was first installed prior to March 14, 1995, and that is controlled by an add-on air pollution control device whose first installation date was on or after February 19, 2012;

(iii) 75 percent for a press that was first installed on or after to March 14, 1995, and that is controlled by an add-on air pollution control device whose first installation date was prior to February 19, 2012; and

(iv) 80 percent for a press that was first installed on or after March 14, 1995, and that is controlled by an add-on air pollution control device whose first installation date was on or after February 19, 2012.

4. Each owner or operator of a facility that prints flexible packaging shall comply with the following housekeeping requirements for any affected cleaning operation:

(i) store all VOC-containing cleaning materials and used shop towels in closed containers;

(ii) ensure that storage containers used for VOC-containing cleaning materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;

(iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing cleaning materials;

(iv) convey VOC-containing cleaning materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes; and

(v) minimize VOC emissions from cleaning of application, storage, mixing, and conveying equipment by ensuring that equipment cleaning is performed without atomizing the cleaning solvent and all spent solvent is captured in closed containers.

5. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Cleaning" for flexible packaging printing means cleaning of a press, press parts, or removing dried ink from areas around a press. It does not include cleaning electronic components of a press, cleaning in-press or post-press operations or the use of janitorial supplies to clean areas around a press.

(ii) "Flexible packaging printing" refers to printing upon any package or part of a package the shape of which can be readily changed. Flexible packaging includes, but is not limited to, bags, pouches, liners, and wraps utilizing paper, plastic, film, aluminum foil, metalized or coated paper or film, or any combination of these materials.

(iii) "Flexographic printing" means the application of words, designs and pictures to a substrate by means of a roll printing technique in which the pattern to be applied is raised above the printing roll and the image carrier is made of rubber or other elastomeric materials.

(iv) "Packaging rotogravure printing" means rotogravure printing upon paper, paperboard, metal foil, plastic film, and other substrates, which are in subsequent operations, formed into packaging products and labels for articles to be sold.

(v) "Publication rotogravure printing" means rotogravure printing upon paper which is subsequently formed into books, magazines, catalogues, brochures, directories, newspaper supplements, and other types of printed materials.

(vi) "Rotogravure printing" means the application of words, designs and pictures to a substrate by means of a roll printing technique which involves intaglio or recessed image areas in the form of cells.

(vii) "Roll printing" means the application of words, designs and pictures to a substrate usually by means of a series of hard rubber or steel rolls each with only partial coverage.

6. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (mm) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from packaging rotogravure, publication rotogravure, and flexographic printing equal or exceed 25 tons per year and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 5.

7. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (mm) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from packaging rotogravure, publication rotogravure, and flexographic printing equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 5.

8. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (mm) shall apply to facilities at which actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from flexible package printing, before controls, equal or exceed 15 pounds per day (or 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period) for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) Individual presses that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from flexible package printing that equal or exceed 25 tons per year shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1.(i), 2., and 3.

(ii) Individual presses that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from flexible package printing that do not equal or exceed 25 tons per year shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1.(i) and 2.

(iii) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 4., 5., and 14.

(iv) Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in subparagraph 8.(i) or (iii) are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 13.

9. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (mm) shall apply to facilities at which potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from packaging rotogravure, publication rotogravure, and flexographic printing equals or exceeds 25 tons per year but at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from flexible package printing, before controls, is less than 15 pounds per day (or 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period) and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 5.

10. Applicability. On and after January 1 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (mm) shall apply to facilities at which potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from packaging rotogravure, publication rotogravure, and flexographic printing equal or exceeds 100 tons per year but at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from flexible package printing, before controls, is less than 15 pounds per day (or 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period) and are located Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 5.

11. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (mm) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from packaging rotogravure, publication rotogravure, and flexible package printing equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located outside of counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1., 2., and 5.

12. Applicability: The requirements of subparagraphs 8., 9., 10., and 11. will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in those subparagraphs are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015 and such counties continue to maintain that Standard thereafter. Instead, the provisions of subparagraphs 6. and 7. will continue to apply on and after January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of subparagraphs 8., 9., 10., and 11. will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

13. Compliance schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than July 1, 2014.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by November 1, 2014.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified in subparagraph 8.(i) and (iii) must be completed before January 1, 2015.

14. Compliance determinations for inks shall treat volatile compounds not defined as VOCs as water for the purposes of calculating the "percent-by-volume-or-more of water" and the "less water" parts of the ink composition.

**(nn) VOC Emissions from External Floating Roof Tanks.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the storage of petroleum liquids in external floating roof tanks having capacities greater than 40,000 gallons unless:

(i) The vessel has been fitted with:

(I) A continuous secondary seal extending from the floating roof to the tank wall (rim-mounted secondary seal); or

(II) A closure or other device which controls VOC emissions with an effectiveness equal to or greater than a seal required under Part (I) of this subparagraph and approved by the Director.

(ii) All seal closure devices meet the following requirements:

(I) There are no visible holes, tears, or other openings in the seal(s) or seal fabric;

(II) The seal(s) are intact and uniformly in place around the circumference of the floating roof between the floating roof and the tank wall; and

(III) For vapor mounted primary seals, the accumulated area of gaps exceeding 1/8 inch in width between the secondary seal and the tank wall shall not exceed 1.0 inch<sup>2</sup> per foot of tank diameter.

(iii) All openings in the external floating roof, except for automatic bleeder vents, rim space vents, and leg sleeves are:

(I) Equipped with covers, seals, or lids in the closed position except when the openings are in actual use; and

(II) Equipped with projections into the tank which remain below the liquid surface at all times.

(iv) Automatic bleeder vents are closed at all times except when the roof is floated off or landed on the roof leg supports;

(v) Rim vents are set to open when the roof is being floated off leg supports or at the manufacturer's recommended setting; and

(vi) Emergency roof drains are provided with slotted membrane fabric covers or equivalent covers which cover at least 90 percent of the area of the opening.

2. The owner or operator of a petroleum liquid storage vessel with an external floating roof subject to this regulation shall:

(i) Perform routine inspections semi-annually in order to insure compliance with paragraph 1. of this subsection and the inspections shall include a visual inspection of the secondary seal gap;

(ii) Measure the secondary seal gap annually when the floating roof is equipped with a vapor-mounted primary seal; and

(iii) Maintain records of the types of volatile petroleum liquids stored, the maximum true vapor pressure of the liquid as stored, and the results of the inspections performed in subparagraphs 2.(i) and (ii).

3. Copies of all records under paragraphs 2. of this subsection shall be retained by the owner or operator for a minimum of two years after the date on which the record was made.

4. Copies of all records under this section shall immediately be made available to the Director, upon verbal or written request, at any reasonable time.



5. The Director may, upon written notice, require more frequent inspections or modify the monitoring and record keeping requirements, when necessary to accomplish the purposes of this regulation.

6. This regulation does not apply to petroleum liquid storage vessels which:

(i) Are used to store waxy, heavy pour crude oil;

(ii) Have capacities less than 420,000 gallons and are used to store produced crude oil and condensate prior to lease custody transfer;

(iii) Contain a petroleum liquid with a true vapor pressure of less than 1.5 psia;

(iv) Contain a petroleum liquid with a true vapor pressure of less than 4.0 psia; and

(I) Are of welded construction; and

(II) Presently possess a metallic-type shoe seal, a liquid mounted foam seal, a liquid-mounted liquid filled type seal, or other closure device of demonstrated equivalence approved by the Director; or

(III) Are of welded construction, equipped with a metallic-type shoe primary seal and has a secondary seal from the top of the shoe to the tank wall (shoe-mounted secondary seal).

7. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Condensate" means hydrocarbon liquid separated from natural gas which condenses due to changes in the temperature and/or pressure and remains liquid at standard conditions.

(ii) "Crude oil" means a naturally occurring mixture which consists of hydrocarbons and sulfur, nitrogen and/or oxygen derivatives of hydrocarbons which is a liquid at standard conditions.

(iii) "Lease custody transfer" means the transfer of produced crude oil and/or condensate, after processing and/or treating in the producing operations, from storage tanks or automatic transfer facilities to pipelines or any other forms of transportation.

(iv) "External floating roof" means a storage vessel cover in an open top tank consisting of a double deck or pontoon single deck which rests upon and is supported by the petroleum liquid being contained and is equipped with a closure seal or seals to close the space between the roof edge and tank wall.

(v) "Liquid-mounted seal" means a primary seal mounted in continuous contact with the liquid between the tank wall and the floating roof around the circumference of the tank.

(vi) "Petroleum liquids" means crude oil, condensate, and any finished or intermediate products manufactured or extracted in a petroleum refinery.

(vii) "Vapor-mounted seal" means a primary seal mounted so there is an annular vapor space underneath the seal. The annular vapor space is bounded by the bottom of the primary seal, the tank wall, the liquid surface and the floating roof.

(viii) "Waxy, heavy pour crude oil" means a crude oil with a pour point of 50°F or higher as determined by the American Society for Testing and Materials Standards D97-66, "Test for Pour Point of Petroleum Oils."

(oo) **Fiberglass Insulation Manufacturing Plants.**

1. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit or allow the emission of particulate matter from any fiberglass insulation production line to exceed a concentration of 0.04 grains per standard dry cubic foot.

2. For the purpose of this subsection, "Fiberglass insulation production line" means any combination of equipment, devices or contrivances for the manufacture of fiberglass insulation. This does not include glass melting furnaces, equipment associated with the process which is defined herein as "Fuel-burning Equipment," equipment the primary purpose of which involves the handling, storing or packaging of the fiberglass insulation or equipment the primary purpose of which involves the handling, storing or conveying of raw products for input into the glass melting furnace.

(pp) **Bulk Gasoline Plants.**

1. After the compliance date specified in paragraph 6. of this subsection, no owner or operator of a bulk gasoline plant may permit the receiving or dispensing of gasoline by its stationary storage tanks unless:

- (i) Each stationary storage tank is equipped with a submerged fill pipe, approved by the Director; or
- (ii) Each stationary storage tank is equipped with a fill line whose discharge opening is at the tank bottom.
- (iii) Each stationary storage tank has a vapor balance system consisting of the following major components:
  - (I) A vapor space connection on the stationary storage tank equipped with fittings which are vapor tight and will automatically and immediately close upon disconnection so as to prevent release of gasoline or gasoline vapors; and
  - (II) A connecting pipe or hose equipped with fittings which are vapor tight and will automatically and immediately close upon disconnection so as to prevent release of gasoline or gasoline vapors.

2. After the compliance date specified in paragraph 6. of this subsection, no owner or operator of a bulk gasoline plant, or the owner or operator of a tank truck or trailer may permit the transfer of gasoline between the tank truck or trailer and stationary storage tank unless:

- (i) The vapor balance system is in good working order and is connected and operating;
- (ii) The gasoline transport vehicle is maintained to prevent the escape of fugitive vapors and gasses during loading operations;
- (iii) A means is provided to prevent liquid drainage from the loading device when it is not in use or to accomplish complete drainage before the loading device is disconnected; and
- (iv) The pressure relief valves on storage vessels and tank trucks or trailers are set to release at 0.7 psia or greater unless restricted by state or local fire codes or the National Fire Prevention Association guidelines in which case the pressure relief valve must be set to release at the highest possible pressure allowed by these codes or guidelines.

3. The requirements of this subsection shall not apply to stationary storage tanks of less than 2,000 gallons.

4. Sources and persons affected under this subsection shall comply with the vapor collection and control system requirements of subsection [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ss\)](#).

5. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

- (i) "Bottom filling" means the filling of a tank truck or stationary storage tank through an opening that is located at the tank bottom.
- (ii) "Bulk gasoline plant" means a gasoline storage and distribution facility with an average daily throughput of more than 4,000 gallons but less than 20,000 gallons which receives gasoline from bulk terminals by rail and/or trailer transport, stores it in tanks, and subsequently dispenses it via account trucks to local farms, businesses, and service stations.

(iii) "Bulk gasoline terminal" means a gasoline storage facility which receives gasoline from refineries primarily by pipeline, ship, or barge, and delivers gasoline to bulk gasoline plants or to commercial or retail accounts primarily by tank truck and has an average daily throughput of more than 20,000 gallons of gasoline.

(iv) "Gasoline" means any petroleum distillate having a Reid vapor pressure of 4.0 psia or greater.

(v) "Stationary Storage Tank" means all underground vessels and any aboveground vessels never intended for mobile use.

(vi) "Submerged filling" means the filling of a tank truck or stationary tank through a pipe or hose whose discharge opening is not more than six inches from the tank bottom.

(vii) "Vapor balance system" means a combination of pipes or hoses that create a closed system between the vapor spaces of an unloading tank and a receiving tank such that vapors displaced from the receiving tank are transferred to the tank being unloaded.

#### 6. Compliance Dates.

(i) All bulk gasoline plants located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale counties shall be in compliance.

(ii) All bulk gasoline plants located in Catoosa, Richmond and Walker counties shall be in compliance with this subsection by May 1, 2006.

(iii) All bulk gasoline plants located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton counties shall be in compliance with this subsection by June 1, 2008.

#### (qq) **VOC Emissions from Large Petroleum Dry Cleaners.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of VOC from a large petroleum dry cleaner facility to exceed 3.5 pounds per 100 pounds dry weight of articles dry cleaned.

2. The VOC content in all filtration waste shall be reduced to one pound or less per hundred pounds dry weight of articles dry cleaned before disposal and exposure to the atmosphere from a petroleum solvent filtration system; or

3. Install and operate a cartridge filtration system and drain the filter cartridges in the sealed housing for eight hours or more before their removal.

4. Each owner or operator of a large petroleum dry cleaner shall inspect all equipment for leaks every 15 days and repair all petroleum solvent vapor and liquid leaks within three working days after identifying the source of the leaks.

5. Each owner or operator of a large petroleum dry cleaner shall maintain sufficient records to demonstrate compliance and provide them to the Division upon request, for a period of two years.

6. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Cartridge filter" means perforated canisters containing filtration paper and activated carbon that are used in the pressurized system to remove solid particles and fugitive dyes from soil-laden solvents.

(ii) "Large petroleum dry cleaner" means any facility engaged in the process of the cleaning of textile and fabric products in which articles are washed in a nonaqueous solution (solvent), then dried by exposure to a heated air stream and consumes 25 tons or more of a petroleum solvent annually.

(iii) "Solvent recovery dryer" means a class of dry cleaning dryers that employs a condenser to liquefy and recover solvent vapors evaporated in a closed loop recirculating stream of heated air.

**(rr) Gasoline Dispensing Facility - Stage I.**

1. Requirements: After the compliance date specified in subparagraph 16. of this subparagraph, no person may transfer or cause or allow the transfer of gasoline from any delivery vessel into any stationary storage tank subject to subparagraph (rr), unless:

(i) The stationary storage tank is equipped with all of the following:

(I) A submerged fill pipe; and

(II) A Division approved Gasoline Vapor Recovery System as noted below:

A. An Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System as defined in subparagraph 15.(iv) that shall remain in good working condition, such as keeping the vapor return opening free of liquid or solid obstructions, and that also shall be leak tight as determined by tests conducted in accordance with test procedures as approved by the Division; or

B. For existing gasoline dispensing facilities in Catoosa, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, and Walker counties, a Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System as defined in subparagraph 15.(x) that shall remain in good working condition; and

(III) Vents that shall be vertical and at least 12 feet in height from the ground and shall have a Pressure/Vacuum vent valve with settings as specified by applicable Stage I or II vapor recovery CARB executive order. In systems where vents have manifolds, the manifold may be less than 12 feet.

(ii) The vapors displaced from the gasoline stationary storage tank during filling are controlled by one of the following:

(I) A vapor-tight vapor return line from the gasoline stationary storage tank(s) to the delivery vessel for each product delivery line that is connected from the delivery vessel to the gasoline stationary storage tank(s) and a method or procedure that will ensure the vapor line(s) is connected before gasoline can be transferred into the gasoline stationary storage tank(s); or

(II) If a manifold connects all gasoline stationary storage tanks vent lines, a vapor-tight vapor return line connected from a gasoline stationary storage tank being filled to the delivery vessel with sufficient return capacity to control vapors from all gasoline stationary storage tanks being filled at the time and to prevent release of said vapors from the vent line(s) or other gasoline stationary storage tank openings; however, no more than two tanks shall be filled at the same time per connected vapor-tight return line; or

(III) A refrigeration-condensation system or a carbon adsorption system is utilized and recovers at least 90 percent by weight of the organic compounds.

2. Applicability: The requirements contained in this subparagraph shall apply to all stationary storage tanks with capacities of 2,000 gallons or more which were in place before January 1, 1979, and stationary storage tanks with capacities of 250 gallons or more which were in place after December 31, 1978, located at gasoline dispensing facilities located in those counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Spalding, Newton, Walker and Walton.

3. Applicability: Once a gasoline dispensing facility becomes subject to this rule, it will continue to be subject even if the gasoline average throughput rate falls below the applicability threshold.

4. Exemptions: The requirements of this subparagraph shall not apply to stationary storage tanks of less than 550 gallons capacity used exclusively for the fueling of implements of husbandry or to gasoline dispensing facilities that

dispense no more than 10,000 gallons average monthly throughput rate of gasoline, provided the tanks are equipped with submerged fill pipes.

5. Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems installed prior to January 1, 1993 that currently utilize a co-axial Stage I vapor recovery system in which the gasoline stationary storage tanks are not manifolded in any manner and that are utilized at a facility that is not required to have a Stage II vapor recovery system shall be exempted from installing a co-axial poppetted drop tube. All co-axial Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems must be upgraded to Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems before May 1, 2012.

6. Certification and Recertification Testing Requirements: All Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems and Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems at gasoline dispensing facilities shall be certified by the equipment owner as being properly installed and properly functioning in accordance with the applicable CARB Executive Order. Certification and recertification testing shall be conducted by a qualified technician who has a thorough knowledge of the system. Tests shall be conducted in accordance with test procedures as approved by the Division. The fill cap and vapor cap must be removed when performing certification testing.

7. Certification and Recertification Testing Requirements: Testing may be conducted by the Division or by an installation or testing company that meets the minimum criteria established by the Division for conducting such tests. In the case where a party other than the Division will be conducting the testing, the owner or operator shall notify the Division at least five business days in advance as to when and where the testing will occur, what party will conduct the testing, and the CARB Executive Order number associated with the system to be tested. For Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems, a certified and trained individual is required to install and test the System in accordance with the applicable CARB Executive Order.

8. Certification, recertification, and testing and compliance reporting for all Stage I gasoline vapor recovery systems shall be required according to the following schedule:

(i) Certification testing is required within 30 days of system installation for any Stage I gasoline vapor recovery systems approved by the Division after December 31, 2002.

(ii) After June 1, 2008, recertification testing will be required within 12 months following the initial certification or recertification for any Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems approved by the Division.

9. Reporting Requirements: Compliance reporting shall be required within 30 days of the certification or recertification test(s) required by subparagraph 8. This report shall be submitted to the Division and shall include results of all tests conducted for certification or recertification, including failed test results.

10. Maintenance Requirements: The owner or operator of the gasoline dispensing facility shall maintain the Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System or Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System in proper operating condition as specified by the manufacturer and free of defects that could impair the effectiveness of the system. For the purposes of this subparagraph, the following is a list of equipment defects that substantially impair the effectiveness of the systems in reducing gasoline bulk transfer and fugitive vapor emissions:

(i) Absence or disconnection of any component that is a part of the approved system;

(ii) Pressure/vacuum relief valves or dry breaks and drain valves in the spill bucket that are inoperative; and

(iii) Any visible product leaks.

11. Upon identification of any of the defects as described above, the owner or operator of the gasoline dispensing facility shall immediately schedule and implement repair, replacement or adjustment by the company's repair representative as necessary.

12. Recordkeeping Requirements: The following records shall be maintained on-site for two years:

(i) Maintenance records including any repaired or replaced parts and a description of the problems;

(ii) Compliance records including warnings or notices of violation issued by the Division; and

(iii) Gasoline throughput records that will allow the average monthly gasoline throughput rate to be continuously determined.

13. Record disposal may be approved by the Division upon a written request by the owner or operator of the gasoline dispensing facility. Approval may be granted on a case-by-case basis considering volume of records, number of times the records have been inspected by the Division, and the value of maintaining the records.

14. Compliance Inspections: Gasoline dispensing facilities equipped with Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems and Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery Systems shall be subject to annual compliance inspections and functional testing which include but are not limited to the following:

(i) Verification that all equipment is present and maintains a certified system configuration as defined in subparagraphs 15.(iv). or 15.(x), whichever is applicable.

(ii) Inspection of all Stage I vapor recovery related files to ensure that the gasoline dispensing facility has complied with maintenance requirements and other record keeping requirements such as inspection, compliance and volume reports as required by subparagraphs 10., 11., 12., and 13.

(iii) Observation of the use of equipment by facility operators and product suppliers.

(iv) Verification that the facility has complied with the certification and/or recertification testing requirements as specified by subparagraphs 6., 7., and 8., whichever is applicable.

15. Definitions: For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Average monthly throughput rate" means the average of the gallons pumped monthly for the most recent two year period of operation excluding any inactive period. If a facility has not been in operation for two years or does not have access to records for the most recent two years of operation, the Division shall determine the length of time to determine the average of the gallons pumped monthly.

(ii) "CARB" means the California Air Resources Board.

(iii) "Delivery vessel" means tank trucks or trailers equipped with a storage tank and used for the transport of gasoline from sources of supply to stationary storage tanks of gasoline dispensing facilities.

(iv) "Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System" means:

(I) any Stage I gasoline vapor recovery system properly certified under current version of the CARB vapor recovery certification procedures and applicable executive order effective on or after April 1, 2001, and demonstrated efficiency of 98% collection of vapor; or

(II) any Stage I gasoline vapor recovery system whose design has been submitted to the Division, has passed any required certification tests, demonstrated an efficiency of 98% collection of vapors, and whose owner/operator has received a written approval from the Division. The submitted design shall include but may not be limited to drawings detailing all components of the system and a written narrative describing the components and their use.

(v) "Existing gasoline dispensing facility" means any applicable gasoline dispensing facility with an approved Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System that was in operation on or before April 30, 2008.

(vi) "Gasoline" means a petroleum distillate having a Reid vapor pressure of 4.0 psia or greater.

(vii) "Gasoline dispensing facility" means any site where gasoline is dispensed to motor vehicle gasoline tanks from stationary storage tanks.

(viii) "Major Modification" means the addition, replacement, or removal of a gasoline storage tank or a modification that causes the tank top of an underground storage tank to be unburied.

(ix) "Reconstruction" means the replacement of any stationary gasoline storage tank.

(x) "Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System" means:

(I) any Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System properly certified under the CARB vapor recovery certification procedures effective before April 1, 2001, excluding the coaxial poppetted drop tube requirement exempted by subparagraph 5.; or

(II) any Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System whose design has been submitted to the Division, has passed any required certification tests, demonstrated an efficiency of 95% collection of vapor and whose owner/operator has received a written approval from the Division. The submitted design shall include but may not be limited to drawings detailing all components of the system and a written narrative describing the components and their use. Mixing of equipment components certified under separate certification procedures may be allowed when supported by manufacturer or independent third-party certification that the configuration meets or exceeds the applicable performance standards and has received prior written approval from the Division.

(xi) "Stationary storage tank" means all underground vessels and any aboveground vessels never intended for mobile use.

(xii) "Submerged fill pipe" means any fill pipe with a discharge opening which is within a nominal distance of six inches from the tank bottom.

## 16. Compliance Dates

(i) All gasoline dispensing facilities located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties shall be in compliance.

(ii) All gasoline dispensing facilities located in Catoosa, Richmond and Walker counties that dispense more than 50,000 gallons of gasoline per month shall be in compliance with this subparagraph by May 1, 2006.

(iii) All gasoline dispensing facilities located in Catoosa, Richmond and Walker counties that dispense 50,000 gallons or less of gasoline per month shall be in compliance with this subparagraph by May 1, 2007.

(iv) All gasoline dispensing facilities that dispense 100,000 gallons average monthly throughput of gasoline or more per month located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Spalding, Newton and Walton counties shall be in compliance with this subparagraph by June 1, 2008.

(v) All gasoline dispensing facilities that dispense greater than or equal to 50,000 gallons and less than 100,000 gallons average monthly throughput of gasoline per month located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Spalding, Newton and Walton counties shall be in compliance with this subparagraph by November 1, 2008.

(vi) All gasoline dispensing facilities that dispense greater than 10,000 gallons and less than 50,000 gallons average monthly throughput of gasoline-per-month and are located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Spalding, Newton and Walton counties shall be in compliance with this subparagraph by March 1, 2009.

(vii) Upon the effective date of this rule, all newly constructed or reconstructed gasoline dispensing facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Spalding, Newton, Walker and Walton shall be in compliance with this subparagraph upon startup of gasoline dispensing operations.

(viii) Upon the effective date of this rule, all existing gasoline dispensing facilities located in Catoosa, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, Richmond,

Rockdale, and Walker counties that undergo major modification shall be in compliance with the requirements of an approved Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System as defined in subparagraph 15.(iv) upon completion of the modification.

(ix) All existing gasoline dispensing facilities located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties shall be in compliance with the requirements of an approved Enhanced Stage I Gasoline Vapor Recovery System as defined in subparagraph 15.(iv) before May 1, 2012.

**(ss) Gasoline Transport Vehicles and Vapor Collection Systems.**

1. After the compliance date specified in subparagraph 6. of this subparagraph, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the loading or unloading of gasoline from a gasoline transport vehicle of any size capacity unless:

(i) The tank sustains a pressure change of not more than three inches of water in five minutes when pressurized to 18 inches of water and evacuated to six inches of water as tested at least once per year in accordance with test procedures specified by the Division;

(ii) Displays a marking on the right front (passenger) side of the tank, in characters at least 2 inches high, which reads either P/V TEST DATE or EPA27 and the date (month and year) on which the gasoline transport tank was last tested;

(iii) The tank has no visible liquid leaks and no gasoline vapor leaks as measured by a combustible gas detector;

(iv) The owner or operator of the gasoline transport vehicle has submitted to the Division within 30 days of the test date a data sheet in the format specified by the Division containing at a minimum the following information: name of person(s) or company that conducted the test, date of test, test results including a list of any repairs made to the transport vehicle to bring it into compliance and the manufacturer's vehicle identification number (VIN) of the tank truck or frame number of a trailer-mounted tank; and

(v) The transport vehicle has been equipped with fittings which are vapor tight and will automatically and immediately close upon disconnection so as to prevent release of gasoline or gasoline vapors, with a vapor return line and hatch seal designed to prevent the escape of gasoline or gasoline vapors while loading.

2. The owner or operator of a vapor collection and vapor control system shall:

(i) Design and operate the vapor collection and vapor control system and the gasoline loading equipment in a manner that prevents:

(I) Gauge pressure from exceeding 18 inches of water and vacuum from exceeding six inches of water in the gasoline tank truck;

(II) A reading equal to or greater than 100 percent of the lower explosive limit (LEL, measured as propane) at one inch from all points on the perimeter of a potential leak source when measured (in accordance with test procedures specified by the Division) during loading or unloading operations at gasoline dispensing facilities, bulk gasoline plants and bulk gasoline terminals; and

(III) Avoidable visible liquid leaks during loading and unloading operations at gasoline dispensing facilities, bulk gasoline plants and bulk gasoline terminals.

(ii) Within 15 days, repair and retest a vapor collection or vapor control system that exceeds the limits in subparagraph (i) above.

3. Applicability: The requirements of this subparagraph shall apply only to those gasoline transport vehicles which load or unload gasoline at bulk gasoline terminals, bulk gasoline plants, and gasoline dispensing facilities subject to VOC vapor control requirements contained under paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#).



4. The Division may require a pressure/vacuum retest or leak check for any gasoline transport vehicle, vapor collection system, vapor control system, and/or gasoline loading equipment subject to this subparagraph. A gasoline transport vehicle, vapor collection system, vapor control system, and/or gasoline loading equipment for which the Division has required a pressure/vacuum retest or leak check shall:

(i) Cease loading and unloading operations within fourteen (14) days of the date of the initial retest or leak check request unless the retest or leak check has been completed to the satisfaction of the Division;

(ii) Provide written advance notification to the Division of the scheduled time and place of the test in order to provide the Division an opportunity to have an observer present; and

(iii) Supply a copy of the results of all such tests to the Division within 30 days of the test date.

5. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Combustible Gas Detector" means a portable VOC gas analyzer with a minimum range of 0-100 percent of the LEL as propane.

(ii) "Gasoline" means a petroleum distillate having a Reid vapor pressure of 4.0 psia or greater.

(iii) "Gasoline Transport Vehicle" means any mobile storage vessel including tank trucks and trailers used for the transport of gasoline from sources of supply to stationary storage tanks of gasoline dispensing facilities, bulk gasoline plants or bulk gasoline terminals.

(iv) "Gasoline Vapor Leak" means a reading of 100 percent or greater of the Lower Explosive Limit (LEL) of gasoline when measured as propane at a distance of one inch.

(v) "Vapor Collection System" means a vapor transport system, including any piping, hoses and devices, which uses direct displacement by the gasoline being transferred to force vapors from the vessel being loaded into either a vessel being unloaded or vapor control system or vapor holding tank.

(vi) "Vapor Control System" means a system, including any piping, hoses, equipment and devices, that is designed to control the release of volatile organic compounds displaced from a vessel during transfer of gasoline.

6. Compliance Dates.

(i) All gasoline transport vehicles and vapor collection systems operating in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties shall be in compliance.

(ii) All gasoline transport vehicles and vapor collection systems operating in Catoosa, Richmond and Walker counties shall be in compliance with this subparagraph by May 1, 2006.

(iii) All gasoline transport vehicles and vapor collection systems operating in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton counties shall be in compliance with this subparagraph by June 1, 2008.

**(tt) VOC Emissions from Major Sources.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of VOC from any source to exceed the levels specified in paragraph 3. below unless such source has been approved by the Director as utilizing all reasonably available control technology in controlling those VOC emissions.

2. For the purpose of this subsection, "Reasonably Available Control Technology" means the utilization and/or implementation of water based or low solvent coatings, VOC control equipment such as incineration, carbon

adsorption, refrigeration or other like means as determined by the Director to represent reasonably available control technology for the source category in question.

3. The requirements contained in this subsection shall apply to all such sources located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale which have potential VOC emissions exceeding 25 tons-per-year and to all such sources in the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton which have potential VOC emissions exceeding 100 tons-per-year.

#### 4. Compliance Dates.

(i) All sources of VOC emissions subject to this subsection and located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale shall be in compliance.

(ii) All sources of VOC emissions subject to this subsection located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton and in operation on or before October 1, 1999, shall comply with the following compliance schedule:

(I) A demonstration of appropriate reasonably available control technology for controlling VOC emissions from the source must be submitted to the Division no later than October 1, 2000. Each demonstration is subject to approval, denial, or modification by the Division.

(II) A final control plan and application for a permit to construct for the installation of VOC emission control systems and/or modification of coatings, solvents, processes, or equipment must be submitted to the Division no later than April 1, 2001.

(III) On-site construction of emission control systems and/or modification of coatings, solvents, processes, or equipment must be completed by March 1, 2003.

(IV) Full compliance with the applicable requirements of this subsection must be demonstrated through methods and procedures approved by Division on or before May 1, 2003.

(iii) All sources of VOC emissions subject to this subsection located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton and which begin initial operation after October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance upon startup.

(iv) All sources of VOC emissions subject to this subsection and located in Barrow County shall be in compliance by March 1, 2009.

5. For the purpose of determining applicability of this subsection, the emissions of VOC from any source shall exclude all VOC emissions subject to any other more specific VOC requirements contained in other subsections of this Rule.

6. For all Reasonably Available Control Technology demonstrations approved or determined pursuant to this subsection, the Division shall issue a public notice which provides for an opportunity for public comment and an opportunity for a hearing on the determination.

7. All Reasonably Available Control Technology demonstrations, and any modifications or changes to those determinations, approved or determined by the Division pursuant to this subsection shall be submitted by the Division to the U.S. EPA as a revision to the state implementation plan. No Reasonably Available Control Technology demonstration, nor any modification or change to a demonstration, approved or determined by the Division pursuant to this subsection shall revise the state implementation plan or be used as a state implementation plan credit, until it is approved by the U.S. EPA as a state implementation plan revision.

(uu) **Visibility Protection.**

1. The Director shall provide written notice of any permit application or written advance notice of a permit application for a proposed major stationary source or major modification to an existing major stationary source of emissions from which may have an impact on visibility in a Class I area to the federal land manager and the federal official charged with direct responsibility for management of any land within any such area.

2. The Director shall provide such notice within 30 days after receiving an application or written advance notice from a source as described in paragraph 1. above. The notification of a permit application shall include an analysis of the proposed source's anticipated impact on visibility in any federal Class I area and all materials in the application. In addition, the Director shall provide the Federal Land Manager a 60-day notice of any public hearing on that permit application.

3. The Director shall consider any analysis performed and/or written comments made by the Federal Land Manager in any final determination regarding the issuance of the permit provided that such analysis and/or comments are received within 30 days of having been notified by the Division. Where such analysis does not demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Director that an adverse impact will occur, the Director shall explain his decision and give notice of where the explanation can be obtained.

4. The provisions of this paragraph shall apply regardless of whether the proposed facility is to be located in an attainment, unclassified or non-attainment area.

5. The Director may require the source to monitor visibility in any Class I Federal area near the proposed new stationary source or major modification for such purposes and by such means as the Director deems necessary and appropriate.

6. For the purpose of this paragraph, major stationary source or major modification to an existing source shall be defined as in [40 CFR 51.24](#), but only for the pollutants of particulate matter, sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxides.

7. Prior to the issuance of any permit, the Director shall ensure that the source's emissions will be consistent with making reasonable progress towards the national visibility goal of preventing any future, and remedying any existing, impairment of visibility in mandatory Class I areas which impairment results from manmade air pollution. The Director may take into account the cost of compliance, the time necessary for compliance, the energy and non-air quality environmental impacts of compliance, and the useful life of the source.

8. For the purpose of this paragraph, "impact on visibility" means visibility impairment (reductions in visual range and atmospheric discoloration) which interferes with the management, protection, preservation or enjoyment of the visitor's visual experience of the Federal Class I area. This determination must be made on a case-by-case basis taking into account the geographic extent, intensity, duration, frequency and time of visibility impairment, and must have these factors correlate with:

(i) Times of visitor use of the Federal Class I area; and

(ii) The frequency and timing of natural conditions that reduce visibility.

(vv) **Volatile Organic Liquid Handling and Storage.**

1. After the compliance date specified in section 3. of this subsection, no person subject to other VOC requirements contained in other subsections of this Rule may transfer or cause or allow the transfer of any volatile organic liquid other than gasoline from any delivery vessel into a stationary storage tank of greater than 4,000 gallons, unless the tank is equipped with submerged fill pipes.

2. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Delivery Vessel" means any tank truck or trailer equipped with a storage tank in use for the transport of volatile organic liquids from sources of supply to stationary storage tanks; and

(ii) "Submerged Fill Pipe" means any fill pipe with a discharge opening which is within six inches of the tank bottom.

### 3. Compliance Dates.

(i) All volatile organic liquid handling and storage facilities located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale shall be in compliance.

(ii) All volatile organic liquid handling and storage facilities subject to this subsection; located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton; and in operation on or before October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance by May 1, 2003.

(iii) All volatile organic liquid handling and storage facilities subject to this subsection; located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton; and which begin initial operation after October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance upon startup.

(iv) All volatile organic liquid handling and storage facilities subject to this subsection and located in Barrow County shall be in compliance by March 1, 2009.

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### (yy) **Emissions of Nitrogen Oxides from Major Sources.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of nitrogen oxides from any source to exceed the levels specified in paragraph 2. below unless such source has been approved by the Director as meeting the appropriate requirement for all reasonably available control technology in controlling those emissions of nitrogen oxides.

2. The requirements contained in this subsection shall apply to all such sources located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale which have potential emissions of nitrogen oxides, expressed as nitrogen dioxide, exceeding 25 tons-per-year and to all such sources in the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton which have potential emissions of nitrogen oxides, expressed as nitrogen dioxide, exceeding 100 tons-per-year.

### 3. Compliance Dates.

(i) All sources of nitrogen oxides emissions subject to this subsection which have potential emissions of nitrogen oxides, expressed as nitrogen dioxide, exceeding 50 tons per year; were in operation on or before April 1, 2004; and are located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale shall be in compliance.

(ii) All sources of nitrogen oxides emissions subject to this subsection located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton and in operation on or before October 1, 1999, shall comply with the following compliance schedule:

(I) A demonstration of appropriate reasonably available control technology for controlling emissions of nitrogen oxides from the source must be submitted to the Division no later than October 1, 2000. Each demonstration is subject to approval, denial, or modification by the Division.

(II) A final control plan and application for a permit to construct for the installation of nitrogen oxides emission control systems and/or modifications of process or fuel-burning equipment must be submitted to the Division no later than April 1, 2001.

(III) On-site construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or fuel-burning equipment must be completed by March 1, 2003.

(IV) Full compliance with the applicable requirements of this subsection must be demonstrated through methods and procedures approved by Division on or before May 1, 2003.

(iii) All sources of nitrogen oxides emissions subject to this subsection located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton and which begin initial operation after October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance.

(iv) All sources of nitrogen oxides emissions subject to this subsection which have potential emissions, expressed as nitrogen dioxide, not exceeding 50 tons-per-year; were in operation on or before April 1, 2004; and are located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale shall comply with the following compliance schedule:

(I) A demonstration of appropriate reasonably available control technology for controlling emissions of nitrogen oxides from the source must be submitted to the Division no later than October 1, 2004. Each demonstration is subject to approval, denial, or modification by the Division.

(II) A final control plan and application for a permit to construct for the installation of nitrogen oxides emission control systems and/or modifications of process or fuel-burning equipment must be submitted to the Division no later than April 1, 2005.

(III) On-site construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or fuel-burning equipment must be completed by March 1, 2007.

(IV) Full compliance with the applicable requirements of this subsection must be demonstrated through methods and procedures approved by Division on or before May 1, 2007.

(v) All sources of nitrogen oxide emissions subject to this subsection located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale and which begin initial operation after April 1, 2004, shall be in compliance upon startup.

(vi) All sources of nitrogen oxide emissions subject to this subsection and located in Barrow County shall be in compliance by March 1, 2009.

4. The requirements contained in this subsection shall not apply to individual equipment at the source which have potential emissions of nitrogen oxides, expressed as nitrogen dioxide, in quantities less than a de minimis level of one ton-per-year or to air pollution control devices which are installed to effect compliance with any requirement of this Chapter.

5. The requirements contained in this subsection shall not apply to individual equipment at the source which are subject to subsections (jjj), (lll), (mmm), or (nnn) of this section [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#).

6. For the purpose of determining applicability of this subsection, the emissions of nitrogen oxides from any source shall exclude all nitrogen oxides emissions subject to subsections (jjj), (lll), (mmm), or (nnn) of this section [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#).

7. For all Reasonably Available Control Technology demonstrations approved or determined pursuant to this subsection, the Division shall issue a public notice which provides for an opportunity for public comment and an opportunity for a hearing on the determination.

8. All Reasonably Available Control Technology demonstrations, and any modifications or changes to those determinations, approved or determined by the Division pursuant to this subsection shall be submitted by the Division to the U.S. EPA as a revision to the state implementation plan. No Reasonably Available Control Technology demonstration, nor any modification or change to a demonstration, approved or determined by the

Division pursuant to this subsection shall revise the state implementation plan or be used as a state implementation plan credit, until it is approved by the U.S. EPA as a state implementation plan revision.

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(ccc) **VOC Emissions from Bulk Mixing Tanks.**

1. After the compliance date specified in section 4. of this subsection, no person shall let, permit, suffer, or allow the operation of a mixing tank unless the following requirements for control of emissions of volatile organic compounds are satisfied:

(i) All portable and stationary mixing tanks used for the manufacture of any VOC containing material shall be equipped with covers which completely cover the tank except for an opening no larger than necessary to allow for safe clearance of the mixer shaft. The tank opening shall be covered at all times except when operator access is necessary.

(ii) Free fall of VOC containing material into product containers shall be accomplished by utilization of drop tubes, fill pipes or low-clearance equipment design on filling equipment unless demonstrated to the Division impractical for a specific operation.

(iii) Detergents or non-VOC containing cleaners shall be utilized for both general and routine cleaning operations of floors, equipment, and containers unless the cleanup cannot be accomplished without the use of VOC containing cleaners.

(iv) All waste solvents shall be stored in closed containers or vessels, unless demonstrated to be a safety hazard, and shall be disposed or reclaimed such solvents in a manner approved by the Division.

2. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Mixing Tanks" means any vessel in which resin, coating or other materials, or any combination thereof, are added to produce product blend.

3. The requirements of this subsection shall apply to facilities with potential VOC emissions exceeding 25 tons-per-year and located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale and to facilities with potential VOC emissions exceeding 100 tons-per-year and located in the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton.

4. Compliance Dates.

(i) All sources subject to this subsection and located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale shall be in compliance.

(ii) All sources subject to this subsection; located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton; and in operation on or before October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance by May 1, 2003.

(iii) All sources subject to this subsection; located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton; and which begin initial operation after October 1, 1999 shall be in compliance with this subsection upon startup.

(iv) All sources subject to this subsection and located in Barrow County shall be in compliance by March 1, 2009.

(ddd) **VOC Emissions from Offset Lithography and Letterpress.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the operation of any offset lithography printing facility unless:

(i) Offset presses utilize fountain solutions containing 8 percent or less by volume VOCs; and

(ii) The owner or operator installs and operates a VOC emission reduction system for all heatset offset printing operations approved by the Director to have at least a 90 percent reduction efficiency and a capture system approved by the Director, or an equivalent VOC emission rate.

2. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the operation of any sheet-fed offset lithography printing facility unless the VOC content of the on-press (as-applied) fountain solution is:

(i) 5.0 percent alcohol or less (by weight); or

(ii) 8.5 percent alcohol or less (by weight) and the fountain solution is refrigerated to below 60°F (15.5°C); or

(iii) 5 percent alcohol substitute or less (by weight) and no alcohol in the fountain solution.

3. Sheet-fed offset lithography presses with a sheet size of 11 inches by 17 inches or smaller, and presses with a total fountain solution reservoir of less than 1 gallon are exempt.

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of any cold-set web-fed offset lithography printing facility unless the VOC content of the on-press (as applied) fountain solution is 5 percent alcohol substitute or less (by weight) and no alcohol in the fountain solution.

5. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the operation of any heatset web-fed offset lithography printing facility unless the VOC content of the on-press (as-applied) fountain solutions is:

(i) 1.6 percent alcohol or less (by weight); or

(ii) 3.0 percent alcohol or less (by weight) and the fountain solution is refrigerated to below 60°F (15.5°C); or

(iii) 5.0 percent alcohol substitute or less (by weight) and no alcohol in the fountain solution.

6. For heatset web-fed offset lithographic and letterpress printing presses, the owner or operator shall install and operate a VOC emission reduction system for all dryers with a potential to emit greater than or equal to 25 tons of VOC emissions per year prior to controls.

(i) Control devices with an initial installation date on or before January 1, 2015, shall be approved by the Director to have at least a 90 percent reduction efficiency and a capture system approved by the Director.

(ii) Control devices with an initial installation date after January 1, 2015, shall be approved by the Director to have at least a 95 percent reduction efficiency and a capture system approved by the Director.

(iii) For situations where the inlet concentration is so low that 90 or 95 percent efficiency cannot be achieved, an outlet concentration of 20 ppmv as hexane on a dry basis may be used as an alternative.

(iv) Heatset presses used for book printing and heatset presses with a maximum web width of 22 inches or less are exempt from the requirements in of subparagraph 6.(i) through (iii).

(v) The following materials are exempt from the requirements of subparagraph 6.(i) through (iii):

(I) sheet-fed or coldset web-fed inks;

(II) sheet-fed or coldset web-fed varnishes; and

(III) waterborne coatings or radiation (ultra-violet light or electron beam) cured materials used on offset lithographic or letterpress presses.

7. All cleaners used for blanket washing, roller washing, plate cleaners, impression cylinder cleaners, rubber rejuvenators and other cleaners used for cleaning a press, press parts, or to remove dried ink from areas around a press shall have a VOC composite vapor pressure less than 10 mm Hg at 20°Celsius or contain less than 70 weight percent VOC. For those tasks that cannot be carried out with low VOC composite vapor pressure cleaning materials or reduced VOC content cleaning materials, 110 gallons per year of cleaning materials that do not meet the requirements of this subsection may be used.

8. All cleaning materials and used shop towels are to be kept in closed containers.

9. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Cleaning Materials" means the materials used to remove excess printing inks, oils, and residual paper from press equipment. These materials are typically mixtures of organic (often petroleum-based) solvents.

(ii) "Fountain Solution" means the mixture of water and additional ingredients such as etchant, gum arabic and dampening aid which coats the non-image areas of the printing plate.

(iii) "Letterpress printing" means a printing process in which the image area is raised relative to the non-image area and the past ink is transferred to the substrate directly from the image surface.

(iv) "Lithographic printing" means a printing process where the image and the non-image areas are chemically differentiated; the image area is oil receptive and non-image area is water receptive.

(v) "Offset lithography printing" means a printing process that transfers the ink film from the lithographic plate to an intermediary surface (blanket) which then transfers the ink film to the substrate.

(vi) "Sheet-fed" refers to the process in which the substrate is cut into sheets before being printed.

(vii) "Web-fed" refers to the process in which the substrate is supplied to the press in the form of rolls.

10. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (ddd) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from offset lithography printing equal or exceed 25 tons per year and are located in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1. and 9.

11. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (ddd) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from offset lithography printing equal or exceed 100 tons per year and are located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:

(i) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 1. and 9.

12. Applicability. Prior to January 1, 2015, all letterpress printing operations are subject to the applicability and control requirements of subparagraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(tt\)](#).

13. Applicability. On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (ddd) shall apply to facilities at which actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from offset lithographic printing and letter press printing, before controls, equal or exceed 15 pounds per day (or 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period) for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton Counties as follows:



(i) Individual heatset web offset lithographic printing presses and individual heatset web letterpress printing presses that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the dryer, prior to controls, that equal or exceed 25 tons per year shall comply with the provisions of subparagraph 6;

(ii) Individual heatset web offset lithographic printing presses that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the dryer, prior to controls, that do not equal or exceed 25 tons per year and are located at facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from offset lithography printing equal or exceed 25 tons per year in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale Counties shall comply with the provisions of subparagraph 1.(ii);

(iii) Individual heatset web offset lithographic printing presses that have potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from the dryer, prior to controls, that do not equal or exceed 25 tons per year and are located at facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from offset lithography printing equal or exceed 100 tons per year in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton Counties shall comply with the provisions of subparagraph 1.(ii);

(iv) All applicable facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraphs 2., 3., 4., 5., 7., 8., and 9;

(v) Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in subparagraphs 13.(i) or (iv) are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 15.

14. Applicability: The requirements of subparagraph 13. will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in those subparagraphs are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015 and such counties continue to maintain that Standard thereafter. Instead, the provisions of subparagraphs 10., 11., and 12. will continue to apply on and after January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of subparagraph 13. will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

#### 15. Compliance Schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified in subparagraphs 13.(i) and (iv) must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

#### (eee) VOC Emissions from Expanded Polystyrene Products Manufacturing.

1. Except as provided in sections 2., 3., and 4. of this section, after the compliance date specified in section 8. of this subsection, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the VOC emissions from an expandable polystyrene product manufacturing facility to exceed 0.015 lbs VOC/lb bead utilized.

2. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the operation of an expandable polystyrene cup manufacturing facility existing before November 1, 1987 unless the facility has installed and operates volatile organic compound emission reduction equipment on the pre-expanders having at least a 90.0 percent reduction efficiency and a capture system approved by the Director.

3. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the operation of an expandable polystyrene board insulation manufacturing facility existing before January 1, 1990 unless the facility has installed and operates volatile organic compound emission reduction equipment on the pre-expanders so as to achieve at least a 90.0 percent reduction efficiency and a capture system approved by the Director; or limits VOC emissions from the entire facility to no greater than 0.0175 lb VOC/lb bead utilized.

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the operation of an expandable polystyrene custom shape manufacturing facility existing before January 1, 1990, unless the facility utilizes a batch expander and reduced volatile expandable polystyrene bead containing no more than 4.5 percent initial VOC content. The monthly weighted average of all beads used shall not exceed 4.5 percent.

5. For the purposes of this subsection, VOC emitted after the average curing time shall not be considered to be emitted from the facility.

6. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Expandable Polystyrene Products Manufacturing" means the manufacturing of products utilizing expandable polystyrene bead impregnated with a VOC blowing agent.

(ii) "Board Insulation Manufacturers" means producers of thermal insulation, display foam, or floatation products. Thermal insulation production usually requires densities as specified in ASTM C-578, the industry standard for both EPS and XPS insulation applications.

(iii) "Custom Shape Manufacturers" means producers of a variety of different products ranging in density and size and based primarily on customer specifications.

(iv) "Pre-expander" means the system where initial expansion of the bead occurs.

(v) "Process" means the point from the opening of the gaylord to the end of the average curing time.

7. The requirements of this subsection shall apply to facilities with potential VOC emissions exceeding 25 tons per year and located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale and to facilities with potential VOC emissions exceeding 100 tons per year and located in the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton.

8. Compliance Dates.

(i) All sources subject to this subsection and located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale shall be in compliance.

(ii) All sources subject to this subsection located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton; and in operation on or before October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance with this subsection by May 1, 2003.

(iii) All sources subject to this subsection; located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton; and which begin initial operation after October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance with this subsection upon startup.

(iv) All sources subject to this subsection and located in Barrow County shall be in compliance by March 1, 2009.

**(fff) Particulate Matter Emissions from Yarn Spinning Operations.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the rate of particulate matter emissions from a yarn spinning operation with process input rates up to and including 30 tons per hour to equal or exceed the allowable rate of emissions calculated from the following equation.

$$E = 4.1P^{0.67}$$

where:

E = allowable emission rate in pounds per hour;

P = process input weight of raw or partially processed fiber in tons per hour.

2. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the term process, as it applies to the yarn spinning operation, shall include all of the activities from bale delivery, bale stripping, carding, drawing, spinning, twisting, to and including winding, conducted at the facility.

**(ggg) Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills.**

1. The provisions of this subsection apply to each existing municipal solid waste landfill that commenced construction, reconstruction or modification before May 30, 1991 and has accepted waste at any time since November 8, 1987, or has additional design capacity available for future waste deposition. Physical or operational changes made to an existing municipal solid waste landfill solely to comply with this subsection are not considered construction, reconstruction, or modification and would not subject an existing municipal solid waste landfill to the requirements of [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)72](#), which are the Federal New Source Performance Standards for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills.

2. Definitions of all Terms used, but not defined in this subsection, have the meaning given them in 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart WWW, as amended. Terms not defined therein shall have the meaning given them in the federal Clean Air Act, the Georgia Air Quality Act or 40 CFR Part 60 Subparts A and B.

(i) The word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted in this subsection shall mean the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division.

3. For the purposes of implementing the requirements and provisions of the Emission Guidelines of [40 CFR 60](#) Subpart Cc for Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, each existing municipal solid waste landfill meeting the conditions of paragraph 1. of this subsection shall comply with all of the applicable standards, requirements and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart WWW, as amended, which is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the exceptions as follows:

(i) Standards for air emissions from municipal solid waste landfills. The FR 60.752 apply as stated therein with the exception of the following:

(I) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.752\(a\)\(2\)](#), the following provision applies:

When an increase in the maximum design capacity of a landfill exempted from the provisions of [40 CFR 60.752\(b\)](#) through [40 CFR 60.759](#) on the basis of the design capacity exemption in [40 CFR 60.752\(a\)](#) results in a revised maximum design capacity equal to or greater than 2.5 million megagrams and 2.5 million cubic meters, the owner or operator shall comply with the provision of [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)72](#), which are the Federal New Source Performance Standards for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills.

(II) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.752\(b\)\(2\)\(i\)\(B\)](#), the following provision applies:

The collection and control system design plan shall include any alternatives to the operational standards, test methods, procedures, compliance measures, monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting provisions of [40 CFR 60.753](#) through [40 CFR 60.758](#) proposed by the owner or operator. In addition, the collection and control system design plan must specify: (1) the date by which contracts for control system/process modifications shall be awarded, (which shall be no later than 20 months after the date the NMOC emissions rate is first calculated to meet or exceed 50 megagrams per year); (2) the date by which on-site construction or installation of the air pollution control devices(s) or process changes will begin (which shall be no later than 24 months after the date the NMOC emissions rate is first calculated to meet or exceed 50 megagrams per year); and (3) the date by which the construction or installation of the air pollution control devices(s) or process changes will be complete.

(III) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.752\(c\)\(1\) and \(c\)\(2\)](#) which establishes the date that a landfill is subject to 40 CFR Parts 70 and 71, the following date applies:

I. June 23, 1997.

(ii) Operational standards for collection and control systems. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.753](#) apply as stated therein.

(iii) Test methods and procedures. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.754](#) apply as stated therein with the exception of [40 CFR 60.754\(c\)](#), which does not apply.

(iv) Compliance provisions. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.755](#) apply as stated therein.

(v) Monitoring of operations. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.756](#) apply as stated therein.

(vi) Reporting requirements. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.757](#) apply as stated therein with the exception of the following:

(I) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.757\(a\)\(1\)](#), [\(a\)\(1\)\(i\)](#) and [\(a\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#), the following provision applies:

The initial design capacity report shall be submitted by October 1, 1997.

(II) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.757\(b\)\(1\)\(i\)](#), [\(i\)\(A\)](#) and [\(i\)\(B\)](#), the following provision applies:

The initial NMOC emission rate report shall be submitted by October 1, 1997 and may be combined with the initial design capacity report required in [40 CFR 60.757\(a\)](#). Subsequent NMOC emission rate reports shall be submitted annually thereafter, except as provided for in [40 CFR 60.757\(b\)\(1\)\(ii\)](#) and [40 CFR 60.757\(b\)\(3\)](#).

(vii) Recordkeeping requirements. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.758](#) apply as stated therein.

(viii) Specifications for active collection systems. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.759](#) apply as stated therein.

4. Subparagraphs 1. through 3. are applicable PRIOR to the approval of Georgia's state plan implementing the revised Emission Guidelines for existing Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills (40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Cf).

5. Subparagraphs 6. through 8. are applicable AFTER the approval of Georgia's state plan implementing the revised Emission Guidelines for existing Municipal Solid Waste (MSW) Landfills (40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Cf).

6. The provisions of this subparagraph apply to each existing municipal solid waste landfill that commenced construction, reconstruction or modification on or before July 17, 2014 and has either accepted waste at any time since November 8, 1987 or has additional design capacity available for future waste deposition. Physical or operational changes made to an existing municipal solid waste landfill solely to comply with this subparagraph are not considered construction, reconstruction, or modification and would not subject an existing municipal solid waste landfill to the requirements of [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)89.](#), 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart XXX Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills That Commenced Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification After July 17, 2014.

7. Definitions of all Terms used, but not defined in subparagraphs 6. through 8., have the meaning given them in 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Cf. Terms not defined therein shall have the meaning given them in the federal Clean Air Act, the Georgia Air Quality Act or 40 CFR Part 60 Subparts A and B.

(i) Except as noted, the word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted by reference in subparagraphs 6. through 8. shall mean the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. For [40 CFR 60.30f\(c\)](#), [40 CFR 60.35f\(a\)\(5\)](#) and [40 CFR 60.38f\(j\)](#) the word "Administrator" shall mean the Administrator of the EPA.

8. For the purposes of implementing the requirements and provisions of the Emission Guidelines of 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Cf for Existing Municipal Solid Waste Landfills, each existing municipal solid waste landfill meeting the conditions of subparagraph 6. shall comply with all of the applicable standards, requirements and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Cf, which is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the exceptions as follows:

(i) The requirements of the State to incorporate the provisions into an approvable state plan, and

(ii) The provisions of 60.30f.

(iii) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.33f\(d\)\(2\)](#), the following provision applies:

When an increase in the maximum design capacity of a landfill exempted from the provisions of [40 CFR 60.33f](#) through [40 CFR 60.40f](#) on the basis of the design capacity exemption in [40 CFR 60.31f](#) results in a revised maximum design capacity equal to or greater than 2.5 million megagrams and 2.5 million cubic meters, due to reconstruction or modification, that was commenced after July 17, 2014, then the owner or operator shall comply with the provision of 391-3-1-.02(8)(b)89, 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart XXX Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills That Commenced Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification After July 17, 2014.

(iv) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.38f\(d\)\(2\)](#), the following provision applies:

(I) The collection and control system design plan shall include any alternatives to the operational standards, test methods, procedures, compliance measures, monitoring, recordkeeping or reporting provisions of [40 CFR 60.34f](#) through [40 CFR 60.39f](#) proposed by the owner or operator. In addition, the collection and control system design plan must specify:

I. The date by which contracts for control system/process modifications shall be awarded, which shall be no later than 20 months after the date the NMOC emissions rate is first reported to meet or exceed 34 megagrams per year, or the date the NMOC emissions rate is first reported to meet or exceed 50 megagrams per year for a landfill in the closed landfill subcategory, or the date when a surface emission concentration of 500 parts per million methane or greater is reported if conducting Tier 4 surface emissions monitoring;

II. The date by which on-site construction or installation of the air pollution control devices(s) or process changes will begin which shall be no later than 24 months after the date the NMOC emissions rate is first reported to meet or exceed 34 megagrams per year, or the date the NMOC emissions rate is first reported to meet or exceed 50 megagrams per year for a landfill in the closed landfill subcategory, or the date when a surface emission concentration of 500 parts per million methane or greater is reported if conducting Tier 4 surface emissions monitoring; and

III. The date by which the construction or installation of the air pollution control device(s) or process changes will be complete.

(II) Operational standards for collection and control systems. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.34f](#) apply as stated therein.

(III) Test methods and procedures. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.35f](#) apply as stated therein.

(IV) Compliance provisions. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.36f](#) apply as stated therein.

(V) Monitoring of operations. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.37f](#) apply as stated therein.

(VI) Reporting requirements. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.38f](#) apply as stated therein. Except as provided in 7.(i) and 8.(iv).

(VII) Recordkeeping requirements. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.39f](#) apply as stated therein.

(VIII) Specifications for active collection systems. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.40f](#) apply as stated therein.

**(hhh) Wood Furniture Finishing and Cleaning Operations.**

1. Each owner or operator of a wood furniture finishing and cleaning operation shall limit VOC emissions from finishing operations by:

- (i) Using topcoats that contain no more than 0.8 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; or
  - (ii) In lieu of complying with subsection (i), wood furniture finishing operations may comply by:
    - (I) Using a finishing system of sealers that contain no more than 1.9 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; and
    - (II) Using topcoats that contain no more than 1.8 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; or
  - (iii) For wood furniture finishing operations that use acid-cured alkyd amino vinyl sealers and that use acid-cured alkyd amino conversion varnish topcoats:
    - (I) Using sealers that contain no more than 2.3 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; and
    - (II) Using topcoats that contain no more than 2.0 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; or
  - (iv) For wood furniture finishing operations that do not use acid-cured alkyd amino vinyl sealers and that use acid-cured alkyd amino conversion varnish topcoats:
    - (I) Using sealers that contain no more than 1.9 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; and
    - (II) Using topcoats that contain no more than 2.0 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; or
  - (v) For wood furniture finishing operations that use acid-cured alkyd amino vinyl sealers and that do not use acid-cured alkyd amino conversion varnish topcoats:
    - (I) Using sealers that contain no more than 2.3 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; and
    - (II) Using topcoats that contain no more than 1.8 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied; or
  - (vi) Using an averaging approach that demonstrates the wood furniture finishing operation meets the emission limits defined in subsections (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v), averaged on a daily basis throughout the facility; or
  - (vii) Using a control system that will achieve an equivalent reduction in emissions and meet the requirements of subsections (i), (ii), (iii), (iv) or (v) of this section; or
  - (viii) Using a combination of the methods presented in subsections (i), (ii), (iii), (iv), (v), (vi), and (vii).
2. Each owner or operator of a wood furniture finishing and cleaning operation shall limit VOC emissions by using strippable booth coating materials that contain no more than 0.8 pounds of VOC per pound of solids, as applied.
3. Each owner or operator of a wood furniture finishing and cleaning operation shall prepare and maintain a written work practice implementation plan that defines work practices for each wood furniture manufacturing operation and addresses each of the topics specified. The work practice implementation plan shall be submitted to the Division for approval by the compliance dates contained in section 7. This plan shall include: an operator training course; a leak inspection and maintenance plan; a cleaning and washoff solvent accounting system; a spray booth cleaning plan; a storage plan for finishing, cleaning and washoff materials; an application equipment requirement plan; a paint line and gun cleaning plan; and an outline of washoff operations.
4. Each owner or operator of a wood furniture finishing and cleaning operation shall maintain certified product data sheets for each sealer, topcoat, and strippable booth coating material that is used to meet the requirements of sections 1. and 2. of this rule. If solvent or other VOC is added to the finishing material before application, the affected source shall maintain documentation showing the VOC content of the finishing material in pounds of VOC-per-pound of solids, as applied.

5. For the purpose of this subsection the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "As applied" means the VOC and solids content of the finishing material that is actually used for coating the substrate. It includes the contribution of materials used for in-house dilution of the finishing material.

(ii) "Certified product data sheet" means documentation furnished by a coating supplier or an outside laboratory that provides the VOC content by percent weight, the solids content by percent weight, and density of a finishing material, strippable booth coating, or solvent, measured using the EPA Method 24, or an equivalent or alternative method. The VOC content should represent the maximum VOC emission potential of the finishing material, strippable booth coating, or solvent.

(iii) "Sealer" means a finishing material used to seal the pores of a wood substrate before additional coats of finishing material are applied. Washcoats, which are used in some finishing systems to optimize aesthetics, are not sealers.

(iv) "Stain" means any color coat having a solids content by weight of no more than 8.0 percent that is applied in single or multiple coats directly to the substrate. This includes, but is not limited to, nongrain raising stains, equalizer stains, sap stains, body stains, no-wipe stains, penetrating stains, and toners.

(v) "Strippable booth coating" means a coating that:

(1) is applied to a booth wall to provide a protective film to receive overspray during finishing operations;

(2) that is subsequently peeled off and disposed; and

(3) by achieving (1) and (2), reduces or eliminates the need to use organic solvents to clean booth walls.

(vi) "Topcoat" means the last film-building finishing material applied in a finishing system. Non-permanent final finishes are not topcoats.

(vii) "Wood Furniture" means any product made of wood, a wood product such as rattan or wicker, or an engineered wood product such as particleboard that is manufactured under any of the following standard industrial classification codes: 2434, 2511, 2512, 2517, 2519, 2521, 2531, 2541, 2599, or 5712.

6. The requirements of this subsection shall apply to facilities with potential VOC emissions exceeding 25 tons-per-year and located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale and to facilities with potential VOC emissions exceeding 100 tons-per-year and located in the counties of Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton.

7. Compliance Dates.

(i) All sources subject to this subsection and located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale shall be in compliance.

(ii) All sources subject to this subsection; located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton; and in operation on or before October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance with this subsection by May 1, 2003.

(iii) All sources subject to this subsection; located in the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, and Walton; and which begin initial operation after October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance with this subsection upon startup.

(iv) All sources subject to this subsection and located in Barrow County shall be in compliance by March 1, 2009.

(iii) **Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators.**

1. The provisions of this subparagraph apply to each hospital/medical/infectious waste incinerator (HMIWI) that commenced construction no later than December 1, 2008 or commenced modification no later than April 6, 2010 (hereinafter referred to as an "Existing HMIWI"). Physical or operational changes made to an Existing HMIWI solely to comply with this subparagraph are not considered construction or modification and would not subject an Existing HMIWI to the requirements of [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)73](#).

(i) A combustor is not subject to this subparagraph during periods when only pathological waste, low-level radioactive waste, and/or chemotherapeutic waste (all defined in [40 CFR 60.51c](#)) is burned, provided the owner or operator of the combustor:

(I) Notifies the Director of an exemption claim; and

(II) Keeps records on a calendar quarter basis of the periods of time when only pathological waste, low-level radioactive waste and/or chemotherapeutic waste is burned.

(ii) Any co-fired combustor (defined in [40 CFR 60.51c](#)) is not subject to this subparagraph if the owner or operator of the co-fired combustor:

(I) Notifies the Director of an exemption claim;

(II) Provides an estimate of the relative amounts of hospital waste, medical/infectious waste, and other fuels and wastes to be combusted; and

(III) Keeps records on a calendar quarter basis of the weight of hospital waste and medical/infectious waste combusted, and the weight of all other fuels and wastes combusted at the co-fired combustor.

(iii) Any combustor required to have a permit under section 3005 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act is not subject to this subparagraph.

(iv) Any combustor which meets the applicability requirements under subpart Cb, Ea, or Eb of 40 CFR Part 60 is not subject to this subparagraph.

(v) Any pyrolysis unit (defined in [40 CFR 60.51c](#)) is not subject to this subparagraph.

(vi) Cement kilns firing hospital waste and/or medical/infectious waste are not subject to this subparagraph.

2. Each Existing HMIWI is subject to the permitting requirements of [391-3-1-.03\(10\)](#) "Title V Operating Permits."

3. Definitions of all Terms used, but not defined in this subparagraph, shall have the meaning given to them in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ec, as amended on April 4, 2011. Terms not defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the federal Clean Air Act or 40 CFR Part 60, Subparts A and B. For the purposes of this subparagraph the following definitions also apply:

(i) Except as noted, the word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted by reference in this subparagraph shall mean the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. For subparagraph (iii)6. the word "Administrator" shall mean the Administrator of the EPA.

4. For the purposes of implementing the requirements and provisions of the Emission Guidelines of [40 CFR 60](#), Subpart Ce for Existing HMIWIs, each Existing HMIWI shall comply with the standards, requirements and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ec, as amended on April 4, 2011, which is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference, with the exceptions as follows:

(i) The provisions of [40 CFR 60.50c](#) apply to each Existing HMIWI as stated therein with the exception of the following:

(I) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.50c\(a\)](#), the following provision applies:



Except as provided in [40 CFR 60.50c\(b\) through \(h\)](#), this subparagraph shall apply to each existing HMIWI, as identified in subparagraph 1.

(II) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.50c\(e\)](#), the following provision applies:

Any combustor which meets the applicability requirements under 40 CFR Part 60 Subparts Cb, Ea, or Eb is not subject to this subparagraph.

(III) The provisions of [40 CFR 60.50c\(j\), \(k\), \(l\), \(m\), and \(n\)](#) do not apply to an Existing HMIWI.

(ii) Emission Limits. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.52c](#) apply to each Existing HMIWI as stated therein with the exception of the following:

(I) In lieu of [40 CFR 60.52c\(a\)](#), the following provisions apply:

I. From an affected facility constructed on or before June 20, 1996 no owner or operator of an Existing HMIWI shall cause to be discharged into the atmosphere from that affected facility any gases that contain stack emissions in excess of the applicable limits found in Table 1B of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ce.

II. From an affected facility constructed after June 20, 1996 but no later than December 1, 2008 no owner or operator of an Existing HMIWI shall cause to be discharged into the atmosphere from that affected facility any gases that contain stack emissions in excess of the applicable limits found in the more stringent of the requirements listed in Table 1B of 40 CFR Subpart Ce and Table 1A of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ec.

(II) The provisions of [40 CFR 60.52c\(c\), \(d\), and \(e\)](#) do not apply to an Existing HMIWI.

(iii) Operator Training. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.53c](#) apply to each Existing HMIWI as stated therein.

(iv) Siting Requirements. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.54c](#) do not apply to an Existing HMIWI.

(v) Waste Management Plan. The provisions of [40 CFR 60.55c](#) apply to each Existing HMIWI as stated therein.

(vi) Compliance and Performance Testing. In lieu of [40 CFR 60.56c](#), Section [2.117.2](#) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants applies to each Existing HMIWI.

(vii) Monitoring Requirements. In lieu of [40 CFR 60.57c](#), Section [2.117.3](#) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants applies to each Existing HMIWI.

(viii) Reporting and Record Keeping Requirements. In lieu of [40 CFR 60.58c](#), Section [2.117.4](#) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants applies to each Existing HMIWI.

(ix) Table 1B of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ec does not apply to an Existing HMIWI.

5. In keeping with subparagraph (iii)4., owners and operators of existing HMIWI units must comply with Georgia's state plan for existing HMIWI units, which is required by 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ce. The owner operator of each existing HMIWI unit shall comply with the requirements of [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(iii\)4.](#) upon approval of Georgia's state plan for existing HMIWI units by EPA.

6. The owner of an existing HMIWI unit must contact EPA with respect to the following subparagraphs (i) through (v) as specified in [40 CFR 60.50c\(i\)](#).

(i) The requirements of [40 CFR 60.56c\(j\)](#) establishing operating parameters when using controls other than those listed in [40 CFR 60.56c\(d\)](#)

(ii) Approval of alternative methods of demonstrating compliance under [40 CFR 60.8](#) including:

(I) Approval of CEMS for PM, HCl, multi-metals, and Hg where used for purposes of demonstrating compliance,

(II) Approval of continuous automated sampling systems for dioxin/ furan and Hg where used for purposes of demonstrating compliance, and

(III) Approval of major alternatives to test methods;

(iii) Approval of major alternatives to monitoring;

(iv) Waiver of recordkeeping requirements; and

(v) Performance test and data reduction waivers under [40 CFR 60.8\(b\)](#)

**(jjj) NOx Emissions from Electric Utility Steam Generating Units.**

1. Effective May 1, 1999, through September 30, 1999, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of NOx from an affected unit under this subsection unless:

(i) The NOx emissions from each affected unit(s) do not exceed the alternative emission limit established by the Director for the unit(s). Said alternative emission limits shall be determined by the Division and established in the Title V Permit for the affected unit(s). In no case shall the alternative emission limits established pursuant to this section, averaged over all affected units on a maximum rated heat input capacity basis, be greater than the average allowable rate specified in subsection 1.(ii).

(ii) If the person does not comply with all alternative emission limits established under subsection 1.(i) above, the person shall demonstrate that the NOx emissions, averaged over all affected units, do not exceed 0.34 lb/MMBTU heat input.

2. Effective May 1, 2000 through September 30, 2002, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of NOx from an affected unit under this subsection unless:

(i) The NOx emissions from each affected unit(s) do not exceed the alternative emission limit established by the Director for the unit(s). Said alternative emission limits shall be determined by the Division and established in the Title V Permit for the affected unit(s). In no case shall the alternative emission limits established pursuant to this section, averaged over all affected units on a maximum rated heat input capacity basis, be greater than the average allowable rate specified in subsection 2.(ii).

(ii) If the person does not comply with all alternative emission limits established under subsection 2.(i) above, the person shall demonstrate that the NOx emissions, averaged over all affected units, do not exceed 0.30 lb/MMBTU heat input.

3. Effective May 1, 2003, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of NOx from an affected unit under this subsection unless:

(i) The NOx emissions from each affected unit(s) do not exceed the alternative emission limit established by the Director for the unit(s). Said alternative emission limits shall be determined by the Division and established in the Title V Permit for the affected unit(s). In no case shall the alternative emission limits established pursuant to this section, averaged over all affected units using the highest 30 consecutive days of actual heat input for 1999, be greater than the average allowable rate specified in subsection 3.(ii).

(ii) If the person does not comply with all alternative emission limits established under subsection 3.(i) above, the person shall demonstrate that the NOx emissions, averaged over all affected units, do not exceed 0.13 lb/MMBTU heat input.

4. Effective May 1, 2003, through September 30, 2006, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of NOx from an affected unit under this subsection unless:

(i) The NOx emissions from each affected unit(s) do not exceed the alternative emission limit established by the Director for the unit(s). Said alternative emission limits shall be determined by the Division and established in the Title V Permit for the affected unit(s). In no case shall the alternative emission limits established pursuant to this section, averaged over all affected units using the highest 30 consecutive days of actual heat input for 1999, be greater than the average allowable rate specified in subsection 4.(ii).

(ii) If the person does not comply with all alternative emission limits established under subsection 4.(i) above, the person shall demonstrate that the NOx emissions, averaged over all affected units, do not exceed 0.20 lb/MMBTU heat input.

5. Effective May 1, 2007, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of NOx from an affected unit under this subsection unless:

(i) The NOx emissions from each affected unit(s) do not exceed the alternative emission limit established by the Director for the unit(s). Said alternative emission limits shall be determined by the Division and established in the Title V Permit for the affected unit(s). In no case shall the alternative emission limits established pursuant to this section, averaged over all affected units using the highest 30 consecutive days of actual heat input for 1999, be greater than the average allowable rate specified in subsection 5.(ii).

(ii) If the person does not comply with all alternative emission limits established under subsection 5.(i) above, the person shall demonstrate that the NOx emissions, averaged over all affected units, do not exceed 0.18 lb/MMBTU heat input.

6. Effective May 1, 2007, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of NOx from an affected unit under this subsection unless:

(i) The NOx emissions from each affected unit(s) do not exceed the alternative emission limit established by the Director for the unit(s). Said alternative emission limits shall be determined by the Division and established in the Title V Permit for the affected unit(s). In no case shall the alternative emission limits established pursuant to this section, averaged over all affected units using the highest 30 consecutive days of actual heat input for 1999, be greater than the average allowable rate specified in subsection 6.(ii).

(ii) If the person does not comply with all alternative emission limits established under subsection 6.(i) above, the person shall demonstrate that the NOx emissions, averaged over all affected units, do not exceed 0.17 lb/MMBTU heat input.

7. The compliance period shall be based on a 30-day rolling average beginning May 1 and ending September 30 of each year.

(i) The first 30-day averaging period shall begin on May 1.

(ii) The last 30-day averaging period shall end on September 30.

(iii) Affected units under this subsection shall be all coal-fired electric utility steam generating units with a maximum heat input greater than 250 MMBTU/hr.

8. The requirements contained in sections 1 and 2 of this subsection shall apply to all such sources located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale. The requirements contained in Section 3 of this subsection shall apply to all such sources located in the counties of Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Heard, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale. The requirements contained in sections 4 and 5 of this subsection shall apply to all such sources located in the counties of Bartow, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta,

DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Heard, Henry, Monroe, Paulding, Putnam, and Rockdale. The requirements contained in Section 6 of this subsection shall apply to sources located in Monroe County.

**(kkk) VOC Emissions from Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Facilities.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from the coating of aerospace vehicles or components to exceed:

(i) 2.9 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, delivered to a coating applicator that applies primers. For general aviation rework facilities, the VOC limitation shall be 4.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, delivered to a coating applicator that applies primers.

(ii) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, delivered to a coating applicator that applies topcoats (including self-priming topcoats). For general aviation rework facilities, the VOC limitation shall be 4.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, delivered to a coating applicator that applies topcoats (including self-priming topcoats).

(iii) The VOC content limits listed in Table (kkk) -1 below expressed in pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, delivered to a coating applicator that applies specialty coatings.

**TABLE (kkk) -1 Specialty Coating VOC Limitations**

<b>Coating Type</b>	<b>VOC Content Limit (lb/gal)</b>	<b>VOC Content Limit (g/L)</b>
Ablative Coating	5.0	600
Adhesion Promoter	7.4	890
Adhesive Bonding Primers:		
Cured at 250°F or below	7.1	850
Cured above 250°F	8.6	1030
Adhesives:		
Commercial Interior Adhesive	6.3	760
Cyanoacrylate Adhesive	8.5	1,020
Fuel Tank Adhesive	5.2	620
Nonstructural Adhesive	3.0	360
Rocket Motor Bonding Adhesive	7.4	890
Rubber-based Adhesive	7.1	850
Structural Autoclavable Adhesive	0.5	60
Structural Nonautoclavable Adhesive	7.1	850
Antichafe Coating	5.5	660
Bearing Coating	5.2	620
Caulking and Smoothing Compounds	7.1	850
Chemical Agent-Resistant Coating	4.6	550
Clear Coating	6.0	720
Commercial Exterior Aerodynamic Structure Primer	5.4	650
Compatible Substrate Primer	6.5	780
Corrosion Prevention Compound	5.9	710
Cryogenic Flexible Primer	5.4	645
Cryoprotective Coating	5.0	600
Dry Lubricative Material	7.3	880
Electric or Radiation-Effect Coating	6.7	800
Electrostatic Discharge and Electromagnetic Interference (EMI) Coating	6.7	800

<b>Coating Type</b>	<b>VOC Content Limit (lb/gal)</b>	<b>VOC Content Limit (g/L)</b>
Elevated Temperature Skydrol Resistant Commercial Primer	6.2	740
Epoxy Polyamide Topcoat	5.5	660
Fire-Resistant (Interior) Coating	6.7	800
Flexible Primer	5.3	640
Flight-Test Coatings:		
Missile or Single Use Aircraft	3.5	420
All Other	7.0	840
Fuel-Tank Coating	6.0	720
High-Temperature Coating	7.1	850
Insulation Covering	6.2	740
Intermediate Release Coating	6.3	750
Lacquer	6.9	830
Maskants:		
Bonding Maskant	10.3	1,230
Critical Use and Line Sealer Maskant	8.5	1,020
Seal Coat Maskant	10.3	1,230
Metallized Epoxy Coating	6.2	740
Mold Release	6.5	780
Optical Anti-Reflective Coating	6.3	750
Part Marking Coating	7.1	850
Pretreatment Coating	6.5	780
Rain Erosion-Resistant Coating	7.1	850
Rocket Motor Nozzle Coating	5.5	660
Scale Inhibitor	7.3	880
Screen Print Ink	7.0	840
Sealants:		
Extrudable/Rollable/Brushable Sealant	2.3	280
Sprayable Sealant	5.0	600
Silicone Insulation Material	7.1	850
Solid Film Lubricant	7.3	880
Specialized Function Coating	7.4	890
Temporary Protective Coating	2.7	320
Thermal Control Coating	6.7	800
Wet Fastener Installation Coating	5.6	675
Wing Coating	7.1	850

(iv) 5.2 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, delivered to a coating applicator that applies Type I chemical milling maskants.

(v) 1.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, delivered to a coating applicator that applies Type II chemical milling maskants.

(vi) The following aerospace activities are exempt from the coating emission limits in subparagraphs 1.(i) through (v): touchup coating, aerosol coating, and the application of Department of Defense classified coatings; coatings used on space vehicles; and facilities that comply with the low volume usage exemption in subparagraph 10.

2. The emission limitations in subparagraph (kkk) shall be achieved by:

(i) The application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the specified applicable limitation expressed in pounds of VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, stated in subparagraph 1.; or

(ii) The application of low solvent coating technology where the monthly volume-weighted average VOC content of each specified coating type meets the specified applicable limitation expressed in pounds of VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents, stated in subparagraph 1.; averaging is not allowed between primers, topcoats (including self-priming topcoats), specialty coating types, Type I milling maskants, and Type II milling maskants or any combination of the above coating categories; or

(iii) Control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that the control system has a VOC reduction efficiency of 81 percent or greater.

3. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation shall apply all spray applied non-exempt primers, topcoats, and specialty coatings utilizing one or more of the spray application techniques specified below:

(i) High-volume low-pressure (HVLP) spraying;

(ii) Electrostatic spray application;

(iii) Airless spray application;

(iv) Air-assisted airless spray application; or

(v) Other coating application methods that achieve emission reductions equivalent to HVLP, electrostatic spray application, airless spray, or air-assisted airless spray application methods, as determined by the Director.

4. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation shall ensure that all application devices used to apply primers, topcoats (including self-priming topcoats), and specialty coatings are operated according to company procedures, local specified operating procedures, and/or the manufacturer's specifications, whichever is most stringent, at all times. Equipment modified by the owner or operator shall maintain a transfer efficiency equivalent to HVLP, electrostatic spray application, airless spray application, or air-assisted airless spray application techniques.

5. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation shall comply with the following housekeeping requirements for any affected cleaning operation. Aqueous cleaning solvents and hydrocarbon-based solvents which have a maximum composite vapor pressure of 7 mm Hg at 20°C are exempt from these requirements.

(i) Solvent-laden cloth, paper, or any other absorbent applicators used for cleaning shall be placed in bags or other closed containers upon completing their use. These bags and containers must be kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials from the container. The bags and containers used must be of such a design so as to contain the vapors of the cleaning solvent. Cotton-tipped swabs used for very small cleaning operations are exempt from this requirement.

(ii) All fresh and spent cleaning solvents, except semi-aqueous solvent cleaners, used in aerospace cleaning operations shall be stored in closed containers.

(iii) Conduct the handling and transfer of cleaning solvents to or from enclosed systems, vats, waste containers, and other cleaning operation equipment that hold or store fresh spent cleaning solvents in such a manner that spills are minimized.

6. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation utilizing hand-wipe cleaning operations (excluding the cleaning of spray gun equipment performed in accordance with subparagraph 7.) shall comply with one of the following:

(i) Utilize cleaning solvent solutions that are classified as an aqueous cleaning solvent and/or a hydrocarbon-based cleaning solvent with a maximum composite vapor pressure of 7 mm Hg at 20°C.

(ii) Utilize cleaning solvent solutions that have a composite vapor pressure of 45 mm Hg or less at 20°C.

7. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation shall clean all spray guns used in the application of primers, topcoats (including self-priming topcoats), and specialty coatings utilizing one or more of the following techniques:

(i) Enclosed System: Spray guns shall be cleaned in an enclosed system that is closed at all times except when inserting or removing the spray gun. Cleaning shall consist of forcing cleaning solvent through the gun. If leaks are found, repairs shall be made as soon as practicable, but no later than 15 days after the leak was found. If the leak is not repaired by the 15th day after detection, the cleaning solvent shall be removed and the enclosed cleaner shall be shut down until the leak is repaired or its use is permanently discontinued.

(ii) Nonatomized Cleaning: Spray guns shall be cleaned by placing cleaning solvent in the pressure pot and forcing it through the gun with the atomizing cap in place. No atomizing air is to be used. The cleaning solvent from the spray gun shall be directed into a vat, drum, or other waste container that is closed when not in use.

(iii) Disassembled Spray Gun Cleaning: Spray guns shall be cleaned by disassembling and cleaning the components by hand in a vat, which shall remain closed at all times except in use. Alternatively, the components shall be soaked in a vat, which shall remain closed during the soaking period and when not inserting or removing components.

(iv) Atomizing cleaning: Spray guns shall be cleaned by forcing the cleaning solvent through the gun and directing the resulting atomized spray into a waste container that is fitted with a device designed to capture the atomized cleaning solvent emissions.

8. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation that includes a flush cleaning operation shall empty the used cleaning solvents each time aerospace parts or assemblies, or components of a coating unit (with the exception of spray guns) are flush cleaned into an enclosed container or collection system that is kept closed when not in use or into a system with equivalent emission control approved by the Director. Hydrocarbon-based solvents which have a maximum composite vapor pressure of 7 mm Hg at 20°C and aqueous and semi-aqueous materials are exempt from the requirements of subparagraph (kkk).

9. The following activities are not regulated by subparagraph (kkk):

(i) Research and development;

(ii) Quality control;

(iii) Laboratory testing activities;

(iv) Metal finishing;

(v) Electrodeposition (except for the electrodeposition of paints);

(vi) Composites processing (except for cleaning and coating of composite parts or components that become part of an aerospace vehicle or component as well as composite tooling that comes in contact with such composite parts or components prior to cure);

(vii) Electronic parts and assemblies (except for cleaning and topcoating of completed assemblies);

(viii) Manufacture of aircraft transparencies;

(ix) Wastewater treatment operations;

(x) Regulated activities associated with space vehicles designed to travel beyond the limit of the earth's atmosphere, including but not limited to satellites, space stations, and the space shuttle;

- (xi) Maintenance and rework of antique aerospace vehicles and components;
  - (xii) Chemical milling;
  - (xiii) Rework of aircraft or aircraft components if the holder of the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) design approval, or the holder's licensee, is not actively manufacturing the aircraft or aircraft components;
  - (xiv) Parts and assemblies not critical to the vehicle's structural integrity or flight performance;
  - (xv) Primers, topcoats, specialty coatings, chemical milling maskants, strippers, and cleaning solvents that meet the definition of non-VOC material, as determined from manufacturer's representations, such as in a material safety data sheet or product data sheet, or testing, except that if an owner or operator chooses to include one or more non-VOC primer, topcoat, specialty coating, or chemical milling maskant in averaging under subparagraph 2.(ii);
  - (xvi) Primers, topcoats, and specialty coatings that meet the definition of "classified national security information" in subparagraph 17.(xvii).
10. The requirements for primers, topcoats, specialty coatings, and chemical milling maskants in subparagraphs 1.(i), 1.(ii), 1.(iii), 1.(iv) and 1.(v) do not apply to the use of low-volume coatings in these categories for which the rolling twelve month total of each separate formulation used at a facility does not exceed 50 gallons, and the combined rolling twelve month total of all such primers, topcoats, specialty coatings, and chemical milling maskants used at a facility does not exceed 200 gallons. Primers, topcoats, and specialty coatings exempted under subparagraphs 9. and 11. are not included in the 50 and 200 gallon limits.
11. The following situations are exempt from the requirements of subparagraphs 3. and 4.:
- (i) Any situation that normally requires the use of an airbrush or an extension on the spray gun to properly reach limited access spaces;
  - (ii) The application of coatings that contain fillers that adversely affect atomization with HVLP spray guns and that cannot be applied by any of the application methods specified in subparagraph 3.;
  - (iii) The application of coatings that normally have a dried film thickness of less than 0.0013 centimeter (0.0005 inches) and that cannot be applied by any of the application methods specified in subparagraph 3.;
  - (iv) The spray application of no more than 3.0 fluid ounces of coating in a single application (i.e., the total volume of a single coating formulation applied during any one day to any one aerospace vehicle or component) from a hand-held device with a paint cup capacity that is equal to or less than 3.0 fluid ounces (89 cubic centimeters). Using multiple small paint cups or refilling a small paint cup to apply more than 3.0 fluid ounces under the requirements of subparagraph (kkk) is prohibited. If a paint cup liner is used in a reusable holder or cup, then the holder or cup must be designed to hold a liner with a capacity of no more than 3.0 fluid ounces. For example, a 3.0 ounce liner cannot be used in a holder that can also be used with a 6.0 ounce liner under the requirements of subparagraph (kkk);
  - (v) The use of airbrush application methods for stenciling, lettering, and other identification markings;
  - (vi) The use of hand-held non-refillable spray (aerosol) can application methods;
  - (vii) Touchup and repair operations;
  - (viii) Adhesives, sealants, maskants, caulking materials, and inks; and
  - (ix) The application of coatings that contain less than 0.17 pounds of VOC per gallon of coating.
12. The following cleaning operations are exempt from the requirements of subparagraph 6.:



- (i) Cleaning during the manufacture, assembly, installation, maintenance, or testing of components of breathing oxygen systems that are exposed to the breathing oxygen;
- (ii) Cleaning during the manufacture, assembly, installation, maintenance, or testing of parts, subassemblies, or assemblies that are exposed to strong oxidizers or reducers (e.g., nitrogen tetroxide, liquid oxygen, or hydrazine);
- (iii) Cleaning and surface activation prior to adhesive bonding;
- (iv) Cleaning of electronic parts and assemblies containing electronic parts;
- (v) Cleaning of aircraft and ground support equipment fluid systems that are exposed to the fluid including air-to-air heat exchangers and hydraulic fluid systems;
- (vi) Cleaning of fuel cells, fuel tanks, and confined spaces;
- (vii) Surface cleaning of solar cells, coating optics, and thermal control surfaces;
- (viii) Cleaning during fabrication, assembly, installation, and maintenance of upholstery, curtains, carpet, and other textile materials used in the interior of the aircraft;
- (ix) Cleaning of metallic and non-metallic materials used in honeycomb cores during the manufacture or maintenance of these cores, and cleaning of the completed cores used in the manufacture or maintenance of aerospace vehicles or components;
- (x) Cleaning of aircraft transparencies, polycarbonate, or glass substrates;
- (xi) Cleaning and solvent usage associated with research and development, quality control, and laboratory testing;
- (xii) Cleaning operations, using nonflammable liquids, conducted within five feet of energized electrical systems. Energized electrical systems means any AC or DC electrical circuit on an assembled aircraft once electrical power is connected, including interior passenger and cargo areas, wheel wells, and tail sections; and
- (xiii) Cleaning operations identified as essential uses under the Montreal Protocol for which the U.S. EPA has allocated essential use allowances or exemptions.

13. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation shall submit a monitoring plan to the Division that specifies the applicable operating parameter value, or range of values, to ensure ongoing compliance with subparagraph 2.(iii). The monitoring device shall be installed, calibrated, operated, and maintained in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

14. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation utilizing an enclosed spray gun cleaner shall visually inspect the seals and all other potential sources of leaks at least once per month. Each inspection shall occur while the spray gun cleaner is in operation.

15. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation utilizing coatings specified in subparagraph 1. shall maintain the following records:

- (i) If following the compliance option in subparagraph 2.(i), a current list of each coating formulation including the specific category, VOC content as applied, and the annual amount used for each coating.
- (ii) If following the compliance option in subparagraph 2.(ii), a current list of each coating formulation including the specific category, VOC content as applied, the monthly amount used for each coating, and the calculated monthly volume-weighted average VOC content of each specified coating type expressed in pounds of VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water and exempt solvents.

(iii) If following the compliance option in subparagraph 2.(iii), continuous records demonstrating the control device was operating at the required destruction efficiency at all times the coating process was in operation and records demonstrating the control device was achieving the required destruction efficiency while the coating process was in operation.

(iv) If using the low volume usage exemption in subparagraph 10., a list of each separate formulation and quantity applied each month and the twelve-consecutive month total of each formulation and the twelve-consecutive month total of all materials exempted.

16. Each owner or operator of an aerospace manufacturing and/or rework operation utilizing cleaning solvents shall maintain the following records:

(i) Maintain a current list of hand-wipe and flush cleaning solvents with documentation that demonstrates that the cleaning solvent complies with one of the composition requirements in subparagraph 6.(i) and for semi aqueous cleaning solvent used for flush cleaning. This list shall include the annual amount of each applicable solvent used.

(ii) Maintain a current list of hand-wipe cleaning solvents with their respective vapor pressures or, for blended solvents, VOC composite vapor pressures for all vapor pressure compliant hand-wipe cleaning solvents listed in subparagraph 6.(ii). This list shall include the monthly amount of each applicable solvent used.

(iii) Maintain a current list of all cleaning solvents with a vapor pressure greater than 45 mm Hg used in exempt hand-wipe cleaning operations. This list shall identify the applicable exemption(s) for each process and include the monthly amount of each applicable solvent used.

(iv) Maintain a record of all leaks from enclosed gun cleaners, as found during the monthly inspection required by subparagraph 14.. The record shall include the identification of the leaking paint gun cleaner, the date the leak was discovered, and the date the leak was repaired.

17. For the purpose of subparagraph (kkk), the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Ablative coating" means a coating that chars when exposed to open flame or extreme temperatures, as would occur during the failure of an engine casing or during aerodynamic heating. The ablative char surface serves as an insulative barrier, protecting adjacent components from the heat or open flame.

(ii) "Adhesion promoter" means a very thin coating applied to a substrate to promote wetting and form a chemical bond with the subsequently applied material.

(iii) "Adhesive bonding primer" means a primer applied in a thin film to aerospace components for the purpose of corrosion inhibition and increased adhesive bond strength by attachment. There are two categories of adhesive bonding primers: primers with a design cure at 250°F or below and primers with a design cure above 250°F.

(iv) "Aerosol coating" means a coating applied by means of a hand-held, pressurized container, which is non-refillable or which utilizes non-refillable propellant canisters and which expels an adhesive or a coating in a finely divided spray when a valve on the container is depressed.

(v) "Aerospace facility" means any facility that produces, reworks, or repairs in any amount any commercial, civil, or military aerospace vehicle or component. Regulated activities include coating, chemical milling, solvent use, and repainting operations.

(vi) "Aerospace vehicle or component" means any fabricated part, processed part, assembly of parts, or completed unit, with the exception of electronic components, of any aircraft.

(vii) "Aircraft transparency" means the aircraft windshield, canopy, passenger windows, lenses and other components which are constructed of transparent materials.

(viii) "Airless and air-assisted airless spray" mean any coating spray application technology that relies solely on the fluid pressure of the coating to create an atomized coating spray pattern and does not apply any atomizing compressed air to the coating before it leaves the spray gun nozzle. Air-assisted airless spray uses compressed air to shape and distribute the fan of atomized coating, but still uses fluid pressure to create the atomized coating.

(ix) "Antichafe coating" means a coating applied to areas of moving aerospace components that may rub during normal operations or installation.

(x) "Antique aerospace vehicle or component" means an aircraft or component thereof that was built at least 30 years ago. An antique aerospace vehicle would not routinely be in commercial or military service in the capacity for which it was designed.

(xi) "Aqueous cleaning solvent" means a cleaning solvent in which water is the primary ingredient (greater than 80 percent by weight of cleaning solvent solution as applied must be water). Detergents, surfactants, and bioenzyme mixtures and nutrients may be combined with the water along with a variety of additives such as organic solvents (e.g., high boiling point alcohols), builders, saponifiers, inhibitors, emulsifiers, pH buffers, and antifoaming agents. Aqueous solutions must have a flash point greater than 93°C (200°F) (as reported by the manufacturer) and the solution must be miscible with water.

(xii) "Bearing coating" means a coating applied to an antifriction bearing, a bearing housing, or the area adjacent to such a bearing in order to facilitate bearing function or to protect base material from excessive wear. A material shall not be classified as a bearing coating if it can also be classified as a dry lubricative material or a solid film lubricant.

(xiii) "Bonding maskant" means a temporary coating used to protect selected areas of aerospace parts from strong acid or alkaline solutions during processing for bonding.

(xiv) "Caulking and smoothing compounds" means semi-solid materials which are applied by hand application methods and are used to aerodynamically smooth exterior vehicle surfaces or fill cavities such as bolt hole accesses. A material shall not be classified as a caulking and smoothing compound if it can be classified as a sealant.

(xv) "Chemical agent-resistant coating (CARC)" means an exterior topcoat designed to withstand exposure to chemical warfare agents or the decontaminants used on these agents.

(xvi) "Chemical milling maskants" means a coating that is applied directly to aluminum components to protect surface areas when chemical milling the component with a Type I or Type II etchant. Type I chemical milling maskants are used with a Type I etchant and Type II chemical milling maskants are used with a Type II etchant. This definition does not include bonding maskants, critical use and line sealer maskants, and seal coat maskants. Additionally, maskants that must be used with a combination of Type I or Type II etchants and any of the above types of maskants are also not included in this definition. (See also Type I and Type II etchant definitions.)

(xvii) "Classified National Security Information" means information that has been determined pursuant to Executive Order 13526, "Classified National Security Information," December 29, 2009 or any successor order to require protection against unauthorized disclosure and is marked to indicate its classified status when in documentary form. The term "Classified Information" is an alternative term that may be used instead of "Classified National Security Information."

(xviii) "Cleaning operation" means collectively spray-gun, hand-wipe, and flush cleaning operations.

(xix) "Cleaning solvent" means a liquid material used for hand-wipe, spray gun, or flush cleaning. This definition does not include solutions that contain no VOCs (i.e., VOC content less than 1.0 weight percent).

(xx) "Clear coating" means a transparent coating applied over a colored opaque coating, metallic substrate, or placard to give improved gloss and protection to the color coat. In some cases, a clearcoat refers to any transparent coating without regard to substrate.

(xxi) "Coating" means a material that is applied to a substrate for decorative, protective, or functional purposes. Such materials include, but are not limited to, paints, sealants, liquid plastic coatings, caulks, inks, adhesives, and maskants. Decorative, protective, or functional materials that consist only of protective oils for metal, acids, bases, or any combination of these substances; paper film or plastic film which may be precoated with an adhesive by the film manufacturer; or pre-impregnated composite sheets are not considered coatings for the purposes of subparagraph (kkk). Materials in handheld non-refillable aerosol containers, touch-up markers, and marking pens are also not considered coatings for the purposes of subparagraph (kkk). A liquid plastic coating means a coating made from fine particle-size polyvinyl chloride (PVC) in solution (also referred to as a plastisol).

(xxii) "Coating operation" means using a spray booth, tank, or other enclosure or any area, such as a hangar, for applying a single type of coating (e.g., primer); using the same spray booth for applying another type of coating (e.g., topcoat) constitutes a separate coating operation for which compliance determinations are performed separately.

(xxiii) "Coating unit" means a series of one or more coating applicators and any associated drying area and/or oven wherein a coating is applied, dried, and/or cured. A coating unit ends at the point where the coating is dried or cured, or prior to any subsequent application of a different coating. It is not necessary to have an oven or flashoff area to be included in this definition.

(xxiv) "Commercial exterior aerodynamic structure primer" means a primer used on aerodynamic components and structures that protrude from the fuselage, such as wings and attached components, control surfaces, horizontal stabilizers, vertical fins, wing-to-body fairings, antennae, landing gear, and doors, for the purpose of extended corrosion protection and enhanced adhesion.

(xxv) "Commercial interior adhesive" means materials used in the bonding of passenger cabin interior components. These components must meet FAA fireworthiness requirements.

(xxvi) "Compatible substrate primer" means either compatible epoxy primer or adhesive primer.

(xxvii) "Corrosion prevention compound" means a compound that provides corrosion protection by displacing water and penetrating mating surfaces, forming a protective barrier between the metal surface and moisture. Coatings containing oils or waxes are excluded from this category.

(xxviii) "Critical use and line sealer maskant" means a temporary coating, not covered under other maskant categories, used to protect selected areas of aerospace parts from strong acid or alkaline solutions such as those used in anodizing, plating, chemical milling and processing of magnesium, titanium, or high-strength steel, high-precision aluminum chemical milling of deep cuts, and aluminum chemical milling of complex shapes. Materials used for repairs or to bridge gaps left by scrubbing operations are also included in this category.

(xxix) "Cryogenic flexible primer" means a primer designed to provide corrosion resistance, flexibility, and adhesion of subsequent coating systems when exposed to loads up to and surpassing the yield point of the substrate at cryogenic temperatures (-275°F and below).

(xxx) "Cryoprotective coating" means a coating that insulates cryogenic or subcooled surfaces to limit propellant boil-off, maintain structural integrity of metallic structures during ascent or reentry, and prevent ice formation.

(xxxi) "Cyanoacrylate adhesive" means a fast-setting, single component adhesive that cures at room temperature. Also known as "super glue."

(xxxii) "Depainting operation" means the use of a chemical agent, media blasting, or any other technique to remove permanent coatings from the outer surface of an aerospace vehicle or components. The depainting operation includes washing of the aerospace vehicle or component to remove residual stripper, media, or coating residue.

(xxxiii) "Dry lubricative material" means a coating consisting of lauric acid, cetyl alcohol, waxes, or other noncross linked resin-bond materials that act as a dry lubricant.

(xxxiv) "Electric or radiation-effect coating" means a coating or coating system engineered to interact, through absorption or reflection, with specific regions of the electromagnetic energy spectrum, such as the ultraviolet, visible, infrared, or microwave regions. Uses include, but are not limited to, lighting strike protection, electromagnetic pulse (EMP) protection, and radar avoidance. Coatings that have been designated as "classified" by the Department of Defense are exempt.

(xxxv) "Electrostatic discharge and electromagnetic interference (EMI) coating" means a coating applied to space vehicles, missiles, aircraft radomes, and helicopter blades to disperse static energy or reduce electromagnetic interference.

(xxxvi) "Elevated-temperature Skydrol-resistant commercial primer" means a primer applied primarily to commercial-type aircraft that must withstand immersion in phosphate-ester (PE) hydraulic fluid (Skydrol 500b or equivalent) at the elevated temperature of 150°F for 1,000 hours.

(xxxvii) "Epoxy polyamide topcoat" means a coating used where harder films are required or in some areas where engraving is accomplished in camouflage colors.

(xxxviii) "Exempt solvent" means a specified organic compound that has been determined by the EPA to have negligible photochemical reactivity and is listed in [40 CFR 51.100](#) and/or [391-3-1-.01\(III\)](#).

(xxxix) "Fire-resistant (interior) coating" means for civilian aircraft, fire-resistant coatings are used on passenger cabin interior parts that are subject to the FAA fire-worthiness requirements. For military aircraft, fire-resistant interior coatings are used on parts that are subject to the flammability requirements of MIL-STD-1630A and MIL-A-87721. For space applications, these coatings are used on parts that are subject to the flammability requirements of SE-R-0006 and SSP 30233.

(xl) "Flexible primer" means a primer that meets flexibility requirements such as those needed for adhesive bond primer fastener heads or on surfaces expected to contain fuel. The flexible coating is required because it provides a compatible, flexible substrate over bonded sheet rubber and rubber-type coatings as well as a flexible bridge between fasteners, skin, and skin-to-skin joints on outer aircraft skins.

(xli) "Flight test coating" means a coating applied to aircraft other than missiles or single-use aircraft prior to flight testing to protect the aircraft from corrosion and to provide required marking during flight test evaluation.

(xlii) "Flush cleaning" means the removal of contaminants such as dirt, grease, and coatings from an aerospace vehicle or component or coating equipment by passing solvent over, into, or through the item being cleaned. The solvent may simply be poured into the item cleaned and then drained, or be assisted by air or hydraulic pressure, or by pumping. Hand-wipe cleaning operations where wiping, scrubbing, mopping, or other hand actions used are not included in this definition.

(xliii) "Fuel tank adhesive" means a non-rubber based adhesive used to bond components exposed to fuel and which must be compatible with fuel tank coatings.

(xliv) "Fuel tank coating" means a coating applied to fuel tank components for the purpose of corrosion and/or bacterial growth inhibition and to assure sealant adhesion in extreme environmental conditions.

(xlv) "General aviation" means that segment of civil aviation that encompasses all facets of aviation except air carriers, commuters, and military. General aviation includes charter and corporate-executive transportation, instruction, rental, aerial application, aerial observation, business, pleasure, and other special uses.

(xlvi) "General aviation rework facility" means any aerospace facility with the majority of its revenues resulting from the reconstruction, repair, maintenance, repainting, conversion, or alteration of general aviation aerospace vehicles or components.

(xlvii) "Hand-wipe cleaning operation" means removing contaminants such as dirt, grease, oil, and coatings from an aerospace vehicle or component by physically rubbing it with a material such as a rag, paper, or cotton swab that has been moistened with a cleaning solvent.

(xlviii) "High temperature coating" means a coating designed to withstand temperatures of more than 350°F.

(xlix) "High volume low pressure (HVLP) spray equipment" means spray equipment that is used to apply coating by means of a spray gun that operates at 10.0 psig of atomizing air pressure or less at the air cap.

(l) "Hydrocarbon-based cleaning solvent" means a cleaning solvent that is composed of a mixture of photochemically reactive hydrocarbons and oxygenated hydrocarbons and have a maximum vapor pressure of seven mm Hg at 20°C. These cleaners also contain no hazardous air pollutants.

(li) "Insulation covering" means material that is applied to foam insulation to protect the insulation from mechanical or environmental damage.

(lii) "Intermediate release coating" means a thin coating applied beneath topcoats to assist in removing the topcoats in repainting operations and generally to allow the use of less hazardous repainting methods.

(liii) "Lacquer" means a clear or pigmented coating formulated with a nitrocellulose or synthetic resin to dry by evaporation without a chemical reaction. Lacquers are resolvable in their original solvent.

(liv) "Leak" means any visible leakage, including misting and clouding.

(lv) "Metallized epoxy coating" means a coating that contains relatively large quantities of metallic pigmentation for appearance and/or added protection.

(lvi) "Mold release" means a coating applied to a mold surface to prevent the molded piece from sticking to the mold as it is removed.

(lvii) "Non-VOC material" means a primer, topcoat, specialty coating, chemical milling maskant, cleaning solvent, or stripper that contains no more than 1.0 percent by mass VOC.

(lviii) "Nonstructural adhesive" means an adhesive that bonds nonload bearing aerospace components in noncritical applications and is not covered in any other specialty adhesive categories.

(lix) "Optical antireflection coating" means a coating with a low reflectance in the infrared and visible wavelength ranges that is used for antireflection on or near optical and laser hardware.

(lx) "Part marking coating" means coatings or inks used to make identifying markings on material, components, and/or assemblies. These markings may be either permanent or temporary.

(lxi) "Pretreatment coating" means an organic coating that contains at least 0.5 percent acids by weight and is applied directly to metal or composite surfaces provide surface etching, corrosion resistance, adhesion, and ease of stripping.

(lxii) "Primer" means the first layer and any subsequent layers of identically formulated coating applied to the surface of an aerospace vehicle or component. Primers are typically used for corrosion prevention, protection from the environment, functional fluid resistance, and adhesion of subsequent coatings. Primers that are defined as specialty coatings are not included under this definition.

(lxiii) "Rain erosion-resistant coating" means a coating or coating system used to protect leading edges of parts such as flaps, stabilizers, radomes, engine inlet nacelles, etc., against erosion caused by rain impact during flight.

(lxiv) "Research and development" means an operation whose primary purpose is for research and development of new processes and products and that is conducted under the close supervision of technically trained personnel and is

not involved in the manufacture of final or intermediate products for commercial purposes, except in a de minimis manner.

(lxv) "Rocket motor bonding adhesive" means an adhesive used in rocket motor bonding applications.

(lxvi) "Rocket motor nozzle coating" means a catalyzed epoxy coating system used in elevated temperature applications on rocket motor nozzles.

(lxvii) "Rubber-based adhesive" means a quick setting contact cement that provide a strong, yet flexible bond between two mating surfaces that may be of dissimilar materials.

(lxviii) "Scale Inhibitor" means a coating that is applied to the surface of a part prior to thermal processing to inhibit the formation of scale.

(lix) "Screen print ink" means an ink used in screen printing processes during fabrication of decorative laminates and decals.

(lxx) "Sealant" means a material used to prevent the intrusion of water, fuel, air, or other liquids or solids from certain areas of aerospace vehicles or components.

(lxxi) "Seal coat maskant" means an overcoat applied over a maskant to improve abrasion and chemical resistance during production operations.

(lxxii) "Self-priming topcoat" means a topcoat that is applied directly to an uncoated aerospace vehicle or component for purposes of corrosion prevention, environmental protection, and functional fluid resistance. More than one layer of identical coating formulation may be applied to the vehicle or component.

(lxxiii) "Semi-aqueous cleaning solvent" means a solution in which water is a primary ingredient (greater than 60 percent by weight of the solvent solution as applied must be water).

(lxxiv) "Silicone insulation material" means an insulating material applied to exterior metal surfaces for protection from high temperatures caused by atmospheric friction or engine exhaust. These materials differ from ablative coatings in that they are not "sacrificial."

(lxxv) "Solid film lubricant" means a very thin coating consisting of a binder system containing as its main pigment material one or more of the following: molybdenum, graphite, polytetrafluoroethylene (PTFE), or other solids that act as a dry lubricant between faying surfaces.

(lxxvi) "Specialty coating" means a coating that, even though it meets the definition of a primer, topcoat, or self-priming topcoat, has additional performance criteria beyond those of primers, topcoats, and self-priming topcoats for specific applications. These performance criteria may include, but are not limited to, temperature or fire resistance, substrate compatibility, antireflection, temporary protection or marking, sealing, adhesively joining substrates, or enhanced corrosion protection.

(lxxvii) "Specialized function coating" means a coating that fulfills extremely specific engineering requirements that are limited in application and are characterized by low volume usage. This category excludes coatings covered in other Specialty coating categories.

(lxxviii) "Spray-applied coating operation" means coatings that are applied using a device that creates an atomized mist of coating and deposits the coating on a substrate. For the purposes of subparagraph (kkk), spray-applied coatings do not include the following materials or activities:

(I) Coatings applied from a hand-held device with a paint cup capacity that is equal to or less than 3.0 fluid ounces (89 cubic centimeters) in which no more than 3.0 fluid ounces of coating is applied in a single application (i.e., the total volume of a single coating formulation applied during any one day to any one aerospace vehicle or component). Under this definition, the use of multiple small paint cups and the refilling of a small paint cup to spray

apply more than 3.0 fluid ounces of a coating is a spray-applied coating operation. Under this definition, the use of a paint cup liner in a reusable holder or cup that is designed to hold a liner with a capacity of more than 3.0 fluid ounces is a spray-applied coating operation.

(II) Application of coating using powder coating, hand-held non-refillable aerosol containers, or non-atomizing application technology, including but not limited to paint brushes, rollers, flow coating, dip coating, electrodeposition coating, web coating, coil coating, touch-up markers, marking pens, trowels, spatulas, daubers, rags, sponges, mechanically and/or pneumatic-driven syringes, and inkjet machines.

(III) Application of adhesives, sealants, maskants, caulking materials, and inks.

(lxxix) "Spray gun" means a device that atomizes a coating or other material and projects the particulates or other material onto a substrate.

(lxxx) "Stripper" means a liquid that is applied to an aerospace vehicle or component to remove permanent coatings such as primers, topcoats, and specialty coatings.

(lxxxi) "Structural autoclavable adhesive" means an adhesive used to bond load-carrying aerospace components that is cured by heat and pressure in an autoclave.

(lxxxii) "Structural nonautoclavable adhesive" means an adhesive used to bond load-carrying aerospace components that is cured under ambient conditions.

(lxxxiii) "Surface preparation" means the removal of contaminants from the surface of an aerospace vehicle or component or the activation or reactivation of the surface in preparation for the application of a coating.

(lxxxiv) "Temporary protective coating" means a coating applied to provide scratch or corrosion protection during manufacturing, storage, or transportation. Two types include peelable protective coatings and alkaline removable coatings. These materials are not intended to protect against strong acid or alkaline solutions.

(lxxxv) "Thermal control coating" means a coating formulated with specific thermal conductive or radiative properties to permit temperature control of the substrate.

(lxxxvi) "Topcoat" means a coating that is applied over a primer on a aerospace vehicle or component for appearance, identification, camouflage, or protection. Topcoats that are defined as specialty coatings are not included under this definition.

(lxxxvii) "Touch-up and repair coating" means a coating used to cover minor coating imperfections appearing after the main coating operation.

(lxxxviii) "Touch-up and repair operation" means that portion of the coating operation that is the incidental application of coating used to cover minor imperfections in the coating finish or to achieve complete coverage. This definition includes out-of-sequence or out-of-cycle coating.

(lxxxix) "Type I etchant" means a chemical milling etchant that contains varying amounts of dissolved sulfur and does not contain amines.

(xc) "Type II etchant" means a chemical milling etchant that is a strong sodium hydroxide solution containing amines.

(xci) "Wet fastener installation coating" means a primer or sealant applied by dipping, brushing, or daubing to fasteners that are installed before the coating is cured.

(xcii) "Wing coating" means a corrosion-resistant topcoat that is resilient enough to withstand the flexing of the wings.



## 18. Applicability.

(i) The requirements of subparagraph (kkk) shall apply to all aerospace facilities with potential emissions of volatile organic compounds exceeding 100 tons per year, except in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, and Rockdale, where facilities with potential emissions of volatile organic compounds exceeding 25 tons per year are subject to subparagraph (kkk).

(ii) Effective January 1, 2015, the requirements of subparagraph (kkk) shall apply to all aerospace facilities with potential emissions of volatile organic compounds exceeding 25 tons per year in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding, or Walton County. The requirements of this subparagraph (ii) will no longer be applicable if the counties specified in this subparagraph (ii) are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in these counties or the counties specified in subparagraph (i) above, the requirements of this subparagraph (ii) will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

## 19. Compliance Dates.

(i) All aerospace facilities subject to subparagraph (kkk) and located in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale shall be in compliance.

(ii) All aerospace facilities subject to subparagraph (kkk); located outside Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties; and in operation on or before October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance by January 1, 2001.

(iii) All aerospace facilities subject to subparagraph (kkk); located outside Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale counties; and which begin initial operation after October 1, 1999, shall be in compliance upon startup.

(iv) All aerospace facilities subject to subparagraph (kkk) and utilizing specialty coatings that begin operation after the effective date of this rule shall be in compliance upon startup. All aerospace facilities subject to subparagraph (kkk) and utilizing specialty coatings that are in operation on or before the effective date of this rule shall be in compliance on or before March 31, 2019.

## (III) NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions From Fuel-Burning Equipment.

1. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emission of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) from an affected unit under this subparagraph that is installed or modified on or after May 1, 1999, to exceed 30 ppm at 3% oxygen on a dry basis.

2. The requirements of this subparagraph shall apply during the period May 1 through September 30 of each year.

3. All affected units subject to this subparagraph shall be in compliance on or before May 1, 2000.

4. The requirements contained in Subparagraph 1. shall apply to all such affected units as defined in subparagraph

5.(i) that are located in the counties of Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Rockdale, Spalding, Troup, Upson, and Walton.

5. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definitions apply:

(i) "Affected Unit" means fuel-burning equipment with a maximum design heat input capacity equal to or greater than 10 MMBTU/hr and less than or equal to 250 MMBTU/hr.

(ii) "Annual Capacity Factor" as used in this subparagraph means the ratio between the actual heat input to the fuel-burning equipment from fuels other than wood during a period of 12 consecutive calendar months and the potential heat input to the fuel-burning equipment from all fuels had the fuel-burning equipment been operated 8,760 hours during that 12-month period at the maximum design heat input capacity.

(iii) "Modified" as used in subparagraph 1. shall be as defined in [40 CFR 60.14](#).

(iv) "Wood" means wood, wood residue, bark, or any derivative fuel or residue thereof, in any form, including, but not limited to, sawdust, sanderdust, wood chips, scraps, slabs, millings, shavings, and processed pellets made from wood or other forest residues.

6. The requirements of this subparagraph do not apply to the following:

(i) Fuel-burning equipment, which was permitted under [391-3-1-.03\(1\)](#) on or before May 1, 1999, or which was brought onto the facility on or before May 1, 1999.

(ii) Duct burners associated with combined cycle gas turbines.

(iii) Fuel-burning equipment located in any of the following counties: Banks, Butts, Chattooga, Clarke, Dawson, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Heard, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Oconee, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Troup, and Upson that combusts either:

(I) wood alone; or

(II) wood in combination with any other fuel and has annual capacity factor for the other fuels of 10 percent (0.10) or less and is subject to an enforceable requirement limiting operation of the equipment to an annual capacity factor for the other fuels of 10 percent (0.10) or less.

**(mmm) NO<sub>x</sub> Emissions from Stationary Gas Turbines and Stationary Engines used to Generate Electricity.**

1. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emission of nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), from any stationary gas turbine or any stationary engine used to generate electricity whose nameplate capacity is greater than or equal to 100 kilowatts (KWe) and is less than or equal to 25 megawatts (MWe), to exceed the following:

(i) For stationary engines in operation before April 1, 2000:

160 ppm @ 15% O<sub>2</sub>, dry basis

(ii) For stationary engines installed or modified on or after April 1, 2000:

80 ppm @ 15% O<sub>2</sub>, dry basis

(iii) For stationary gas turbines in operation on or after January 1, 1999 and before October 1, 1999:

42 ppm @ 15% O<sub>2</sub>, dry basis

(iv) For stationary gas turbines installed or modified on or after October 1, 1999:

30 ppm @ 15% O<sub>2</sub>, dry basis

2. The requirements of this subsection shall apply during the period May 1 through September 30 of each year.

3. Compliance Dates.

(i) For stationary engines in operation before April 1, 2000, the affected unit shall comply with the applicable standard under paragraph 1 above by May 1, 2003.

(ii) For stationary engines installed or modified on or after April 1, 2000, the affected unit shall comply with the applicable standard under paragraph 1 upon startup of the affected unit.

(iii) For stationary gas turbines in operation on or after January 1, 1999 and before October 1, 1999, the affected unit shall comply with the applicable standard under paragraph 1 above by May 1, 2000.

(iv) For stationary gas turbines in installed or modified on or after October 1, 1999, the affected unit shall comply with the applicable standard under paragraph 1 upon startup of the affected unit.

4. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

(i) "Emergency standby stationary gas turbines and stationary engines" means any stationary gas turbine or stationary engine that operates only when electric power from the local utility is not available and which operates less than 200 hours per year.

(ii) "Modified" shall be as defined in [40 CFR 60.14](#).

(iii) "Stationary engine" means any spark or compression ignited internal combustion engine which is either attached to a foundation at a facility or is portable equipment located at a specific facility.

(iv) "Stationary gas turbine" means any gas turbine that is gas and/or liquid fueled with or without power augmentation. It is either attached to a foundation at a facility or is portable equipment located at a specific facility.

#### 5. Exemptions.

The following units are exempt from the provisions of this subsection:

(i) Stationary engines used to power portable rock crushing plants.

(ii) Stationary engines used directly and exclusively for agricultural operation necessary for the growing of crops or the raising of fowl or animals.

(iii) Stationary gas turbines and stationary engines not connected to an electrical generator.

(iv) Laboratory engines or gas turbines used for research and testing purposes.

(v) Engines or gas turbines operated by the manufacturer or distributor of such equipment for purposes of performance verification and testing at the production facility.

(vi) Portable, temporary generators used for special events (i.e., county fair, circus) provided the event does not last more than 14 days.

(vii) Nonroad engines as defined in [40 CFR 89.2](#).

6. The requirements contained in this subsection shall apply to all such sources located in the counties of Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Rockdale, Spalding, Troup, Upson, and Walton.

7. Emergency standby stationary gas turbines and stationary engines which meet the definition stated in paragraph

4.(i) are not subject to the emission limitations of paragraph 1.

8. Stationary engines at data centers that meet all of the following criteria are not subject to the emission limitations in subparagraph 1:

(i) Operate only for routine testing and maintenance, when electric power from the local utility is not available, or during internal system failures;

(ii) Total annual operation for the engine is less than 500 hours per year;

(iii) Operation for routine testing and maintenance during the months of May through September occurs only between 10 p.m. to 4 a.m. Operation for routine testing and maintenance during the months of January through April and October through December may be done during any time of day; and

(iv) The facility maintains records of all operation, including the reason for the operation.

**(nnn) NOx Emissions from Large Stationary Gas Turbines.**

1. No person shall cause, let, suffer, permit, or allow the emission of nitrogen oxides (NOx), from any stationary gas turbine whose nameplate capacity is greater than 25 megawatts (MWe), to exceed the following:

(i) For stationary gas turbines permitted under [391-3-1-.03\(1\)](#) before April 1, 2000:

30 ppm @ 15% O<sub>2</sub>, dry basis

(ii) [reserved]

(iii) For stationary gas turbines permitted under [391-3-1-.03\(1\)](#) on or after April 1, 2000:

6 ppm @ 15% O<sub>2</sub>, dry basis

2. The requirements of this subparagraph shall apply during the period May 1 through September 30 of each year.

**3. Compliance Dates.**

(i) Stationary gas turbines subject to subparagraph 1.(i) above shall comply by May 1, 2003.

(ii) Stationary gas turbines subject to subparagraph 1.(iii) above shall be in compliance upon startup.

4. The requirements contained in subparagraph 1.(iii) of this subparagraph shall not apply to stationary gas turbines subject to NOx emission limits established between April 1, 2000, and February 21, 2023 (inclusive).

5. By no later than May 1, 2003, the owner/operator of an affected unit may submit actual operating performance data on the affected unit, with the emission reduction technologies, as approved by the Director, in place and optimized on the affected unit, sufficient to allow the Director to determine if the NOx emission limit in subparagraph 1.(i) is technically achievable taking into account the cost and feasibility of available control options. Based on the Director's review of the data provided, this rule may be modified.

6. The requirements contained in this subparagraph shall apply to all such sources located in the counties of Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Butts, Carroll, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gordon, Gwinnett, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Newton, Oconee, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Rockdale, Spalding, Troup, Upson, and Walton.

**7. Exemptions.**

The following units are exempt from the provisions of this subparagraph provided that they only operate under the following conditions:

(i) Units operating for purposes of routine testing, to maintain operability, not to exceed three (3) hours per month.

(ii) Units operating under one of the following emergency conditions. For the purpose of restarting the steam-electric generating units when all steam-electric generating units at a facility are down and off-site power is not available (also known as a "Black Start"). Or, when power problems on the grid would necessitate implementing manual load shedding procedures for retail customers (Note: This does not apply to special rate structure conditions).

(ooo) **Reserved.**

(ppp) **Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units.**

1. The provisions of this subparagraph apply to each commercial and industrial solid waste incinerator (CISWI) unit that commenced construction on or before June 4, 2010, or commenced modification or reconstruction after June 4, 2010 but no later than August 7, 2013 (hereinafter referred to as "existing CISWI unit").

(i) For the purposes of this subparagraph, a "CISWI unit" means any unit that meets the definition of "Commercial and industrial solid waste incineration (CISWI) unit" in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart DDDD. The types of CISWI units include the following: incinerators; air curtain incinerators; small, remote incinerators; waste-burning kilns; and energy recovery units. Physical or operational changes made at an existing CISWI unit solely to comply with this subparagraph are not considered construction, reconstruction, or modification and would not subject an existing CISWI unit to the requirements of Georgia rule [391-3-1-.02\(8\)\(b\)75](#).

(ii) The following units are exempt from the requirements of this subparagraph:

(I) This subparagraph exempts the types of units described in subparagraphs I. through XI., but some units are required to provide notifications. Air curtain incinerators are exempt from the requirements in this subparagraph except for the provisions in [40 CFR 60.2805](#), [60.2860](#), and [60.2870](#).

I. Pathological waste incineration units. Incineration units burning 90 percent or more by weight (on a calendar quarter basis and excluding the weight of auxiliary fuel and combustion air) of pathological waste, low level radioactive waste, and/or chemotherapeutic waste as defined in [40 CFR 60.2875](#) are not subject to this subpart if you meet the two requirements specified in subparagraphs I.A. and B.

A. Notify the Administrator that the unit meets these criteria.

B. Keep records on a calendar quarter basis of the weight of pathological waste, low-level radioactive waste, and/or chemotherapeutic waste burned, and the weight of all other fuels and wastes burned in the unit.

II. Municipal waste combustion units. Incineration units that are subject to 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ea (Standards of Performance for Municipal Waste Combustors); 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Eb (Standards of Performance for Large Municipal Waste Combustors); 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Cb (Emission Guidelines and Compliance Time for Large Municipal Combustors); 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart AAAA (Standards of Performance for Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units); or 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart BBBB (Emission Guidelines for Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units).

III. Medical waste incineration units. Incineration units regulated under 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ec (Standards of Performance for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators for Which Construction is Commenced After June 20, 1996) or 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart Ce (Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators).

IV. Small power production facilities as specified below.

A. The unit qualifies as a small power-production facility under section 3(17)(C) of the Federal Power Act ([16 U.S.C. 796\(17\)\(C\)](#)).

B. The unit burns homogeneous waste (not including refuse-derived fuel) to produce electricity.

C. You submit documentation to the Director and notify the EPA Administrator that the qualifying small power production facility is combusting homogenous waste.

D. You maintain the records specified in [40 CFR 60.2740\(v\)](#).

V. Cogeneration facilities as specified below.

A. The unit qualifies as a cogeneration facility under section 3(18)(B) of the Federal Power Act ([16 U.S.C. 796\(18\)\(B\)](#)).

B. The unit burns homogeneous waste (not including refuse-derived fuel) to produce electricity and steam or other forms of energy used for industrial, commercial, heating, or cooling purposes.

C. You submit documentation to the Director and notify the EPA Administrator that the qualifying cogeneration facility is combusting homogenous waste.

D. You maintain the records specified in [40 CFR 60.2740\(w\)](#).

VI. Hazardous waste combustion units. Units for which you are required to get a permit under section 3005 of the Solid Waste Disposal Act.

VII. Materials recovery units. Units that combust waste for the primary purpose of recovering metals, such as primary and secondary smelters.

VIII. Air curtain incinerators. Air curtain incinerators that burn only the materials listed in paragraphs VIII.A. through C. of this section are only required to meet the requirements under "Air Curtain Incinerators" ([40 CFR 60.2810](#) through [60.2870](#)).

A. 100 percent wood waste.

B. 100 percent clean lumber.

C. 100 percent mixture of only wood waste, clean lumber, and/or yard waste.

IX. Sewage treatment plants. Incineration units regulated under Subpart O of 40 CFR Part 60 (Standards of Performance for Sewage Treatment Plants).

X. Sewage sludge incineration units. Incineration units combusting sewage sludge for the purpose of reducing the volume of the sewage sludge by removing combustible matter that are subject to 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLLL (Standards of Performance for Sewage Sludge Incineration Units) or 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart MMMM (Emission Guidelines for Sewage Sludge Incineration Units).

XI. Other solid waste incineration units. Incineration units that are subject to 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart EEEE (Standards of Performance for Other Solid Waste Incineration Units) or 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart FFFF (Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Other Solid Waste Incineration Units).

2. Each existing CISWI unit shall comply with the model rule standards, requirements, and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart DDDD (Emissions Guidelines and Compliance Times for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units), as amended June 23, 2016, which are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(i) For the purposes of implementing the requirements and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart DDDD, the following provisions are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference:

(I) [40 CFR 60.2575](#) through [40 CFR 60.2615](#), Increments of Progress except that in [40 CFR 60.2580](#), "table 1 of this subpart" is replaced with "[391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)6](#)"; and in [40 CFR 60.2595](#), "for that increment of progress in table 1 of this subpart" is replaced with "in [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)6](#)".

(II) [40 CFR 60.2620](#) through [40 CFR 60.2630](#), Waste Management Plan except that in [40 CFR 60.2625](#), "table 1 of this subpart for submittal of the final control plan" is replaced with "[391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)6](#)".

(III) [40 CFR 60.2635](#) through [40 CFR 60.2665](#), Operator Training and Qualification.

(IV) [40 CFR 60.2670](#) through [60.2680](#), Emission Limitations and Operating Limits.

(V) [40 CFR 60.2690](#) through [60.2695](#), Performance Testing.

(VI) [40 CFR 60.2700](#) through [60.2706](#), Initial Compliance Requirements except that in [40 CFR 60.2705\(a\)](#), "table 1 of this subpart" is replaced with "[391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)6](#)".

(VII) [40 CFR 60.2710](#) through [60.2725](#), Continuous Compliance Requirements.

(VIII) [40 CFR 60.2730](#) through [60.2735](#), Monitoring.

(IX) [40 CFR 60.2740](#) through [60.2800](#), Recordkeeping and Reporting with the exception of the following:

I. In [40 CFR 60.2755](#), "table 1 of this subpart for submittal of the final control plan" is replaced with "[391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)6](#)".

II. In lieu of [40 CFR 60.2795\(b\)\(1\)](#) &(2):

A. Within 60 days after the date of completing each performance test as required by this subparagraph, each owner or operator must submit the results of the performance test required by this subparagraph to the Director. Performance test results required to be submitted to EPA must follow provision [40 CFR 60.2795\(b\)\(1\)](#).

B. Within 60 days after the date of completing each CEMS performance evaluation test, as defined in this subparagraph and required by this subparagraph, each owner or operator must submit the relative accuracy test audit (RATA) data, to the Director. RATA data required to be submitted to EPA must follow provision [40 CFR 60.2795\(b\)\(2\)](#).

(X) [40 CFR 60.2805](#), Title V Operating Permits.

(XI) [40 CFR 60.2810](#) through [60.2870](#), Air Curtain Incinerators except that in [40 CFR 60.2820](#), "table 1 of this subpart" is replaced with "[391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)6](#)"; and in [40 CFR 60.2835](#), "for that increment of progress in table 1 of this subpart" is replaced with "[391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)6](#)".

(XII) [40 CFR 60.2875](#), Definitions.

(XIII) [40 CFR Part 60 Subpart DDDD Tables 2 through 9](#) except that in Table 5, in the Due Date column for the Waste Management Plan report, "table 1 for the submittal of the final control plan" is replaced with "[391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)6](#)".

3. The owner of an existing CISWI unit must contact EPA with respect to the authorities specified in [40 CFR Part 60.2542](#).

4. Each Existing CISWI unit is subject to the permitting requirements of [391-3-1-.03\(10\)](#) "Title V Operating Permits".

5. Definitions of all terms used, but not defined in this subparagraph, shall have the meaning given to them in [40 CFR Part 60, Subpart DDDD](#), as amended. Terms not defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the

federal Clean Air Act or 40 CFR Part 60, Subparts A and B. For the purposes of this subparagraph the following definitions also apply:

(i) Except as noted, the word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted by reference in this subparagraph shall mean the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. For subparagraph (ppp)3. the word "Administrator" shall mean the Administrator of the EPA.

(ii) The term "Air Curtain Incinerator" as used in regulations adopted in this subparagraph shall mean an incinerator that operates by forcefully projecting a curtain of air across an open chamber or pit in which combustion occurs. Incinerators of this type can be constructed above or below ground and with or without refractory walls and floor. (Air curtain incinerators are not to be confused with conventional combustion devices with enclosed fireboxes and controlled air technology such as mass burn, modular, and fluidized bed combustors.)

(iii) The term "You" means the owner or operator of a CISWI unit subject to this rule.

6. In keeping with subparagraph (ppp)2., owners and operators of existing CISWI units must comply with Georgia's state plan for existing CISWI units, which is required by 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart DDDD. The owner operator of each existing CISWI unit shall comply with the requirements of [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(ppp\)2.](#) upon approval of Georgia's state plan for existing CISWI units by EPA.

**(qqq) VOC Emissions from Extruded Polystyrene Products Manufacturing Utilizing a Blowing Agent.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the three-month rolling average VOC emissions from an existing extruded polystyrene (XPS) products manufacturing facility that utilizes a blowing agent, to exceed 0.8 lbs per 100 lbs of raw material processed during any month. Compliance with this limit shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Final VOC Emissions} = (\text{Facility VOC Emissions})/(\text{Raw Material})$$

2. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the three-month rolling average VOC emissions from any new or reconstructed extruded polystyrene (XPS) products manufacturing facility that utilizes a blowing agent, to exceed 0.3 lbs per 100 lbs of raw material processed during any month. Compliance with this limit shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Final VOC Emissions} = (\text{Facility VOC Emissions})/(\text{Raw Material})$$

3. For the purposes of subparagraphs 1 and 2 above, the VOC emissions from the product manufacturing operations and the post-manufacturing operations are to be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Facility VOC Emissions} = \sum_{i=1}^m B_i(1 - OCE_i) + \sum_{i=1}^n C_i(1 - OCE_i) + \sum_{i=1}^p E_i(1 - OCE_i)$$

$$B = A - C - D$$

A = VOC Blowing Agent Used (pounds per any consecutive three-month period)

B = VOC Emissions Primary Extrusion, Roll Storage, and Thermoforming (Uncontrolled) for each control device (pounds per any consecutive three-month period)

C = VOC in the Reclaim Material (pounds per any consecutive three-month period)

D = VOC in the Final Product (pounds per any consecutive three-month period)

E = VOC Emissions from Finished Goods Warehouses (Uncontrolled) (pounds per any consecutive three-month period)



OCE = Overall Control Efficiency of a control device =  $[(CE)/100 * (DE)/100 * (UT)/100]$

CE = Capture Efficiency of a Control Device (percent VOC captured)

DE = Destruction Efficiency of a Control Device (percent VOC destruction)

UT = Percentage of operating time for the control device (for the consecutive three-month period)

n = Total number of control device systems associated with primary extrusion, roll storage, and thermoforming

m = Total number of control device systems associated with the reclaim system

p = Total number of control device systems associated with the finished goods warehouses

#### 4. Exemptions.

(i) The provisions of subparagraphs 1 and 2 above shall not apply to Extruded Polystyrene Products Manufacturing facilities at any single site that processes less than 200 pounds per day of raw material.

(ii) The provisions of subparagraphs 1 and 2 above shall not apply to any single site that contains one or more XPS post-manufacturing operations and does not contain any XPS product manufacturing operations.

5. Any owner or operator subject to subparagraphs 1 or 2 above shall maintain a record of operations, including but not limited to the amount of raw material processed, the equipment used, the type of blowing agent used, and operation and maintenance records of all VOC emission control systems such as temperature, pressure, flow rate, and other measures to demonstrate compliance with subparagraphs 1 or 2, as applicable. Such records shall be maintained in a format specified by the Division and shall be retained on site for a period of five years from the date of record and shall be made available to the Division upon request.

6. For the purpose of this rule, the following definitions shall apply:

(i) "Affected Facility" means the entire Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) manufacturing operations and post-manufacturing operations at a single site.

(ii) "Blowing Agent" means a liquid, gaseous or solid material that facilitates the formation of a cellular product from raw polymeric material.

(iii) "Existing Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) Products Manufacturing Facility" means any such facility that begins initial operation on or before April 16, 2003.

(iv) "Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) Products Manufacturing Facility" means a series of processes, where a blowing agent is injected into an extruded polystyrene resin and processed through cup, block, or shape molding into low-density, closed cell, cellular products. XPS products include but are not limited to insulation board, product and food packaging material. For the purposes of the applicability thresholds in subparagraph 7 below, all of the potential VOC emissions from the affected facility at a single site should be counted toward the emission thresholds. XPS product manufacturing facility includes all product manufacturing operations as well as post-manufacturing operations.

(v) "Facility VOC Emissions" means VOC emissions from the product manufacturing operation and the post-manufacturing operation during any consecutive three-month period as calculated per subparagraph 3 above.

(vi) "Final VOC Emissions" means VOC emission calculations that are expressed in pounds VOC emitted from the facility per 100 pounds of raw material processed during any consecutive three-month period as calculated per subparagraphs 1 and 2 above.

(vii) "New Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) Products Manufacturing Facility" means any such facility that begins initial operation after April 16, 2003.

(viii) "Product Manufacturing Operation" means every step of the processing of a polymeric material from the delivery of the raw material, up until the storage of the final cellular product.

(ix) "Post-Manufacturing Operation" means the storage of the final cellular product.

(x) "Raw Material" means all polystyrene (including recycle polystyrene from reclaim systems), additives, and blowing agent used in the manufacture of polymeric cellular products during any consecutive three-month period.

(xi) "Reconstructed" means the replacement or addition of components at an existing affected facility in which the fixed capital cost of the new components exceeds 50 percent of the fixed capital cost that would be required to construct a comparable affected facility.

(xii) "Reconstructed Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) Products Manufacturing Facility" means any existing facility that is reconstructed after April 16, 2003.

(xiii) "Single Site" means any stationary source or group of stationary sources that are located on one or more contiguous or adjacent properties and are under common control.

7. The requirements of this rule shall apply to all Extruded Polystyrene (XPS) Products Manufacturing facilities, at a single site, with potential VOC emissions from product manufacturing and post-manufacturing operations equal to or exceeding 25 tons per year in the counties of Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding and Rockdale. In the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding and Walton, facilities, at a single site, with potential VOC emissions from product manufacturing and post-manufacturing operations equal to or exceeding 100 tons per year are subject to this rule.

#### 8. Compliance Dates.

(i) All existing facilities shall be subject to the following compliance schedule:

(I) Existing facilities shall submit a letter to the Division no later than May 1, 2003, indicating the option they are considering to comply with the limit in subparagraph 1. These options shall be either installation and use of additional VOC emission control systems or a blowing agent substitution.

(II) Existing facilities that choose to install and operate additional VOC emission control systems shall do the following:

1. An application for a permit to construct for the installation of VOC emission control systems shall be submitted no later than November 1, 2003.

2. Full compliance with the limit in subparagraph 1 above shall be demonstrated no later than November 1, 2004.

(III) Existing facilities that choose a blowing agent substitution shall do the following:

1. Two six-month progress reports shall be submitted to the Division no later than November 1, 2003, and May 1, 2004.

2. Full compliance with the limit in subparagraph one above shall be demonstrated no later than November 1, 2004.

3. If the facility cannot comply with the limit, then an application for a permit to construct for the installation of VOC emission control systems shall be submitted no later than November 1, 2004, and full compliance with the limit in subparagraph 1 above shall be demonstrated no later than January 1, 2006.

(i) All new or reconstructed facilities shall be subject to the limit in subparagraph 2 upon startup.

**(ITR) NOx Emissions from Small Fuel-Burning Equipment.**

1. The owner or operator of an affected unit as defined in subparagraph 4. shall:

(i) Perform an annual tune-up of each affected unit, no earlier than February 1 and no later than May 1 of each calendar year. The annual tune-up shall be performed using the manufacturer's recommended settings for reduced NOx emissions, or using a NOx analyzer so that NOx emissions are minimized in a manner consistent with good combustion practices and safe fuel-burning equipment operation.

(ii) Fire only natural gas, LPG or propane in an affected unit during the calendar months of May through September of each year. If an affected unit is not equipped to fire LPG or propane, the owner or operator shall be excused from this requirement only during periods of natural gas curtailment as defined in subparagraph 5.

(iii) Maintain records of all tune-ups required to be performed in accordance with subparagraph 1.(i). These records shall indicate the date and time the tune-up was performed, state what burner settings were implemented to minimize NOx emissions, and explain how those settings were determined. All documents and calculations used to determine reduced NOx fuel-burning equipment settings shall be kept as part of the tune-up, maintenance and adjustments records. All records required by this subparagraph shall be retained available for inspection or submittal either in written or electronic form for at least five years from the date of record.

2. The owner or operator shall cause all affected units in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, or Rockdale County to be in compliance with the requirements of this paragraph on or before May 15, 2005, and the owner or operator shall cause all affected units in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding or Walton County to be in compliance with the requirements of this paragraph on or before March 1, 2009.

3. As an alternative to complying with the requirements of this paragraph, the owner or operator of any affected emissions unit(s) may elect to comply with the requirements of paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(yy\)](#).

4. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "affected unit" means individual fuel burning equipment that:

(i) is not subject to the requirements of paragraphs [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(jjj\)](#) or [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(lll\)](#); and

(ii) is located at a facility having (from all emission sources combined) potential emissions of nitrogen oxides, expressed as nitrogen dioxide, exceeding 25 tons-per-year in Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Henry, Paulding, or Rockdale County or any facility having (from all emission sources combined) potential emissions of nitrogen oxides, expressed as nitrogen dioxide, exceeding 100 tons-per-year in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Hall, Newton, Spalding or Walton County; and

(iii) has potential emissions (from the individual fuel burning equipment) of nitrogen oxides, expressed as nitrogen dioxide, equal to or exceeding one ton per year; and either

(iv) was installed before May 1, 1999 and has a maximum design heat input capacity of less than 100 million BTU-per-hour, or

(v) was installed on or after May 1, 1999 and has a maximum design heat input capacity of less than 10 million BTU-per-hour.

5. For the purposes of this paragraph, the term "natural gas curtailment" means any period during which the supply of natural gas is not available for firing in an affected unit, for reasons beyond the control of and not related to any action or decision of the owner or operator.

6. An affected unit shall be exempt from the requirements of subparagraph 1, provided the owner or operator submits such documentation as specified in the facility's air quality permit confirming that the affected unit will not be operated during the months of May through September.

(sss) **Multipollutant Control for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units.**

1. **Effective December 31, 2008**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

- (i) Plant Bowen Unit 4 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction and flue gas desulfurization.
- (ii) Plant Bowen Unit 3 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction and flue gas desulfurization.
- (iii) Plant Wansley Unit 1 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction and flue gas desulfurization.
- (iv) Plant Hammond Unit 1 unless such source is equipped and operated with flue gas desulfurization.
- (v) Plant Hammond Unit 2 unless such source is equipped and operated with flue gas desulfurization.
- (vi) Plant Hammond Unit 3 unless such source is equipped and operated with flue gas desulfurization.
- (vii) Plant Hammond Unit 4 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction and flue gas desulfurization.
- (viii) Plant Yates Unit 1 unless such source is equipped and operated with flue gas desulfurization.

2. **Effective June 1, 2009**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

- (i) Plant Bowen Unit 2 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).
- (ii) Plant Scherer Unit 2 unless such source is equipped and operated with sorbent injection and a baghouse.
- (iii) Plant Scherer Unit 3 unless such source is equipped and operated with sorbent injection and a baghouse.

3. **Effective December 31, 2009**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

- (i) Plant Scherer Unit 1 unless such source is equipped and operated with sorbent injection and a baghouse.
- (ii) Plant Wansley Unit 2 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction and flue gas desulfurization.

4. **Effective April 30, 2010**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

- (i) Plant Scherer Unit 4 unless such source is equipped and operated with sorbent injection and a baghouse.

5. **Effective June 1, 2010**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

- (i) Plant Bowen Unit 1 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

6. **Effective July 1, 2011**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

(i) Plant Scherer Unit 3 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction, flue gas desulfurization, sorbent injection, and a baghouse; provided that the owner or operator is not required to operate the selective catalytic reduction system during the months of January through April and October through December of each year.

7. **Effective December 31, 2011**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

(i) [reserved]

(ii) Plant McDonough Unit 2 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

8. **Effective April 30, 2012**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

(i) Plant McDonough Unit 1 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

9. **Effective December 31, 2012**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

(i) Plant Scherer Unit 4 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction, flue gas desulfurization, sorbent injection, and a baghouse, provided that the owner or operator is not required to operate the selective catalytic reduction system during the months of January through April and October through December of each year.

10. **Effective October 1, 2013**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

(i) Plant Branch Unit 2 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

11. **Effective December 31, 2013**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

(i) [reserved]

(ii) Plant Scherer Unit 2 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction, flue gas desulfurization, sorbent injection, and a baghouse, provided that the owner or operator is not required to operate the selective catalytic reduction system during the months of January through April and October through December of each year.

(iii) [reserved]

12. **Effective December 31, 2014**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

(i) [reserved]

(ii) [reserved]

(iii) Plant Scherer Unit 1 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction, flue gas desulfurization, sorbent injection, and a baghouse; provided that the owner or operator is not required to operate the selective catalytic reduction system during the months of January through April and October through December of each year.

13. **Effective April 16, 2015**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following affected units except as specified below:

(i) Plant Yates Unit 6 unless such source is operated as a natural gas-fired electric utility steam generating unit or is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

(ii) Plant Yates Unit 7 unless such source is operated as a natural gas-fired electric utility steam generating unit or is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

(iii) Plant Yates Units 2, 3, 4, and 5 unless such sources are operated as natural gas-fired electric steam generating units.

(iv) Plant Branch Unit 1 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

(v) Plant Branch Unit 3 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

(vi) Plant Branch Unit 4 unless such source is equipped and operated with selective catalytic reduction (SCR) and flue gas desulfurization (FGD).

(vii) Plant Yates Unit 1 unless such source is operated as a natural gas-fired electric utility steam generating unit and is equipped and operated with flue gas desulfurization when burning coal.

14. [reserved]

15. [reserved]

16. **Effective January 1, 2018**, should the annual heat input (from coal combustion) of the following unit or group of units exceed the levels specified in each Subparagraphs 16.(i) through 16.(iii), the owner/operator will comply with the requirements specified in Subparagraph 16.(v):

(i) Plant Kraft Units 1, 2, and 3 with a total annual heat input of 17,911,898 million Btu;

(ii) Plant McIntosh Unit 1 with a total annual heat input of 14,557,638 million Btu;

(iii) Plant Mitchell Unit 3 with a total annual heat input of 8,621,580 million Btu;

(iv) [reserved]

(v) The owner/operator shall evaluate the economic and technical feasibility of additional mercury controls on the applicable unit(s) specified in Subparagraphs 16.(i) through 16.(iii), and submit a report on their findings to the Division no later than September 1 of the calendar year following the calendar year that the annual heat input exceeded the applicable level specified in Subparagraphs 16.(i) through 16.(iii).

(vi) The Division will review the report submitted in accordance with Subparagraph 16.(v) and determine if additional mercury controls are required and, if additional mercury controls are required, establish deadlines for submission of a permit application(s) to the Division and for start-up of such mercury controls.

(vii) The Division will document the results of its evaluation conducted in accordance with Subparagraph 16.(vi) and notify the owner and/or operator within a timely fashion whether additional mercury controls are required.

**17. Control Equipment Monitoring Design:** For the anticipated range of operations of the affected units specified in Subparagraphs 1. through 13., the designated representative shall follow the procedures given in Section 2.124 of the Division's **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants** for the establishment of optimized operating parameters for the applicable control equipment installed as required in Subparagraphs 1. through 13.

**18. Alternative Control Technology:** The owner/operator of an affected unit specified in Subparagraphs 1. through 13. may operate alternative control technology or alternative method of emissions reductions from that which is specified in the applicable Subparagraphs 1. through 13. if the following requirements are met:

(i) The Division has approved the operation of the alternative control technology or the alternative method of emission reductions as being capable of achieving reductions of NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub> and/or mercury emissions equivalent to or greater than the control technology requirement specified in applicable Subparagraphs 1. through 13. for an individual emissions unit or the respective plant site as a whole; and

(ii) The owner/operator has obtained the appropriate permit(s) from the Division prior to operating the alternative control technology.

**19. The owner or operator** of any electric utility steam generating unit subject to this subsection may submit a request to the Director to delay implementation of any of the controls required by Subparagraphs 1. through 13. for a specific electric utility steam generating unit if there is a delay caused by reasonably unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the owner operator. Any delay allowed under this subparagraph is subject to review and approval by the Division. Reasonably unforeseen circumstances beyond the control of the owner or operator shall include, without limitation, the following:

(i) Failure to secure timely and necessary federal, state or local approvals, responses, notifications or permits to install the controls, provided that such approvals or permits have been timely and diligently sought;

(ii) Act of God, act of war, insurrection, civil disturbance, flood or other extraordinary weather conditions, vandalism, contractor or supplier strikes or bankruptcy, or unanticipated breakage or accident to machinery or equipment despite diligent maintenance; and

(iii) Any other delay caused by unforeseeable circumstances beyond the reasonable control of owner or operator as reasonably determined by the Director.

**20. On and after the effective date** of each Subparagraph 1. through 13. for an affected unit, the applicable owner or operator is not required to operate the required control technology under the following conditions:

(i) Restarting an electric utility steam generating unit when all electric utility steam generating units [as listed in Subparagraphs 1. through 13.] at a facility are down and off-site power is not available (also known as a "Black Start").

(ii) Periods of startup of an electric utility steam generating unit provided that such periods are consistent with the requirements of Paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)7.](#)

(iii) Periods of shutdown of an electric utility steam generating unit provided that such periods are consistent with the requirements of Paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)7.](#)

(iv) Periods of scheduled and/or preventative maintenance of control technology equipment if such maintenance cannot reasonably be performed during a scheduled outage of the respective electric utility steam generating unit.

(v) Periods of malfunction of electric utility steam generating unit and/or control technology equipment provided that such periods are consistent with the requirements of Paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)7.](#)

(vi) Periods when the owner/operator is required to conduct the Relative Accuracy Test Audit and any other necessary periodic quality assurance procedures on the Continuous Emissions Monitoring System located on the bypass stack pursuant to 40 CFR Part 75 or the Georgia Department of Natural Resources **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants**.

(vii) Periods when the owner/operator is required to conduct any performance tests on the bypass stack as required by state or federal air quality rules, air quality operating permits, or as ordered by the Division.

(viii) Division-approved periods of research and development of emission control technologies, provided that the unit does not exceed other applicable emission limits. For purposes of this subparagraph, the owner/operator shall submit a request for approval under this subparagraph at least 120 days prior to such date as well as including the following items:

(1) length of time of research and development (R&D) period;

(2) identification of steps to take to minimize emissions in accordance with best operational practices during R&D period;

(3) for periods of R&D lasting more than 48 hours during any 5-day period, a demonstration that any increase in emissions resulting from the R&D project that are above that which is allowed by this subparagraph (sss) will not cause or significantly contribute to a violation of any national ambient air quality standard or prevent compliance with any other applicable provisions.

(ix) Any other occasion not covered by Subparagraphs 20.(i) through (viii), as approved by the Division.

21. **The requirements** of Subparagraph 20 do not relieve the owner or operator from the requirement to comply with any other applicable requirements of Georgia Rules for Air Quality Control Chapter 391-3-1.

22. **Technology and Mercury Impact Review - Periodic Evaluation:** The Director shall submit a report to the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Board by December 31, 2023. The report shall constitute an evaluation of available and relevant information to determine if additional reductions of mercury emissions from electric utility steam generating units are necessary or appropriate. This report shall include an evaluation that includes, but is not limited to, the following:

(i) mercury concentrations in fish tissue in water bodies in the State and any changes or trends of such concentrations over time;

(ii) the sources of mercury (including air, land, and water sources) that might influence in-state mercury concentrations in fish tissue;

(iii) the state of the science regarding the relationship among sources of mercury, mercury speciation and mercury concentrations in fish tissue in water bodies in the State;

(iv) the health impact of mercury contamination in fish tissue;

(v) technically- and economically-feasible controls for the reduction of mercury emissions from coal-fired EGUs or other sources;

(vi) whether additional reductions of mercury from coal-fired electric utility steam generating units or other sources and/or whether additional time or study is appropriate and necessary in light of items (i) through (v);

(vii) recommendations for any necessary revisions to Paragraph (sss) or other actions as needed to address other sources; and



(viii) recommendations for an appropriate timeline for the development of any such additional regulations; provided, however, that implementation and operation of any such additional controls shall be required no earlier than January 1, 2027.

23. **Effective January 1, 2013**, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the operation of the following units affected except as specified below:

(i) Plant Branch Units 3 and 4, combined, shall not emit more than 11,165 tons of nitrogen oxides annually in 2013, 2014, and 2015 only.

(ii) Plant Branch Units 3 and 4, combined, shall not emit more than 52,988 tons of sulfur dioxide annually in 2013, 2014, and 2015 only.

24. **Definitions.** For the purpose of this subparagraph (sss), the following definitions apply:

(i) "Affected Unit" means electric utility steam generating units at Plants Bowen 1, 2, 3, and 4; Plants Branch Units 1, 2, 3, and 4; Plant Hammond Units 1, 2, 3, and 4; Plant McDonough Units 1 and 2; Plant Scherer Units, 1, 2, 3, and 4; Plant Wansley Units 1 and 2; and Plant Yates Units 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7.

(ii) The definition of natural gas-fired electric utility steam generating unit specified in [40 CFR 63.10042](#) is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(ttt) [reserved]

(uuu) **SO<sub>2</sub> Emissions from Electric Utility Steam Generating Units.**

1. Effective January 1, 2010, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow any gases which contain sulfur dioxide in excess of 10 percent (0.10) of the potential combustion concentration (90 percent reduction) from the following affected unit: Plant Yates Unit 1.

2. Effective on the dates established below, no person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow any gases which contain sulfur dioxide in excess of 5 percent (0.05) of the potential combustion concentration (95 percent reduction) from the following affected units: Plant Bowen Units 1 through 4, Plant Branch Units 1 through 4, Plant Hammond Units 1 through 4, Plant McDonough Units 1 and 2, Plant Scherer Units 1 through 4, Plant Wansley Units 1 and 2, and Yates Units 6 and 7.

The limit established in this subparagraph shall become effective beginning:

(i) January 1, 2010, for Plant Bowen Units 2, 3 and 4, and Plant Wansley Units 1 and 2.

(ii) July 1, 2011, for Plant Scherer Unit 3.

(iii) January 1, 2012, for Plant Bowen Unit 1, Plant Hammond Units 1, 2, 3, and 4, and Plant McDonough Unit 2.

(iv) May 1, 2012, for Plant McDonough Unit 1.

(v) January 1, 2013, for Plant Scherer Unit 4.

(vi) October 1, 2013, for Plant Branch Unit 2.

(vii) January 1, 2014, for Plant Scherer Unit 2.

(viii) January 1, 2015, for Plant Scherer Unit 1.

(ix) April 16, 2015, for Plant Yates Units 6 and 7, and Plant Branch Units 1, 3, and 4.

(x) [reserved]

(xi) [reserved]

3. Compliance with Subparagraphs 1 and 2 shall be determined on a 30-day rolling average basis. The first 30-day averaging period for each Affected Unit shall begin on the effective date specified in Subparagraphs 1 and 2.

4. The requirements of Subparagraphs 1 and 2 do not apply during the following periods:

(i) Restarting an Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit specified in subparagraphs 1 or 2 when all Electric Utility Steam Generating Units at a facility are down and off-site power is not available (also known as a "Black Start").

(ii) Periods of startup of an Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit provided that such periods are consistent with the requirements of Paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)7.](#)

(iii) Periods of shutdown of an Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit provided that such periods are consistent with the requirements of Paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)7.](#)

(iv) Periods of scheduled and/or preventative maintenance of control technology equipment if such maintenance cannot reasonably be performed during a scheduled outage of the respective Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit.

(v) Periods of malfunction of an Electric Utility Steam Generating Unit and/or control technology equipment provided that such periods are consistent with the requirements of Paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)7.](#)

(vi) Periods when the owner/operator is required to conduct the Relative Accuracy Test Audit and any other necessary periodic quality assurance procedures on the Continuous Emissions Monitoring System located on the bypass stack pursuant to 40 CFR Part 75 or the Georgia Department of Natural Resources **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants.**

(vii) Periods when the owner/operator is required to conduct any performance tests on the bypass stack as required by State or Federal air quality rules, air quality operating permits, or as ordered by the Division.

(viii) Division-approved periods of research and development of emission control technologies, provided that the unit does not exceed other applicable emission limits. For purposes of this subparagraph, the owner/operator shall submit a request for approval under this subparagraph at least 120 days prior to such date, as well as include the following items:

(1) length of time of research and development (R&D) period;

(2) identification of steps to take to minimize emissions in accordance with best operational practices during R&D period;

(3) for periods of R&D lasting more than 48 hours during any 5-day period, a demonstration that any increase in emissions resulting from the R&D project that are above that which is allowed by this subparagraph (uuu) will not cause or significantly contribute to an violation of any national ambient air quality standard or prevent compliance with any other applicable provisions.

5. For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

(i) "Potential combustion concentration" means the theoretical sulfur dioxide emissions (lb/MMBtu heat input) that would result from combusting fuel without using emission control systems.

(ii) "Affected Unit" means electric utility steam generating units Plant Bowen Units 1, 2, 3, and 4; Plant Branch Units 1, 2, 3, and 4; Plant Hammond Units 1, 2, 3, and 4; Plant McDonough Units 1 and 2; Plant Wansley Units 1 and 2; Plant Scherer Units 1, 2, 3, and 4; and Plant Yates Units 1, 6, and 7, except when operated as a natural gas-

fired electric utility steam generating unit. The definition of natural gas-fired electric generating unit notwithstanding, Plant Yates Unit 1 shall be treated as an affected unit whenever it burns any coal.

(iii) The definition of natural gas-fired electric steam generating units specified in [40 CFR 63.10042](#) is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

**(vvv) VOC Emissions from Surface Coating of Miscellaneous Plastic Parts and Products.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of miscellaneous plastic parts and products that does not fall under subparagraphs 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., and/or 8. of this subsection to exceed:

(i) 2.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a general one-component coating. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 2.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 3.35 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(ii) 2.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a military specification (1-pack) coating. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 2.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.52 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(iii) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies one or more of the following coatings: general multi-component; extreme-performance (2-pack) coating; metallic coating; and military specification (2-pack) coating. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 3.5 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 6.67 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(iv) 5.7 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a multi-colored coating. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 5.7 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 25.3 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(v) 6.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a mold-seal coating. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 6.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 43.7 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(vi) 6.7 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies an electric dissipating coating, shock-free coating, optical coating, or vacuum metalizing coating. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 6.7 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 74.7 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

2. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of plastic parts of automobiles and trucks at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck manufacturing facility using baked coatings for interior and exterior parts to exceed:

(i) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a non-flexible primer. If any non-flexible primer coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 3.5 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 6.67 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(ii) 4.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a clear coat. If any clear coat coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 4.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 8.76 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(iii) 4.3 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a base coat or non-base coat/clear coat. If any one of these coatings delivered to the coating application system contains more than 4.3 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 8.76 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(iv) 4.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a flexible primer. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 4.5 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 11.58 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

3. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of plastic parts of automobiles and trucks at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck manufacturing facility using air dried coatings for exterior parts to exceed:

(i) 4.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a clear coat. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 4.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 11.58 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(ii) 4.8 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a primer. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 4.8 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 13.80 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(iii) 4.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a base coat or a non-basecoat/clear coat. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 4.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 13.4 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

4. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of plastic parts of automobile and trucks at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck manufacturing facility using air dried coatings for interior parts to exceed:

(i) 5.0 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a coating. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 5.0 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 15.59 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

5. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of plastic parts of automobile and trucks at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck manufacturing facility using touchup and repair coatings to exceed:

(i) 5.2 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a coating. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 5.2 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 17.72 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

6. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of plastic parts of business machines to exceed:

(i) 2.2 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies a fog coat. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 2.2 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 3.14 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

(ii) 2.9 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies one or more of the following coatings: primer, topcoat, texture coat, touchup and repair. If any coating delivered to the coating application system contains more than 2.9 pounds VOC per gallon, the solids equivalent limit shall be 4.80 pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids delivered to the coating application system.

7. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of miscellaneous motor vehicle plastic parts and products at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck manufacturing facility to exceed:

(i) 1.7 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies the following motor vehicle materials: gasket/gasket sealing material and bedliner.

(ii) 3.5 pounds per gallon of coating, excluding water, delivered to a coating application system that applies the following motor vehicle materials: cavity wax, sealer, deadener, underbody coating, trunk interior coating, and lubricating wax/compound.

8. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from surface coating of plastic parts of automobile and trucks at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck manufacturing facility using red or black coatings to exceed 1.15 times the applicable limit in this subsection except in the case of touch-up and repair coatings in which the applicable limit shall apply.

9. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats plastic parts shall ensure that all coating application systems utilize one or more of the application techniques stated below:

(i) Electrostatic spray application;

(ii) High volume low pressure (HVLP) spraying;

(iii) Flow/curtain application;

(iv) Roll coating;

(v) Dip coat application including electrodeposition;

(vi) Airless spray;

(vii) Air-assisted airless spray; or

(viii) Other coating application methods that achieve transfer efficiency equivalent to HVLP or electrostatic spray application methods, as determined by the Director.

10. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats plastic parts shall comply with the following work practice standards:

(i) store all VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials in closed containers;

(ii) ensure that mixing and storage containers used for VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;

(iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials; and

(iv) convey VOC-containing coatings, thinners, and coating-related waste materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes.

11. Each owner or operator of a facility that coats plastic parts shall comply with the following housekeeping requirements for any affected cleaning operation:

- (i) store all VOC-containing cleaning materials and used shop towels in closed containers;
- (ii) ensure that storage containers used for VOC-containing cleaning materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;
- (iii) minimize spills of VOC-containing cleaning materials;
- (iv) convey VOC-containing cleaning materials from one location to another in closed containers or pipes; and
- (v) minimize VOC emission from cleaning of application, storage, mixing, and conveying equipment by ensuring that equipment cleaning is performed without atomizing the cleaning solvent and all spent solvent is captured in closed containers.

12. The VOC limits specified in this subsection do not apply to the following types of plastics coatings and/or coating operations:

- (i) Touch-up and repair coatings;
- (ii) Stencil coatings applied on clear or transparent substrates;
- (iii) Clear or translucent coatings;
- (iv) Coatings applied at a paint manufacturing facility while conducting performance tests on the coatings;
- (v) Any individual coating category used in volumes less than 50 gallons in any one year, if substitute compliant coatings are not available, provided that the total usage of all such coatings does not exceed 200 gallons per year, per facility;
- (vi) Reflective coating applied to highway cones;
- (vii) Mask coatings that are less than 0.5 millimeter thick (dried) and the area coated is less than 25 square inches;
- (viii) EMI/RFI shielding coatings; and
- (ix) Heparin-benzalkonium chloride (HBAC)-containing coatings applied to medical devices, provided that the total usage of all such coatings does not exceed 100 gallons per year, per facility.

The recommended application methods and work practice standards specified in this subsection still apply.

13. Airbrush operations using five gallons or less per year of coating are exempt from the application technique requirements of this subsection but must comply with the VOC limits and work practices specified.

14. The VOC limits specified in this subsection do not apply to the coating of plastic parts of automobiles and trucks or the coating of plastic parts of business machines of the following types of coatings and/or coating operations:

- (i) Texture coatings;
- (ii) Vacuum metalizing coatings;
- (iii) Gloss reducers;
- (iv) Texture topcoats;
- (v) Adhesion primers;

(vi) Electrostatic preparation coatings;

(vii) Resist coatings; and

(viii) Stencil coatings.

The application methods and work practice standards specified in this subsection still apply.

15. All VOC emissions from solvent washings shall be considered in the emission limitations unless the solvent is directed into containers that prevent evaporation into the atmosphere.

16. The emission limits in this subsection shall be achieved by:

(i) the application of low solvent coating technology where each and every coating meets the limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, stated in paragraphs 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., 7., and 8. of this subsection; or

(ii) the application of low-solvent coating technology where the 24-hour weighted average of all coatings on a single coating line or operation meets the solids equivalent limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in paragraphs 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., and 8. of this subsection. Averaging across lines is not allowed; or

(iii) control equipment, including but not limited to incineration, carbon adsorption and condensation, with a capture system approved by the Director, provided that 90 percent of the nonmethane volatile organic compounds which enter the control equipment are recovered or destroyed, and that overall VOC emissions do not exceed the solids equivalent limit, expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating solids stated in paragraphs 1., 2., 3., 4., 5., 6., and 8. of this subsection; and

(iv) for motor vehicle plastic parts, compliance may be achieved only as stated in subparagraph 7. of this section. There is no solids equivalent limit for such coatings.

17. Definitions: For the purpose of this subsection, the following definitions apply:

(i) "2-pack coating" means a coating requiring the addition of a separate reactive resin, commonly known as a catalyst, before application to form an acceptable dry film. 2-pack coating may also be known as a "two-component coating".

(ii) "Adhesion primer" means a coating that is applied to a polyolefin part to promote the adhesion of a subsequent coating. An adhesion prime is clearly identified as an adhesion prime or adhesion promoter on its accompanying material safety data sheet.

(iii) "Air brush operations" means the application of a coating with a small, air-operated tool.

(iv) "Air-dried coating" means a coating that is dried by the use of air or forced warm air at temperatures up to 194°F.

(v) "Baked Coating" means a coating that is cured at a temperature at or above 90°C (194°F).

(vi) "Base Coat" means an initial coat of paint, generally after a primer, that is applied for protection or as a background color.

(vii) "Bedliner" means a multi-component coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to a cargo bed after the application of topcoat to provide additional durability and chip resistance.

(viii) "Black coating" means a coating which meets both of the following criteria:

(1) maximum lightness: 23 units; and

(2) saturation: less than 2.8, where saturation equals the square root of  $A^2 + B^2$ . These criteria are based on Cielab color space, 0/45 geometry. For spherical geometry, specular included, maximum lightness is 33 units.

(ix) "Business machine" means a device that uses electronic or mechanical methods to process information, perform calculations, print or copy information or convert sound into electrical impulses for transmission, including devices listed in standard industrial classification numbers 3572, 3573, 3579, and 3661 and photocopy machines, a subcategory of standard industrial classification number 3861.

(x) "Cavity wax" means a coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied into the cavities of the vehicle primarily for the purpose of enhancing corrosion protection.

(xi) "Clear coating" means a coating which lacks color and opacity or is transparent and uses the undercoat as a reflectant base or undertone color;

(xii) "Coating application system" means all operations and equipment which applies, conveys, and dries a surface coating including, but not limited to, spray booths, flow coaters, flashoff areas, air dryers and ovens.

(xiii) "Coating of plastic parts of automobiles and trucks" means the coating of any plastic part that is or shall be assembled with other parts to form an automobile or truck.

(xiv) "Coating of plastic parts of business machines" means the coating of any plastic part that is or shall be assembled with other parts to form a business machine.

(xv) "Deadener" means a coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to selected vehicle surfaces primarily for the purpose of reducing the source of road noise in the passenger compartment.

(xvi) "Electric dissipating coating" means a coating that rapidly dissipates a high-voltage electric charge.

(xvii) "Electrostatic prep coat" means a coating that is applied to a plastic part solely to provide conductivity for the subsequent application of a primer, a topcoat, or other coating through the use of electrostatic application methods. An electrostatic prep coat is clearly identified as an electrostatic prep coat on its accompanying material safety data sheet.

(xviii) "EMI/RFI shielding coating" means a coating used on plastic electronics enclosures to reduce or eliminate electromagnetic or radio frequency interference.

(xix) "Extreme-performance coating" means a coating used on a plastic surface where the coated surface is, in its intended use, subject to the following:

(a) chronic exposure to corrosive, caustic or acidic agents, chemicals, chemical fumes, chemical mixtures or solutions; or

(b) repeated exposure to temperatures in excess of 250°F; or

(c) repeated heavy abrasion, including mechanical wear and repeated scrubbing with industrial grade solvents, cleansers or scouring agents. Extreme-performance coatings include, but are not limited to, coatings applied to locomotives, railroad cars, farm machinery, and heavy duty trucks.

(xx) "Flexible coating" means any coating including but not limited to primer, base coat, clear coat or topcoat that is required to comply with engineering specifications for impact resistance, mandrel bend, or elongation as defined by the original equipment manufacturer.



(xxi) "Fog coat" means a coating that is applied to a plastic part for the purpose of color matching without masking a molded-in texture. A fog coat shall not be applied at a thickness of more than 0.5 mils of coating solids.

(xxii) "Gasket/sealing material" means a fluid, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to coat a gasket or replace and perform the same function as a gasket. Automobile and light-duty truck gasket/gasket sealing material includes room temperature vulcanization (RTV) seal material.

(xxiii) "Gloss reducer" means a coating that is applied to a plastic part solely to reduce the shine of the part. A gloss reducer shall not be applied at a thickness of more than 0.5 mils of coating solids.

(xxiv) "Lubricating wax/compound" means a protective lubricating material, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to vehicle hubs and hinges.

(xxv) "Metallic coating" means a coating which contains more than five grams of metal particles per liter of coating as applied. "Metal particles" are pieces of a pure elemental metal or combination of elemental metals.

(xxvi) "Miscellaneous plastic parts and products" means surface coating of products manufactured by the following industrial source categories: large farm machinery, small farm machinery, small appliances, commercial machinery, industrial machinery, fabricated plastic products and any other industrial category which coats plastic parts or products under the Standard Industry Classification Code Major Groups 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 40, and 41. The miscellaneous plastic parts and products source category does not include:

(I) automobiles and light-duty trucks;

(II) metal cans;

(III) flat metal sheets and strips in the form of rolls or coils;

(IV) magnet wire for use in electrical machinery;

(V) metal furniture;

(VI) large appliances;

(VII) aerospace manufacturing and rework operations;

(VIII) automobile refinishing;

(IX) customized top coating of automobiles and trucks, if production is less than 35 vehicles per day;

(X) exterior of marine vessels;

(XI) gel coats applied to fiber reinforced plastic (fiberglass composite) products removed from the mold or used as in-mold coatings in the production of fiberglass parts;

(XII) fiberglass boat manufacturing materials; and

(XIII) miscellaneous industrial adhesives.

(xxvii) "Military specification coating" means a coating which has a formulation approved by a United States Military Agency for use on military equipment.

(xxviii) "Mold-seal coating" means the initial coating applied to a new mold or a repaired mold to provide a smooth surface which, when coated with a mold release coating, prevents products from sticking to the mold.

(xxix) "Multi-colored coating" means a coating which exhibits more than one color when applied and is packaged in a single container and applied in a single coat.

(xxx) "Multi-component coating" means a coating requiring the addition of a separate reactive resin, commonly known as a catalyst or hardener, before application to form an acceptable dry film.

(xxxi) "Non-flexible Coating" means any coating that does not meet the definition of "flexible coating" as specified in this subsection.

(xxxii) "One-component coating" or "1-pack coating" means a coating that is ready for application as it comes out of its container to form an acceptable dry film. A thinner, necessary to reduce the viscosity, is not considered a component.

(xxxiii) "Optical coating" means a coating applied to an optical lens.

(xxxiv) "Primer" means the first layer and any subsequent layers of identically-formulated coating applied to the surface of a plastic part or product. Primers are typically used for corrosion prevention, protection from the environment, functional fluid resistance, and adhesion of subsequent coatings.

(xxxv) "Red coating" means a coating which meets all of the following criteria:

(I) Yellow limit: the hue of hostaperm scarlet.

(II) Blue limit: the hue of monastrel red-violet.

(III) Lightness limit for metallics: 35 percent aluminum flake.

(IV) Lightness limit for solids: 50 percent titanium dioxide white.

(V) Solid reds: hue angle of -11 to 38 degrees and maximum lightness of 23 to 45 units.

(VI) Metallic reds: hue angle of -16 to 35 degrees and maximum lightness of 28 to 45 units.

(VII) These criteria are based on Cielab color space, 0/45 geometry. For spherical geometry, specular included, the upper limit is 49 units. The maximum lightness varies as the hue moves from violet to orange. This is a natural consequence of the strength of the colorants, and real colors show this effect.

(xxxvi) "Sealer" means a high viscosity material, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, that is generally, but not always, applied in the paint shop after the body has received an electrodeposition primer coating and before the application of subsequent coatings (e.g., primer-surfacer). The primary purpose of automobile and light-duty truck sealer is to fill body joints completely so that there is no intrusion of water, gases or corrosive materials into the passenger area of the body compartment. Such materials are also referred to as sealant, sealant primer, or caulk.

(xxxvii) "Repair coating" means a coating used to re-coat portions of a previously coated product which has sustained mechanical damage to the coating following normal coating operations.

(xxxviii) "Resist coat" means a coating that is applied to a plastic part before metallic plating to prevent deposits of metal on portions of the plastic part.

(xxxix) "Shock-free coating" means a coating applied to electrical components to protect the user from electric shock. The coating has characteristics of being of low capacitance, high resistance, and having resistance to breaking down under high voltage.

(xl) "Stencil coating" means an ink or a pigmented coating which is rolled or brushed onto a template or stamp in order to add identifying letters, symbols and/or numbers.

(xli) "Texture coating" means a coating that is applied to a plastic part which, in its finished form, consists of discrete raised spots of the coating.

(xlii) "Topcoat" means any final coating applied to a plastic part or product.

(xliii) "Touch-up coating" means a coating used to cover minor coating imperfections appearing after the main coating operation.

(xliv) "Translucent coating" means a coating which contains binders and pigment and is formulated to form a colored, but not opaque, film.

(xlv) "Transfer efficiency" means the weight (or volume) of coating solids adhering to the surface being coated divided by the total weight (or volume) of coating solids delivered to the applicator.

(xlvi) "Trunk interior coating" means a coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to the trunk interior to provide chip protection.

(xlvii) "Underbody coating" means a coating, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to the undercarriage or firewall to prevent corrosion and/or provide chip protection.

(xlviii) "Vacuum-metalizing coating" means the undercoat applied to the substrate on which the metal is deposited or the overcoat applied directly to the metal film. Vacuum metalizing/physical vapor deposition (PVD) is the process whereby metal is vaporized and deposited on a substrate in a vacuum chamber.

18. Applicability: On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (vvv) shall apply to facilities at which the potential emissions of volatile organic compounds from all surface coating of miscellaneous plastic parts and products categories covered in subparagraphs 1. through 8. of this subparagraph equal or exceed 10 tons per year and are located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties. Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in this subparagraph are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 20. Prior to January 1, 2015, such facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(tt\)](#), if applicable.

19. Applicability: The requirements of this Subparagraph (vvv) will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in subparagraph 18. are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of this Subparagraph (vvv) will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

#### 20. Compliance Schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified this subparagraph (vvv) must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

#### (www) Sewage Sludge Incineration Units.

1. The provisions of this subparagraph apply to each sewage sludge incineration (SSI) unit that is located at a wastewater treatment facility and that commenced construction on or before October 14, 2010 (hereinafter referred

to as "existing SSI unit"). Physical or operational changes made at an existing SSI unit solely to comply with this subparagraph are not considered construction, reconstruction, or modification and would not subject an existing SSI unit to the requirements of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart LLLL, which contains the "Standards of Performance for Sewage Sludge Incineration Units for Which Construction is Commenced After October 14, 2010".

2. For the purposes of implementing the requirements and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart MMMM (Emission Guidelines and Compliance Times for Existing Sewage Sludge Incineration Units), each existing SSI unit shall comply with the model rule standards, requirements, and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart MMMM, as promulgated March 21, 2011, which are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(i) For the purposes of implementing the requirements and provisions of 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart MMMM, the following provisions are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference. The emission limits and standards apply at all times and during periods of malfunction. The operating limits apply at all times that sewage sludge is in the combustion chamber.

(I) [40 CFR 60.5085](#) through [40 CFR 60.5125](#), Increments of Progress with the exception of [40 CFR 60.5090](#) and Table 1 which do not apply to an Existing SSI.

(II) [40 CFR 60.5130](#) through [40 CFR 60.5160](#), Operator Training and Qualification.

(III) [40 CFR 60.5240](#) and [60.5245](#), Title V Operating Permits.

(IV) 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart MMMM Tables 2 through 6 and 60.5181.

(ii) With the following exceptions:

(I) Emission Limits, Emission Standards, and Operating Limits and Requirements. In lieu of [40 CFR 60.5165](#) through [60.5180](#), Sections [2.130.2](#) through [2.130.4](#) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants shall apply to each existing SSI unit.

(II) Initial and Continuous Compliance Requirements. In lieu of [40 CFR 60.5185](#) through [60.5215](#), Sections [2.130.2](#) through [2.130.4](#) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants shall apply to each existing SSI unit.

(III) Performance Testing, Monitoring, and Calibration Requirements. In lieu of [40 CFR 60.5220](#) through [60.5225](#), Sections [2.130.2](#) through [2.130.4](#) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants shall apply to each existing SSI unit.

(IV) Record keeping and Reporting Requirements. In lieu of [40 CFR 60.5230](#) and [60.5235](#), Sections [2.130.2](#) through [2.130.4](#) of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants shall apply to each existing SSI unit.

3. In keeping with subparagraph 2., owners and operators of existing SSI units must comply with Georgia's state plan for existing SSI units, which is required by 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart MMMM. The owner or operator of each existing SSI unit shall comply with the requirements of [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(www\)2](#), upon approval of Georgia's state plan for existing SSI units by EPA.

4. Each existing SSI unit is subject to the permitting requirements of [391-3-1-.03\(10\)](#) "Title V Operating Permits".

5. Definitions of all terms used but not defined in this subparagraph shall have the meaning given to them in 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart MMMM, as promulgated on March 21, 2011. Terms not defined therein shall have the meaning given to them in the federal Clean Air Act or 40 CFR Part 60, Subparts A and B. For the purposes of this subsection the following definitions also apply:

(i) Except as noted, the word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted by reference in this subparagraph shall mean the Director of the Georgia Environmental Protection Division. For subparagraph (www)6. the word "Administrator" shall mean the Administrator of the EPA.

(ii) The term "You" means the owner or operator of an affected sewage sludge incineration unit subject to this rule.

6. The owner of an existing SSI facility must contact EPA with respect to the following subparagraphs (i) through (vii) as specified in [40 CFR 60.5050](#).

(i) Approval of alternatives to the emission limits and standards in Tables 2 and 3 to 40 CFR Part 60, Subpart MMM and operating limits established under provisions of [40 CFR 60.5175](#) or [60.5190](#).

(ii) Approval of major alternatives to test methods.

(iii) Approval of major alternatives to monitoring.

(iv) Approval of major alternatives to recordkeeping and reporting.

(v) The requirements in provision [40 CFR 60.5175](#).

(vi) The requirements in provision [40 CFR 60.5155\(b\)\(2\)](#).

(vii) Performance test and data reduction waivers under provision [40 CFR 60.8\(b\)](#).

(xxx) **Reserved.**

(yyy) **VOC Emissions from the Use of Miscellaneous Industrial Adhesives.**

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of VOC from the use of miscellaneous industrial adhesives with general adhesive application processes to exceed:

(i) 0.3 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with one of the following substrates: metal; wood.

(ii) 1.0 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with porous material (except wood) substrates.

(iii) 1.7 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with reinforced plastic composite substrates.

(iv) 2.1 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with flexible vinyl or rubber substrates.

(v) 2.1 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with a substrate not specified in paragraphs 1.(i) through 1.(iv).

2. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from the use of miscellaneous industrial adhesives with specialty adhesive application processes to exceed:

(i) 0.8 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with one of the following: structural glazing; tire repair.

(ii) 1.1 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used in ceramic tile installation.

(iii) 1.3 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with one of the following: cove base installation; indoor floor covering installation.

(iv) 1.4 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with waterproof resorcinol glue.

(v) 1.7 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with multipurpose construction.

(vi) 2.1 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with one of the following: contact bond adhesive; outdoor floor covering installation; motor vehicle adhesive; single-ply roof membrane installation/repair (except ethylene propylenediene monomer (EPDM) roof membrane installation/repair).

(vii) 3.3 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with plastic solvent welding (containing acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene or ABS).

(viii) 4.2 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with plastic solvent welding (except ABS).

(ix) 5.5 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with perimeter-bonded sheet vinyl (floor covering installation).

(x) 6.3 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with motor vehicle weatherstrip adhesive.

(xi) 6.5 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with thin metal laminating.

(xii) 7.1 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used with one of the following: metal to urethane/rubber molding or casting; sheet rubber lining installation.

3. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer, or allow the emissions of VOC from the use of miscellaneous industrial adhesives with adhesive primer application processes to exceed:

(i) 7.5 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used as motor vehicle glass bonding primer.

(ii) 5.4 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used as a plastic solvent welding adhesive primer.

(iii) 2.1 pounds per gallon of adhesive or adhesive primer, excluding water, when used as an adhesive primer for an application process not specified in paragraphs 3.(i) through 3.(ii).

4. All volatile organic compounds containing materials applied by each miscellaneous industrial adhesive application process shall be used in one of the following application methods in conjunction with using low volatile organic compound adhesives or adhesive primers:

(i) Electrostatic spray;

(ii) High Volume-Low Pressure (HVLP) spray;

(iii) Flow coat;

(iv) Roll coat or hand application, including non-spray application methods similar to hand or mechanically-powered caulking gun, brush, or direct hand application;

(v) Dip coat (including electrodeposition);

(vi) Airless spray;

(vii) Air-assisted airless spray; or

(viii) Other adhesive application method capable of achieving a transfer efficiency equivalent to or better than achieved by HVLP spraying.

5. The VOC emission limits and the recommended application methods of this subsection do not apply to the following adhesives and adhesives primer application processes:

(i) Adhesives or adhesive primers being tested or evaluated in any research and development, quality assurance, or analytical laboratory.

(ii) Adhesives or adhesive primers used in the assembly, repair, or manufacture of aerospace or undersea-based weapon systems.

(iii) Adhesives or adhesive primers used in medical equipment manufacturing operations.

(iv) Cyanoacrylate adhesive application processes.

(v) Aerosol adhesive and aerosol adhesive primer application processes.

(vi) Processes using polyester bonding putties to assemble fiberglass parts at fiberglass boat manufacturing facilities and at other reinforced plastic composite manufacturing facilities.

(vii) Processes using adhesives and adhesive primers that are supplied to the manufacturer in containers with a net volume of 16 ounces or less, or a net weight of one pound or less,

The recommended work practice standards specified in this subsection still apply.

6. The emission limits in this subsection shall be achieved by the application of adhesive or adhesive primer where each and every adhesive meets the limit expressed in pounds VOC per gallon of coating, excluding water, stated in paragraphs 1., 2., and 3. of this subsection; or

7. Any miscellaneous industrial adhesive application process subject to this subsection, which chooses to use control equipment for adhesive application processes rather than to comply with the emission limits and requirements established in paragraphs 1., 2., 3., and 4. of this subsection, shall install control equipment with an overall control efficiency of at least 85 percent or use a combination of adhesives and add-on control equipment on an application process to meet limits established in paragraph 1. of this subsection.

8. If an adhesive is used to bond dissimilar substrates together in general adhesive application processes, then the applicable substrate category with the highest volatile organic compounds emission limit shall be established as the limit for such application.

9. For the purpose of this subsection; the following definitions apply:

(i) "Acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene" or "ABS welding" means any process to weld acrylonitrile-butadiene-styrene pipe.

(ii) "Adhesive" means any chemical substance that is applied for the purpose of bonding two surfaces together other than by mechanical means.

(iii) "Adhesive primer" means any product intended by the manufacturer for application to a substrate, prior to the application of an adhesive, to provide a bonding surface.

(iv) "Adhesive primer application process" means any one of the following: motor vehicle glass bonding primer; plastic solvent welding adhesive primer; single-ply roof membrane adhesive primer; other adhesive primer.

(v) "Aerosol adhesive" means an adhesive or adhesive primer packaged as an aerosol product in which the spray mechanism is permanently housed in a non-refillable can designed for handheld application without the need for ancillary hoses or spray equipment.

(vi) "Air-assisted airless spray" means a system that consists of an airless spray gun with a compressed air jet at the gun tip to atomize the adhesive.

(vii) "Airless spray" means the application of an adhesive through an atomizing nozzle at high pressure (1,000 to 6,000 pounds per square inch) by a pump force.

(viii) "Ceramic tile installation adhesive" means any adhesive intended by the manufacturer for use in the installation of ceramic tiles.

(xi) "Contact bond adhesive" means an adhesive that: (1) is designed for application to both surfaces to be bonded together, (2) is allowed to dry before the two surfaces are placed in contact with each other, (3) forms an immediate bond that is impossible, or difficult, to reposition after both adhesive-coated surfaces are placed in contact with each other, and (4) does not need sustained pressure or clamping of surfaces after the adhesive-coated surfaces have been brought together using sufficient momentary pressure to establish full contact between both surfaces. Contact bond adhesive also does not include rubber cements that are primarily intended for use on paper substrates. Contact bond adhesive also does not include vulcanizing fluids that are designed and labeled for tire repair only.

(xii) "Cove base" means a flooring trim unit, generally made of vinyl or rubber, having a concave radius on one edge and a convex radius on the opposite edge that is used in forming a junction between the bottom wall course and the floor or to form an inside corner.

(xiii) "Cove base installation adhesive" means any adhesive intended by the manufacturer to be used for the installation of cove base or wall base on a wall or vertical surface at floor level.

(xiv) "Cyanoacrylate adhesive" means any adhesive with a cyanoacrylate content of at least 95 percent by weight.

(xv) "Dip coating" means application where substrates are dipped into a tank containing the adhesive. The substrates are then withdrawn from the tank and any excess adhesive is allowed to drain.

(xvii) "Electrostatic spray" means application where the adhesive and substrate are oppositely charged.

(xviii) "EPDM roof membrane" means a prefabricated single sheet of elastomeric material composed of ethylene propylenediene monomer (EPDM) and that is field applied to a building roof using one layer or membrane material.

(xix) "Flexible vinyl" means non-rigid polyvinyl chloride plastic with a 5 percent by weight plasticizer content.

(xx) "Flow coating" means conveying the substrate over an enclosed sink where the adhesive is applied at low pressure as the item passes under a series of nozzles.

(xxi) "General adhesive application processes" means the use of adhesive on any one of the following substrates: reinforced plastic composite; flexible vinyl; metal; porous material (except wood); rubber; wood; other substrates.

(xxii) "HVLP" means a system with specialized nozzles that provide better air and fluid flow at lower air pressure, shape spray pattern, and guide high volumes of atomized adhesive particles to the substrate using lower air pressure (10 pounds per square inch or less at the spray cap).

(xxiii) "Indoor floor covering installation adhesive" means any adhesive intended by the manufacturer for use in the installation of wood flooring, carpet, resilient tile, vinyl tile, vinyl backed carpet, resilient sheet and roll or artificial grass. Adhesives used to install ceramic tile and perimeter bonded sheet flooring with vinyl backing onto a non-porous substrate, such as flexible vinyl, are excluded from this category.



(xxv) "Metal to urethane/rubber molding or casting adhesive" means any adhesive intended by the manufacturer to bond metal to high density or elastomeric urethane or molded rubber materials, in heater molding or casting processes, to fabricate products such as rollers for computer printers or other paper handling equipment.

(xxvi) "Miscellaneous industrial adhesive application" means an application process which consists of a series of one or more adhesive applicators and any associated drying area and/or oven wherein an adhesive is applied, dried, and/or cured. An application process ends at the point where the adhesive is dried or cured, or prior to any subsequent application of a different adhesive. It is not necessary for an application process to have an oven or flash-off area.

(xxvii) "Motor vehicle adhesive" means an adhesive, including glass bonding adhesive, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied for the purpose of bonding tow vehicle surfaces together without regard to the substrates involved.

(xxviii) "Motor vehicle glass bonding primer" means a primer, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to a windshield or other glass, or to body openings, to prepare the glass or body opening for the application of glass bonding adhesives or the installation of adhesive bonded glass. Motor vehicle glass bonding primer includes glass bonding/cleaning primers that perform both functions (cleaning and priming of the windshield or other glass, or body openings) prior to the application of adhesive or the installation of adhesive bonded glass.

(xxix) "Motor vehicle weatherstrip adhesive" means an adhesive, used at a facility that is not an automobile or light-duty truck assembly coating facility, applied to weatherstripping materials for the purpose of bonding the weatherstrip material to the surface of the vehicle.

(xxx) "Multipurpose construction adhesive" means any adhesive intended by the manufacturer for use in the installation or repair of various construction materials, including but not limited to drywall, subfloor, panel, fiberglass reinforced plastic (FRP), ceiling tile and acoustical tile.

(xxxi) "Outdoor floor covering installation adhesive" means any adhesive intended by the manufacturer for use in the installation of floor covering that is not in an enclosure and that is exposed to ambient weather conditions during normal use.

(xxxii) "Panel installation" means the installation of plywood, pre-decorated hardboard (or tileboard), fiberglass reinforced plastic, and similar pre-decorated or non-decorated panels to studs or solid surfaces using an adhesive formulated for that purpose.

(xxxiii) "Perimeter bonded sheet vinyl installation" means the installation of sheet flooring with vinyl backing onto a nonporous substrate using an adhesive designed to be applied only to a strip of up to four inches wide around the perimeter of the sheet flooring.

(xxxiv) "Plastic solvent welding adhesive" means any adhesive intended by the manufacturer for use to dissolve the surface of plastic to form a bond between mating surfaces.

(xxxv) "Plastic solvent welding adhesive primer" means any primer intended by the manufacturer for use to prepare plastic substrates prior to bonding or welding.

(xxvi) "Plastics" means synthetic materials chemically formed by the polymerization of organic (carbon-based) substances. Plastics are usually compounded with modifiers, extenders, and/or reinforcers and are capable of being molded, extruded, cast into various shapes and films, or drawn into filaments.

(xxxvii) "Porous material" means a substance that has tiny openings, often microscopic, in which fluids may be absorbed or discharged, including, but not limited to, paper and corrugated paperboard. For the purpose of this section, porous material does not include wood.

(xl) "Reinforced plastic composite" means a composite material consisting of plastic reinforced with fibers.

(xli) "Roll coating", "brush coating", and "hand application" means application of high viscosity adhesives onto small surface area.

(xlii) "Rubber" means any natural or manmade rubber substrate, including but not limited to, styrene-butadiene rubber, polychloroprene (neoprene), butyl rubber, nitrile rubber, chlorosulfonated polyethylene and ethylene propylene diene terpolymer.

(xlili) "Sheet rubber lining installation" means the process of applying sheet rubber liners by hand to metal or plastic substrates to protect the underlying substrate from corrosion or abrasion. These operations also include laminating sheet rubber to fabric by hand.

(xliv) "Single-ply roof membrane" means a prefabricated single sheet or rubber, normally ethylene-propylenediene terpolymer, that is field applied to a building roof using one layer of membrane material. For the purposes of this section, single-ply roof membrane does not include membranes prefabricated from ethylene-propylenediene monomer (EPDM).

(xlv) "Single-ply roof membrane installation and repair adhesive" means any adhesive labeled for use in the installation or repair of single-ply roof membrane. Installation includes, as a minimum, attaching the edge of the membrane to the edge of the roof and applying flashings to vents, pipes and ducts that protrude through the membrane. Repair includes gluing the edges of torn membrane together, attaching a patch over a hole and reapplying flashings to vents, pipes or ducts installed through the membrane.

(xlvi) "Single-ply roof membrane adhesive primer" means any primer labeled for use to clean and promote adhesion of the single-ply roof membrane seams or splices prior to bonding.

(xlvii) "Specialty adhesive application processes" means any one of the following: ceramic tile installation; contact bond adhesive; cove base installation; floor covering installation (indoor); floor covering installation (outdoor); floor covering installation (perimeter bonded sheet vinyl); metal to urethane/rubber molding or casting; motor vehicle adhesive; motor vehicle weatherstrip adhesive; multipurpose construction; plastic solvent welding (ABS); plastic solvent welding (except ABS); sheet rubber lining installation; single-ply roof membrane installation/repair (except EPDM); structural glazing; thin metal laminating; tire repair; and waterproof resorcinol glue.

(xlviii) "Structural glazing" means a process that includes the application of adhesive to bond glass, ceramic, metal, stone or composite panels to exterior building frames.

(xlix) "Thin metal laminating adhesive" means any adhesive intended by the manufacturer for use in bonding multiple layers of metal to metal or metal to plastic in the production of electronic or magnetic components in which the thickness of the bond line(s) is less than 0.25 millimeters.

(l) "Tire repair" means a process that includes expanding a hole, tear, fissure or blemish in a tire casing by grinding or gouging, applying adhesive and filling the hole or crevice with rubber.

(li) "Waterproof resorcinol glue" means a 2-part resorcinol-resin-based adhesive designed for applications where the bond line must be resistant to conditions of continuous immersion in fresh or salt water.

10. Applicability: On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this Subparagraph (yyy) shall apply:

(i) to facilities at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from all miscellaneous industrial adhesive application processes at a facility equal or exceed 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties;

(ii) the facility is not subject to Georgia Rules [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(t\), \(u\), \(v\), \(w\), \(x\), \(y\), \(z\), \(jj\), \(ll\), \(mm\), \(ddd\), or \(kkk\)](#); and

(iii) any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in this subparagraph are subject to the compliance schedule specified in Subparagraph 12.

Prior to January 1, 2015, facilities that meet the applicability provisions of subparagraphs 10.(i) and (ii) shall comply with the provisions of Subparagraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(tt\)](#), if applicable.

11. Applicability: The requirements of this Subparagraph (yyy) will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in subparagraph 10. are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of this Subparagraph (yyy) will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

#### 12. Compliance Schedule:

(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified in this Subparagraph (yyy) must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

#### (zzz) VOC Emissions from the Fiberglass Boat Manufacturing.

1. No person shall cause, let, permit, suffer or allow the emissions of monomer VOC from open molding resin and gel coat operations to exceed the limit specified by Equation 1 of this section, based on a 12-month rolling average.

Equation 1:

$$\text{Monomer VOC Limit} = 46(M_R) + 159(M_{PG}) + 291(M_{CG}) + 54(M_{TR}) + 214(M_{TG})$$

where:

Monomer VOC Limit = total allowable monomer VOC that can be emitted from the open molding operations included in the average, kilograms per 12 consecutive-month period.

$M_R$  = mass of production resin used in the previous 12 consecutive months, excluding any materials that are exempt (megagrams).

$M_{PG}$  = mass of pigmented gel coat used in the previous 12 consecutive months, excluding any materials that are exempt (megagrams).

$M_{CG}$  = mass of clear gel coat used in the previous 12 consecutive months, excluding any materials that are exempt (megagrams).

$M_{TR}$  = mass of tooling resin used in the previous 12 consecutive months, excluding any materials that are exempt (megagrams).

$M_{TG}$  = mass of tooling gel coat used in the previous 12 consecutive months, excluding any materials that are exempt (megagrams).

2. The emission limit specified by Equation 1 of this subsection shall be achieved by one or more of the options listed in paragraphs 2.(i) through 2.(iii) of this subsection:

(i) Emissions averaging option: Demonstrate that emissions from the open molding resin and gel coat operations included in the average meet the emission limit specified by Equation 1 of this subsection using the procedures described in subparagraph 3. of this subsection.

(I) Compliance with this option is based on a 12-month rolling average; and

(II) Those operations and materials not included in the emissions average must comply with either paragraph 2.(ii) or 2.(iii) of this subsection.

(ii) Compliant materials option: Demonstrate compliance by using resins and gel coats that meet the monomer VOC content requirements specified in subparagraph 4. of this subsection.

(I) Compliance with this option is based on a 12-month rolling average.

(iii) Add-on control option: Use an enclosure and add-on control device, and demonstrate that the resulting emissions meet the emission limit specified by Equation 1 of this subsection.

(I) Compliance with this option is based on control device performance testing and control device monitoring.

### 3. Emissions Averaging Option:

(i) Compliance using this option is demonstrated on a 12-month rolling average basis and is determined at the end of every month (12 times per year).

(ii) At the end of the first twelfth month after initial operation and at the end of every subsequent month, use Equation 2 of this subsection to demonstrate that the monomer VOC emissions from those operations included in the average do not exceed the emission limit specified by Equation 1 of this subsection for the same 12-month period. (Include terms in Equation 1 and Equation 2 of this subsection only for those operations and materials included in the average.)

Equation 2:

Monomer VOC emissions =

$$(PV_R)(M_R) + (PV_{PG})(M_{PG}) + (PV_{CG})(M_{CG}) + (PV_{TR})(M_{TR}) + (PV_{TG})(M_{TG})$$

where:

Monomer VOC emissions = Monomer VOC emissions calculated using the monomer VOC emission equations for each operation included in the average (kilograms).

$PV_R$  = Weighted-average monomer VOC emission rate for production resin used in the past 12 months (kilograms per megagram).

$M_R$  = Mass of production resin used in the past 12 months (megagrams).

$PV_{PG}$  = Weighted-average monomer VOC emission rate for pigmented gel coat used in the past 12 months (kilograms per megagram).

$M_{PG}$  = Mass of pigmented gel coat used in the past 12 months (megagrams).

$PV_{CG}$  = Weighted-average monomer VOC emission rate for clear gel coat used in the past 12 months (kilograms per megagram).

$M_{CG}$  = Mass of clear gel coat used in the past 12 months (megagrams).

$PV_{TR}$  = Weighted-average monomer VOC emission rate for tooling resin used in the past 12 months (kilograms per megagram).

$M_{TR}$  = Mass of tooling resin used in the past 12 months (megagrams).

$PV_{TG}$  = Weighted-average monomer VOC emission rate for tooling gel coat used in the past 12 months (kilograms per megagram).

$M_{TG}$  = Mass of tooling gel coat used in the past 12 months (megagrams).

(iii) At the end of every calendar month, use Equation 3 of this subsection to compute the weighted average monomer VOC emission rate for each open molding resin and gel coat operation included in the average:

Equation 3:

$$PV_{OP} = \left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [(M_i)(PV_i)]}{\sum (M_i)} \right]$$

where:

$PV_{OP}$  = Weighted-average monomer VOC emission rate for each open molding operation ( $PV_R$ ,  $PV_{PG}$ ,  $PV_{CG}$ ,  $PV_{TR}$ ,  $PV_{TG}$ ) included in the average, kilograms of monomer VOC per megagram of material applied.

$M_i$  = Mass of resin or gel coat *used within an operation in the past 12 months, megagrams.*

$n$  = Number of different open molding resins and gel coats used within an operation in the past 12 months.

$PV_i$  = The monomer VOC emission rate for resin or gel coat *used within an operation in the past 12 months, kilograms of monomer VOC per megagram of material applied.*

(iv) The monomer VOC emission rate ( $PV_i$ ) from the atomization of production resin or tooling resin is computed by the following equation:

$$[(0.014)(\text{Resin VOC}\%^{2.425})]$$

(v) The monomer VOC emission rate ( $PV_i$ ) from the atomization plus vacuum bagging with roll-out of production resin or tooling resin is computed by the following equation:

$$[(0.01185)(\text{Resin VOC}\%^{2.425})]$$

(vi) The monomer VOC emission rate ( $PV_i$ ) from the atomization plus vacuum bagging without roll-out of production resin or tooling resin is computed by the following equation:

$$[(0.00945)(\text{Resin VOC}\%^{2.425})]$$

(vii) The monomer VOC emission rate ( $PV_i$ ) from the non-atomization of production resin or tooling resin is computed by the following equation:

$$\left[(0.014)(\text{Resin VOC}\%^{2.275})\right]$$

(viii) The monomer VOC emission rate ( $PV_i$ ) from the non-atomization plus vacuum bagging with roll-out of production resin or tooling resin is computed by the following equation:

$$\left[(0.0110)(\text{Resin VOC}\%^{2.275})\right]$$

(ix) The monomer VOC emission rate ( $PV_i$ ) from the non-atomization plus vacuum bagging without roll-out of production resin or tooling resin is computed by the following equation:

$$\left[(0.0076)(\text{Resin VOC}\%^{2.275})\right]$$

(x) The monomer VOC emission rate ( $PV_i$ ) from the application of any pigmented gel coat, clear gel coat or tooling gel coat is computed by the following equation:

$$\left[(0.445)(\text{Gel Coat VOC}\%^{1.675})\right]$$

4. Compliant Coating Option: For each open molding operation complying using the compliant materials option:

(i) The monomer VOC content requirements are specified in paragraphs 4.(i)(I) through 4.(i)(VII).

(I) The weighted-average monomer VOC content requirement for spray atomized production resin operations is 28 percent (weight percent).

(II) The weighted-average monomer VOC content requirement for nonatomized production resin operations is 35 percent (weight percent).

(III) The weighted-average monomer VOC content requirement for pigmented gel coat operations applied using any method is 33 percent (weight percent).

(IV) The weighted-average monomer VOC content requirement for clear coat gel operations using any method is 48 percent (weight percent).

(V) The weighted-average monomer VOC content requirement for atomized tool resin operations is 30 percent (weight percent).

(VI) The weighted-average monomer VOC content requirement for nonatomized tooling resin operations is 39 percent (weight percent).

(VII) The weighted-average monomer VOC content requirement for tooling gel coat operations applied using any method is 40 percent (weight percent).

(ii) Compliance using the monomer VOC content requirements listed in paragraph 4.(i)(I) through 4.(i)(VII) is based on a 12-month rolling average that is calculated at the end of every month.

(iii) At the end of the first twelfth month and at the end of every subsequent month, if all resins and gel coats used in an operation have monomer VOC contents no greater than the applicable monomer VOC content limits specified in paragraph 4.(i)(I) through 4.(i)(VII), then:

(I) Compliance with the emission limit specified by Equation 1 of this subsection for the particular operation is achieved; and

(II) There is no need to complete the calculations required by paragraph 4.(iv) for that operation.

(iv) If compliance as specified in subparagraph 4.(iii) is not achieved, calculate the weighted-average monomer VOC content for all resins and gel coats [excluding filled resins] used in the previous 12 months at the end of every month using Equation 4:

Equation 4:

Weighted-Average Monomer VOC Content (%) =

$$\left[ \frac{\sum_{i=1}^n [(M_i)(VOC_i)]}{\sum_{i=1}^n (M_i)} \right]$$

where:

$M_i$  = Mass of open molding resin or gel coat *used in the past 12 months in an operation (megagrams).*

$VOC_i$  = Monomer VOC content, by weight percent, of open molding resin or gel coat *used in the past 12 months in an operation.*

$n$  = Number of different open molding resins or gel coats used in the past 12 months in an operation.

(v) The monomer VOC emissions from the use of filled production resins and filled tooling resins shall be calculated using Equation 5:

(I) Equation 5:

$$(PV_F) = (PV_U) \left[ \frac{(100 - \% \text{ Filler})}{100} \right]$$

where:

$PV_F$  = The as-applied monomer VOC emission rate for the filled production resin or tooling resin (kilograms monomer VOC per megagram of filled material).

$PV_U$  = The monomer VOC emission rate for the neat (unfilled) resin, before filler is added, as calculated using paragraphs 3.(iv) through 3.(x), whichever is applicable.

% Filler = The weight-percent of filler in the as-applied filled resin system.

(II) The value of  $PV_F$  calculated by Equation 5 shall not exceed 46 kilograms of monomer VOC per megagram of filled resin, as applied, if the filled resin used is a production resin.

(III) The value of  $PV_F$  calculated by Equation 5 shall not exceed 54 kilograms of monomer VOC per megagram of filled resin, as applied, if the filled resin used is a tooling resin.

(IV) The facility shall use the value of  $PV_F$  calculated using Equation 5 if the facility is including a filled resin in Equation 3 of this subsection.

5. Add-On Control Option: If product performance requirements or other needs dictate the use of higher monomer VOC materials than those that would meet the recommended emission limits specified in subparagraph 4. of this subsection, a fiberglass boat manufacturing facility shall:

(i) Install and operate a thermal oxidizer as an add-on control device and meet the operating limits specified in Table 4 of 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart VVV, as amended, that apply to the emission capture system and thermal oxidizer.

(ii) Use of an add-on control device other than a thermal oxidizer, or monitoring an alternative parameter and complying with a different operating limit must be approved by the Director.

6. The non-monomer VOC content of filled resins shall not exceed 5 percent (weight percent) for all resins and gel coats included in VOC limits described in paragraphs 1. through 5. of this subsection.

7. All resin and gel coat mixing containers with a capacity equal to or greater than 55 gallons, including those used for on-site mixing of putties and polyputties, shall have a cover with no visible gaps in place at all times except during the following operations:

(i) When mixing is being manually added to or removed from a container; and

(ii) When mixing or pumping equipment is being placed or removed from a container.

8. The VOC content of cleaning solvents for routine application equipment cleaning shall not contain in excess of 5 percent VOC by weight.

9. For the purpose of this subsection, the definitions specified in 40 CFR Part 63.5779, as amended, are hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following additions:

(i) "Fiberglass boat manufacturing" means a facility that manufacturers hulls or decks of boats and related parts, builds molds to make fiberglass boat hulls or decks and related parts from fiberglass, or makes polyester resin putties for assembling fiberglass parts. For purposes of this subsection, fiberglass boat manufacturing does not include facilities that manufacture solely parts of boats (such as hatches, seats, or lockers), or boat trailers, but not manufacture hulls or decks of boats from fiberglass, or build molds to make fiberglass boat hulls or decks. If a facility manufactures hulls or decks, or molds for hulls or decks, then the manufacture of all other fiberglass boat parts, including small parts such as hatches, seats, and lockers is also covered.

(ii) "Monomer" means a volatile organic compound that partly combines with itself, or other similar compounds, by a cross-linking reaction to become a part of the cured resin.

10. Applicability: On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this subparagraph (zzz) shall apply to facilities at which the actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from all non-exempt fiberglass boat manufacturing processes at a facility equal or exceed 2.7 tons per 12-month rolling period for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties. Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in this subparagraph are subject to the compliance schedule specified in subparagraph 12. Prior to January 1, 2015, such facilities shall comply with the provisions of subparagraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(tt\)](#), if applicable.

11. Applicability: The requirements of this Subparagraph (zzz) will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in subparagraph 10. are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of this Subparagraph (zzz) will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

12. Compliance Schedule:



(i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.

(ii) On-site of construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified Subparagraph (zzz) must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

13. Applicability: The requirements of this subsection apply to the following operations at a fiberglass boat manufacturer:

(i) open molding and gel coat operations (including pigmented gel coat, clear gel coat, production resin, tooling gel coat, and tooling resin);

(ii) resins and gel coat mixing operations; and

(iii) resins and gel coat application equipment cleaning operations.

14. Applicability: The requirements of this subsection do not apply to the following operations at a fiberglass boat manufacturer:

(i) Surface coating applied to fiberglass boats;

(ii) Surface coating for fiberglass and metal recreational boats (pleasure craft); and

(iii) industrial adhesives used in the assembly of fiberglass boats.

15. Exemptions: The following activities are exempt from the open molding emission limit specified in subparagraph 1. of this subsection:

(i) Production resins (including skin coat resins) that shall meet specifications for use in military vessels or shall be approved by the U.S. Coast Guard for use in the construction of lifeboats, rescue boats, and other life saving appliances approved under 46 CFR Subchapter Q, or the construction of small passenger vessels regulated by 46 CFR Subchapter T. Production resins for which this exemption is used must be applied with nonatomizing (non-spray) resin application equipment. You must keep a record of the resins for which you are using this exemption.

(ii) Pigmented, clear, and tooling gel coat used for part or mold repair and touch up. The total gel coat materials included in this exemption must not exceed 1 percent by weight of all gel coat used at the facility on a 12-month rolling average basis. You must keep a record of the amount of gel coats used per month for which you are using this exemption and copies of calculations showing that the exempt amount does not exceed 1 percent of all gel coat used.

(iii) Pure, 100 percent vinylester resin used for skin coats. This exemption does not apply to blends of vinylester and polyester resins used for skin coats. The total resin materials included in the exemption cannot exceed 5 percent by weight of all resin used at the facility on a 12-month rolling-average basis. You must keep a record of the amount of 100 percent vinylester skin coat resin used per month that is eligible for this exemption and copies of calculations showing that the exempt amount does not exceed 5 percent of all resin used.

(aaaa) **Industrial Cleaning Solvents.**

1. No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit the use of organic solvents for cleaning operations such as mixing vessels (tanks), spray booths, parts drums or for other cleaning activities performed for the removal of material from substrate including actions such as wiping, flushing or spraying, unless the following requirements for control of emissions of the volatile organic compounds are satisfied:

- (i) All containers used for organic solvent-related materials are kept closed at all times except when depositing or removing these materials;
- (ii) All organic cleaning solvents and used solvent-related materials including shop towels shall be stored in closed containers;
- (iii) Air circulation around cleaning-related operations and waste materials shall be minimized;
- (iv) All used solvent materials and shop towels shall be disposed of in a manner that minimizes emissions (e.g., moving these items from one location to another in closed containers or pipes); and
- (v.) Equipment shall be maintained in such a way that minimizes emissions (e.g., keeping parts cleaners covered, maintaining cleaning equipment to repair solvent leaks, etc.).

2. No person shall cause, suffer, allow, or permit volatile organic compound emissions from each cleaning process, spray gun cleaning, spray booth cleaning, large manufactured components cleaning, parts cleaning, equipment cleaning, line cleaning, floor cleaning, tank cleaning or small manufactured components cleaning to exceed 0.42 lbs of VOC per gallon (50 g/liter) of cleaning material unless the cleaning operation is equipped with an emission control system with an overall control efficiency of at least 85 percent. Alternatively, a VOC composite vapor pressure limit of 8 millimeters of mercury (mmHg) at 20° Celsius may be used as a replacement limit for VOC content limit.

3. The requirements of this subparagraph shall not apply to any cleaning operations in categories subject to other more specific VOC requirements contained in other subparagraphs of this Rule. The requirements of this subparagraph shall not apply to cleaners used for low temperature (below 40°F) applications, or the use of janitorial cleaners as relating to cleaning offices, bathrooms or other similar areas.

4. For the purpose of this subparagraph, the following definition shall apply:

- (i) "Industrial cleaning solvents" means a variety of products that are used to remove contaminants such as adhesives, inks, paint, dirt, soil, oil, and grease from parts, products, tools, machinery, equipment, vessels, floors, walls, and other production related work areas for a variety of reasons including safety, operability, and to avoid product contamination.

5. Applicability: On and after January 1, 2015, the requirements of this Subparagraph (aaaa) shall apply to facilities at which actual emissions of volatile organic compounds from the use of organic solvents for cleaning operations equal or exceed 15 pounds per day for facilities located in Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding, and Walton counties. Any physical or operational changes that are necessary to comply with the provisions specified in this Subparagraph (aaaa) are subject to the compliance schedule specified in Subparagraph 7. Prior to January 1, 2015, such facilities shall comply with the provisions of Subparagraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(tt\)](#), if applicable.

6. Applicability: The requirements of this Subparagraph (aaaa) will no longer be applicable by the compliance deadlines if the counties specified in subparagraph 5. are re-designated to attainment for the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone prior to January 1, 2015. In the event the 1997 National Ambient Air Quality Standard for ozone is violated in the specified counties, the requirements of this Subparagraph (aaaa) will only be reinstated if the Director determines that the measure is necessary to meet the requirements of the contingency plan.

7. Compliance Schedule:

- (i) An application for a permit to construct and operate volatile organic compound emission control systems and/or modifications of process and/or coatings used must be submitted to the Division no later than **July 1, 2014**.
- (ii) On-site construction of emission control systems and/or modification of process or coatings must be completed by **November 1, 2014**.

(iii) Full compliance with the applicable requirements specified this Subparagraph (aaaa) must be completed before **January 1, 2015**.

**(3) Sampling.**

(a) Any sampling, computation and analysis to determine the compliance with any of the emissions limitations or standards set forth herein shall be in accordance with applicable procedures and methods specified in the Georgia Department of Natural Resources **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants**. When no applicable test method or procedure is published therein, the Director shall specify or approve an applicable method or procedure prior to its use.

(b) The owner or operator of any equipment which is being sampled for the purpose of determining compliance with the Regulations shall operate such equipment during the sampling period at the maximum expected operating capacity, or at other specific operating conditions prescribed in the applicable operating permit or as otherwise may be required by the Director.

(c) The owner or operator of any source shall provide performance testing facilities as follows:

1. Sampling ports adequate for test methods applicable to such source;
2. Safe sampling platform;
3. Safe access to sampling platforms; and
4. Electric power for sampling and testing equipment.

**(4) Ambient Air Standards.**

(a) **No person** shall cause, suffer, permit, or allow the emission from any source the quantities of compounds listed below which would cause the ambient air standards listed to be exceeded. This does not exempt such sources from controlling their emissions to a point equal to or lower than the levels required to comply with a specific emission standard enumerated in other sections of these Rules.

**(b) Sulfur Dioxide.**

1. The level of the 2010 1-hour ambient air quality primary standard for oxides of sulfur is 75 parts per billion (ppb), measured in the ambient air as sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>).

(i) The 1-hour primary standard is attained when the three-year average of the annual (99<sup>th</sup> percentile) of the daily maximum 1-hour average concentrations is less than or equal to 75 ppb, as determined in accordance with Appendix T of 40 CFR Part 50.

(ii) The level of the 2010 1-hour ambient air quality primary standard shall be measured by a reference method based on Appendix A or A-1 of 40 CFR Part 50, or by a Federal Equivalent Method (FEM) designated in accordance with 40 CFR Part 53.

2. The level of the 1971 3-hour ambient air quality secondary standard for oxides of sulfur for any successive nonoverlapping calendar day three-hour period starting at midnight each calendar day is 0.5 ppm, measured in the ambient air as sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>).

(i) The 3-hour secondary standard is attained when the second-highest 3-hour average, as determined in accordance with [40 CFR 50.5\(c\)](#), is less than or equal to 0.5 ppm. The standard shall not be exceeded more than once per calendar year.

(ii) The level of the 1971 3-hour ambient air quality secondary standard shall be measured in the ambient air as sulfur dioxide by the reference method described in Appendix A of 40 CFR Part 50, or by a FEM designated in accordance with 40 CFR Part 53.

**(c) Particulate Matter.**

**1. PM<sub>10</sub>**

(i) The level of the 24-hour ambient air quality standard for PM<sub>10</sub> is 150 micrograms per cubic meter, 24-hour average concentration.

(I) The standard is attained when the expected number of days per calendar year with a 24-hour average concentration above 150 micrograms per cubic meter, as determined in accordance with Appendix K of [40 CFR 50](#), is equal to or less than 1.

(II) PM<sub>10</sub> shall be measured in the ambient air as PM<sub>10</sub> (particles with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal ten micrometers) by a reference method based upon [40 CFR 50](#), Appendix J.

**2. PM<sub>2.5</sub>**

(i) The level of the annual ambient air quality standard of PM<sub>2.5</sub> (particles with an aerodynamic diameter less than or equal to a nominal 2.5 micrometers) in the ambient air is 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter, annual arithmetic mean.

(I) The annual standard is attained when the annual arithmetic mean concentration, as determined in accordance with Appendix N of [40 CFR 50](#) is less than or equal to 12.0 micrograms per cubic meter.

(II) PM<sub>2.5</sub> shall be measured in the ambient air as PM<sub>2.5</sub> by reference method based upon [40 CFR 50](#), Appendix L.

(ii) The level of the 24-hour ambient air quality standard of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the ambient air is 35 micrograms per cubic meter, 24-hour average concentration.

(I) The 24-hour standard is attained when the 98<sup>th</sup> percentile 24-hour concentration, as determined in accordance with Appendix N of [40 CFR 50](#), is less than or equal to 35 micrograms per cubic meter.

(II) PM<sub>2.5</sub> shall be measured in the ambient air as PM<sub>2.5</sub> by reference method based upon [40 CFR 50](#), Appendix L.

**(d) Carbon Monoxide.**

1. The level of the ambient air quality standard for carbon monoxide is 35 ppm (40 milligrams per cubic meter) for a one-hour average or 9 ppm (10 milligrams per cubic meter) for an eight-hour average.

(i) These standards are not to be exceeded more than once per year.

(ii) Carbon monoxide shall be measured in the ambient air as CO by reference method based upon [40 CFR 50](#), Appendix C.

**(e) Ozone.**

1. The level of the 2008 8-hour ambient air standard for ozone is 0.075 ppm, daily maximum 8-hour average.

(i) The standard is attained when the 3-year average of the annual fourth-highest daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentration is less than or equal to 0.075 ppm, as determined in accordance with Appendix P of [40 CFR 50](#).

(ii) Ozone shall be measured in the ambient air by a reference method based upon [40 CFR 50](#), Appendix D or an equivalent method designated in accordance with [40 CFR 53](#).

2. The level of the 2015 8-hour ambient air standard for ozone is 0.070 ppm, daily maximum 8-hour average.

(i) The standard is attained when the 3-year average of the annual fourth highest daily maximum 8-hour average ozone concentration is less than or equal to 0.070 ppm, as determined in accordance with Appendix U of [40 CFR 50](#).

(ii) Ozone shall be measured in the ambient air by a reference method based upon [40 CFR 50](#), Appendix D or an equivalent method designated in accordance with [40 CFR 53](#).

**(f) Lead.**

1. The level of ambient air quality standard of lead and its compounds at ground level shall not exceed 0.15 micrograms per cubic meter, arithmetic mean concentration over a 3-month period.

(i) The standard is attained when the maximum arithmetic 3-month mean concentration for a 3-year period, as determined in accordance with Appendix R of this [40 CFR 50](#), is less than or equal to 0.15 micrograms per cubic meter.

(ii) The specified standard procedure for measuring ambient air concentrations of lead shall be a reference method based upon [40 CFR 50](#), Appendix G or an equivalent method designated in accordance with [40 CFR 53](#).

**(g) Nitrogen Dioxide.**

1. The level of the annual air quality standards for oxides of nitrogen at ground level is 53 ppb, annual average concentration, measured in the ambient air as nitrogen dioxide.

(i) The annual standard is met when the annual average concentration in a calendar year is less than or equal to 53 ppb, as determined in accordance with Appendix S of [40 CFR 50](#).

(ii) The level of the standard shall be measured by a reference method based on Appendix F or by a FEM designated in accordance with [40 CFR 53](#).

2. The level of the 1-hour ambient air quality standard for oxides of nitrogen is 100 ppb, 1-hour average concentration, measured in the ambient air as nitrogen dioxide.

(i) The 1-hour standard is met when the three-year average of the annual 98<sup>th</sup> percentile of the daily maximum 1-hour average concentration is less than or equal to 100 ppb, as determined in accordance with Appendix S of [40 CFR 50](#).

(ii) The level of the standard shall be measured by a reference method based on Appendix F or by a FEM designated in accordance with [40 CFR 53](#).

**(h) Standard Conditions for Temperature and Pressure.**

1. All measurements of air quality that are expressed as mass per unit volume (e.g., micrograms per cubic meter) other than for particulate matter (PM<sub>2.5</sub>) standards contained in [391-3-1-.02\(4\)\(c\)2.](#), and lead standards contained in [391-3-1-.02\(4\)\(f\)](#) shall be corrected to a reference temperature of 25 (deg) C and a reference pressure of 760 millimeters of mercury (1,013.2 millibars).

2. Measurements of PM<sub>2.5</sub> for purposes of comparison to the standards contained in [391-3-1-.02\(4\)\(c\)2.](#), and of lead for purposes of comparison to the standards contained in [391-3-1-.02\(4\)\(f\)](#) shall be reported based on actual ambient air volume measured at the actual ambient temperature and pressure at the monitoring site during the measurement period.

**(5) Open Burning.**

(a) **No person shall cause**, suffer, allow, or permit open burning in any area of the State except as follows:

1. Reduction of leaf piles, yard debris, or hand-piled natural vegetation on the premises on which they fall by the person in control of the premises, unless prohibited by local ordinance and/or regulation.
2. Carrying out recognized agricultural procedures necessary for production or harvesting of crops, if the agricultural tract, lot, or parcel is less than or equal to five acres.
3. Burning over any agricultural tract, lot, or parcel greater than five acres for purposes of any existing, expanded, or new agricultural operations as such term is defined by O.C.G.A. Section [1-3-3](#), provided that such burning is consistent with the requirements of the Federal Act and is limited to vegetative material.
4. The "prescribed burning" of any land by the owners or the owner's designee.
5. For recreational purposes or cooking food for immediate human consumption.
6. Fires set for purposes of training fire-fighting personnel when authorized by the appropriate governmental entity.
7. Acquired structure burns provided that an Authorization to Burn certificate has been issued by the Division.
8. Disposal of vegetative debris from storm damage.
9. For weed abatement, disease, and pest prevention.
10. Operation of devices using open flames such as tar kettles, blow torches, welding torches, portable heaters and other flame-making equipment.
11. Open burning for the purpose of land clearing or construction or right-of-way maintenance provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) Prevailing winds at the time of the burning are away from the major portion of the area's population;
  - (ii) The location of the burning is at least 1,000 feet from any occupied structure, or lesser distance if approved by the Division;
  - (iii) The amount of dirt on or in the material being burned is minimized;
  - (iv) Heavy oils, asphaltic materials, items containing natural or synthetic rubber, or any materials other than plant growth are not being burned; and
  - (v) No more than one pile 60 feet by 60 feet, or equivalent, is being burned within a 9-acre area at one time.
12. Disposal of all packaging materials previously containing explosives, in accordance with U.S. Department of Labor Safety Regulations.
13. Open burning of vegetative material for the purpose of land clearing using an air curtain destructor provided the following conditions are met:
  - (i) Authorization for such open burning is received from the fire department, if required, having local jurisdiction over the open burning location prior to initiation of any open burning at such location;
  - (ii) The location of the air curtain destructor is at least 300 feet from any occupied structure or public road. Air curtain destructors used solely for utility line clearing or road clearing may be located at a lesser distance upon approval by the Division;
  - (iii) No more than one air curtain destructor is operated within a ten (10) acre area at one time or there must be at least 1000 feet between any two air curtain destructors;

(iv) Only wood waste consisting of trees, logs, large brush and stumps which are relatively free of soil are burned in the air curtain destructor;

(v) Tires or other rubber products, plastics, heavy oils or asphaltic based or impregnated materials are not used to start or maintain the operation of the air curtain destructor;

(vi) The air curtain destructor is constructed, installed and operated in a manner consistent with good air pollution control practice for minimizing emissions of fly ash and smoke;

(vii) The cleaning out of the air curtain destructor pit is performed in a manner to prevent fugitive dust; and

(viii) Whenever feasible, the air curtain destructor should not be fired before 10:00 a.m. and the fire should be completely extinguished, using water or by covering with dirt, at least one hour before sunset.

**(b) Specific County Restrictions.**

1. In the counties of Bartow, Carroll, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Newton, Paulding, Rockdale, Spalding and Walton, the only legal exceptions to the general prohibition against open burning during the months of May, June, July, August and September shall be:

(i) exceptions numbered 2, 5, 6, 10 and 12 under subparagraph (a) above provided, however, that such burning, whenever feasible, be conducted between 10:00 a.m. and one hour before sunset; and

(ii) exception number 3 under subparagraph (a) above.

2. In the counties of Banks, Barrow, Bibb, Butts, Catoosa, Chattooga, Clarke, Columbia, Crawford, Dawson, Floyd, Gordon, Haralson, Heard, Houston, Jackson, Jasper, Jones, Lamar, Lumpkin, Madison, Meriwether, Monroe, Morgan, Oconee, Peach, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Putnam, Richmond, Troup, Twiggs, Upson, and Walker the only legal exceptions to the general prohibition against open burning during the months of May, June, July, August and September shall be:

(i) exceptions numbered 2, 4, 5, 6, 10 and 12 under subparagraph (a) above provided, however, that such burning, whenever feasible, be conducted between 10:00 a.m. and one hour before sunset; and

(ii) exception number 3 under subparagraph (a) above.

3. [reserved]

4. In counties listed in subparagraphs 1 or 2 above whose total population, as listed in the 2010 Census, exceeds 65,000 (Barrow, Bartow, Bibb, Carroll, Cherokee, Clarke, Clayton, Cobb, Columbia, Coweta, DeKalb, Douglas, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gwinnett, Hall, Henry, Houston, Newton, Paulding, Richmond, Rockdale, Troup, Walker and Walton), the only legal exceptions to the general prohibition against open burning during the months of January, February, March, April, October, November, and December are:

(i) exceptions numbered 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, and 13 under subparagraph (a) above, provided, however, that such burning, whenever feasible, be conducted between 10:00 a.m. and one hour before sunset and does not cause air pollution in quantities or characteristics or of a duration which is injurious or which unreasonably interferes with the enjoyment of life or use of property in such area of the state as is affected thereby; and

(ii) exception number 3 under subparagraph (a) above.

(c) **Except for a reasonable period** to get a fire started, no smoke the opacity of which is equal to or greater than 40 percent, shall be emitted from any source of open burning listed in subparagraphs (a) and (b) above except as follows. Prescribed burning, agricultural burning and acquired structure burning are not subject to the 40 percent opacity standard in this paragraph.

(d) **The Director** may allow open burning prohibited under paragraphs (a) and (b), upon a determination that such open burning is necessary to protect the public health, safety or welfare of the people of the State of Georgia, or there are no reasonable alternatives to the open burning.

(e) **Prescribed burning** conducted under subparagraph (b)2. is subject to authorization by the Georgia Forestry Commission to include burning restrictions during periods that are conducive to the formation of ozone. Federal facilities which conduct prescribed burning in accordance with subparagraph (b)2. that are not required to obtain authorization from the Georgia Forestry Commission for such burning shall institute measures to ensure that prescribed burning is not conducted during periods conducive to the formation of ozone.

(f) **Definitions.**

1. "Prescribed burning" means the controlled application of fire to existing vegetative fuels under specified environmental conditions and following appropriate precautionary measures, which causes the fire to be confined to a predetermined area and accomplishes one or more planned land management objectives as specified in the Georgia Prescribed Burning Act (Georgia Code Title 12. Conservation and Natural Resources § [12-6-146](#)) or to mitigate catastrophic wildfires.

2. [reserved]

3. "Acquired structure burn" is the burning of a house, building or structure for the exclusive purpose of providing training to fire-fighting personnel or arson investigators.

(6) **Source Monitoring.**

(a) **Specific Monitoring and Reporting Requirements for Particular Sources.**

1. Sources, and owners and operators of sources, subject to any of the Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources of or pursuant to [42 U.S.C. Section 7411](#), as amended, or National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants of or pursuant to U.S.C. Section 7412, as amended, shall meet the monitoring and related requirements specified in the applicable standard, unless the Director specifies additional or more stringent requirements, in which case all requirements must be met.

2. Certain specific sources, as herein designated, shall provide for the continuous monitoring of emissions as prescribed below:

(i) Fossil Fuel-Fired Steam Generators. The owner or operator of any fossil fuel-fired steam generator, except as provided for in subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, with an annual average capacity factor of greater than 30 percent, as reported to the Federal Power Commission for calendar year 1974, or as otherwise demonstrated to the Director by the owner or operator, shall install, calibrate, operate, and maintain all monitoring equipment necessary for the continuous monitoring of the following:

(I) Opacity, if such steam generator has a heat input greater than 250 million BTUs per hour, except where:

I. Gaseous fuel is the only fuel burned; or

II. Oil or mixture of gas and oil are the only fuels burned and the source is able to comply with the applicable particulate matter and opacity regulations without utilization of particulate matter collection equipment, and the source has never been found, through any administrative or judicial proceedings, to be in violation of any visible emission standard;

(II) Sulfur dioxide, if such steam generator has a heat input greater than 250 million BTUs per hour and has installed sulfur dioxide emission control equipment;



(III) The percent oxygen, or carbon dioxide, in the flue gas as necessary to accurately convert sulfur dioxide continuous emission monitoring data to the units of the emission standard.

(ii) Sulfuric Acid Plants.

(I) The owner or operator of any sulfuric acid plant of greater than 300 tons per day production capacity, the production being expressed as 100 percent acid, shall, except as provided for in subparagraph (iv) of this paragraph, install, calibrate, maintain, and operate a continuous monitoring system for the measurement of sulfur dioxide for each sulfuric acid production facility within such plant.

(iii) Wood Waste Fired Combination Boilers.

(I) The owner or operator of any boiler which fires wood waste or wood waste in combination with fossil fuel(s) with a total heat input equal to or greater than 100 million BTUs per hour shall, except as provided for in subparagraph (iv) of this subparagraph, install, calibrate, operate and maintain a continuous monitoring system for the measurement of opacity;

(II) Boilers subject to this subparagraph (iii) shall comply with the opacity monitoring requirements as specified for fossil fuel fired steam generators. In any rule or subdivision thereof dealing with opacity monitoring requirements for fossil fuel-fired steam generators, where reference is made to "Fossil Fuel Fired Steam Generators" the term "Wood Waste Fired Combination Boilers" should be inserted for the purpose of this subparagraph.

(iv) Exemptions. A facility is exempt from the requirements otherwise imposed by this subparagraph (a)2. if:

(I) It is subject to any of the Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources promulgated in 40 CFR, Part 60 or National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants promulgated in 40 CFR Part 61, pursuant to Section 111 of the Federal Act; or

(II) It is not subject to an applicable emission standard.

(v) Monitoring Equipment.

(I) The monitoring equipment required pursuant to the previous subparagraphs (i) through (iv) shall be demonstrated by the owners or operators of such monitoring equipment to meet the performance specifications specified in the Georgia Department of Natural Resources **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants**.

(vi) Data Reporting.

(I) The owner or operator of a facility subject to the requirements of this subparagraph (a)2. shall submit a written report for each calendar quarter and, if excess emissions have occurred, the report shall state the nature and cause of the excess emissions, if known, and the corrective action taken. The averaging period used for data reporting shall correspond to the averaging period specified in the emission test method used to determine compliance with an emission standard for the pollutant/source category in question. The required report shall include, as a minimum, the data specified in this subparagraph.

I. For opacity measurements, the summary shall consist of the magnitude in actual percent opacity of each 6-minute average of opacity which is greater than the opacity standard applicable to the source. If more than one opacity standard applies, excess emissions data must be submitted in relation to all such standards.

II. For gaseous measurements, the summary shall consist of emission averages in the units of the applicable standard, for each averaging period during which the applicable standard was exceeded.

III. The data and time identifying each period during which the continuous monitoring system was inoperative, except for zero and span checks, and the nature of system repairs or adjustments shall be reported. The Director may require proof of continuous monitoring system performance whenever system repairs or adjustments have been made.

IV. When no excess emissions have occurred and the continuous monitoring system(s) have not been inoperative, repaired, or adjusted, such information shall be included in the report.

V. The owners or operators of sources or facilities subject to this subparagraph (a)2. shall maintain a file of all information reported in the quarterly summaries, and all other data collected either by the continuous monitoring system or as necessary to convert monitoring data to the units of the applicable standard for a minimum of two years from the date of collection of such data or submission of such summaries.

(vii) Data Conversion. The owner or operator of a source subject to this subparagraph (a)2. shall use the following procedures for converting monitoring data to units of the applicable standard:

(I) For fossil fuel-fired steam generators, the procedures of Paragraph 2.1 of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants** shall be used to convert gaseous emissions monitoring data in ppm to pounds/million BTU where necessary.

(II) For sulfuric acid plants the owner or operator shall:

I. Establish a conversion factor three times daily according to the procedures in Paragraph 2.5 of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants**.

II. Multiply the conversion factor by the average sulfur dioxide concentration in the flue gases to obtain average sulfur dioxide emissions in lb/ton, and;

III. Report the average sulfur dioxide emission for each averaging period in excess of the applicable emission standard in the quarterly report.

(III) The owner or operator of a source subject to this regulation may employ data reporting or reduction procedures varying from those specified in this subparagraph (a)2.(vii) if such owner or operator shows to the satisfaction of the Director that such procedures are at least as accurate as the procedures identified in this subparagraph. Such procedures may include, but are not limited to, the following:

I. Alternative procedures for computing emission averages that do not require integration of data (e.g., some facilities may demonstrate that the variability of their emissions is sufficiently small to allow accurate reduction of data based upon computing averages from equally spaced data points over the averaging period);

II. Alternative methods of converting pollutant concentration measurements to the units of the emission standards.

(viii) In cases where the owner or operator of a source subject to this paragraph wishes to utilize different, but equivalent, procedures for continuous monitoring systems and/or alternative monitoring and data reporting procedures or other alternative equivalents to comply with the intent of this paragraph then:

(I) The owner or operator must submit:

I. A detailed summary of the limitations prohibiting the installation of a continuous monitor, and;

II. Alternative and/or equivalent emission monitoring and reporting requirements (e.g., periodic manual stack tests) to satisfy the intent of this paragraph.

(II) The use of any alternative or equivalent method for compliance with any requirement of this subparagraph (a)2. shall be subject to approval of the Director.

(ix) Monitor Malfunction.

(I) The requirements of this paragraph shall not apply during any period of monitoring system malfunction, provided that the source owner or operator shows, to the satisfaction of the Director, that the malfunction was unavoidable and is being or was repaired as expeditiously as practicable.

(x) [reserved]

(xi) Kraft Pulp Mills.

(I) On or before March 1, 1984, unless otherwise specified in an alternate compliance schedule as provided for in subparagraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)\(a\)9.](#), the owner or operator of any kraft pulp mill subject to any limitation or requirement of, or under subparagraph (gg) of paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#) shall, except as provided in Part (II) of this subparagraph, install, calibrate, operate, and maintain a system to continuously measure and record the concentration of TRS emissions on a dry basis and the percent of oxygen by volume on a dry basis in the gases discharged from any lime kiln, recovery furnace, digester system, or multiple-effect evaporator system.

(II) The owner or operator of any kraft pulp mill which incinerates effluent gases emitted from any digester system or multiple-effect evaporator system subject to any limitation or requirement of, or under subparagraph (gg) of paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#) shall install, calibrate, operate, and maintain a system to continuously measure and record the combustion temperature at the point of incineration.

(xii) Fuel Burning Equipment.

(I) The owner or operator of any fuel burning equipment with a maximum design heat input capacity equal to or greater than 100 million BTU/hr subject to the provisions of subparagraph (III) of paragraph [391-3-1-.02\(2\)](#) shall install, calibrate, operate, and maintain a continuous emissions monitoring system (CEMS) for the measurement of the concentration of nitrogen oxides (NOx) and the percent oxygen and shall record the output of the system.

(II) For any fuel burning equipment which only combusts gas residual oil with a nitrogen content less than 0.30 percent, or distillate oil or a combination of those fuels, the owner or operator may monitor equipment operating conditions to predict the concentration of nitrogen oxides, (Predictive Emissions Monitoring System) in lieu of the CEMS required in subparagraph (I) provided such system meets the requirements of Section 2.119 of the **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants.**

3. All sources, and owners and operators of sources, subject to any limitation of subparagraphs (2)(t) through (2)(aa) [inclusive]; (2)(ii); (2)(jj); (2)(11); (2)(mm); and (2)(tt) [inclusive] shall maintain, as specified by the Director, at the source, for a period of at least two years, records containing the following information for each production line:

(i) Process information, including, but not limited to, hours of operation, method of application, and drying method.

(ii) Coating formulation and analytical data, including, but not limited to, the name of inks or coatings, coating or ink density, VOC content (weight or volume percent), and solids content (volume percent).

(iii) Coating consumption data, including, but not limited to, name of ink or coating used, amount of ink or coating used, name of diluent and amount of diluent used.

(iv) Capture and control equipment data, including, but not limited to, the destruction and removal efficiency, emission test results, and the capture efficiency.

(v) Transfer Efficiency Data, including, but not limited to, baseline transfer efficiency, actual transfer efficiency, and results of efficiency test.

**(b) General Monitoring and Reporting Requirements.**

1. All Sources.

(i) Any person engaged in operations which cause emissions to be released into the atmosphere which may result in air pollution may be required to install, maintain, and use emission monitoring devices, to sample such specific emissions as prescribed by the Director; to make periodic reports on the nature and amounts of emissions and provide such other information as the Director may reasonably require; and to maintain such records as the Director may prescribe so as to determine whether emissions from such operations are in compliance with the provisions of the Act or any rules and regulations promulgated there under.

(ii) Specific types of information and/or equipment installation which may be requested may include, but are not limited to, the following:

(I) Detectors and recorders for continuous measurement and recording of the opacity of emissions;

(II) Composition and analysis of fuels of any nature, the determination of which shall be conducted in accordance with acceptable and appropriate procedures of the American Society for Testing and Materials or by other procedures specified or approved by the Director;

(III) As technology permits, instrumentation for continuously monitoring particulate matter and gaseous emissions;

(IV) Production and process feed rates, process charging rates, burning rates, hours of operation and periodic summaries of this information.

(iii) Records of information requested shall be submitted on forms supplied by the Director, or when forms are not supplied, in a format acceptable to and approved by the Director. The information obtained on request of the Director shall be retained for a period and shall be reported at time intervals to be specified. Records shall be kept current and be available for inspection at the discretion of the Director.

(iv) In the event of any malfunction or breakdown of process, fuel burning, or emission control equipment for a period of four hours or more which results in excessive emissions for a major source, the owner or operator of such major source shall notify the Division by a written report which would describe the cause of the breakdown, the corrective actions taken, and the plans to prevent future occurrences. Unless otherwise specified in a permit or order, the report must be submitted no later than seven (7) days after the occurrence. The information submitted shall be adequate to allow the Director to determine whether the excessive emissions were due to a sudden and unavoidable breakdown. The reporting requirements of this subparagraph (iv) shall be in addition to any other reporting requirement under these rules (Chapter 391-3-1), and such reporting shall in no event serve to excuse, otherwise justify or in any manner affect any potential liability or enforcement action.

(v) All data gathered in the process of enforcing this or other Air Quality Control Rule or Regulation shall be considered public information and shall be made available upon request, except such information which is required to be kept confidential by Ga. Code Ann. Section [12-9-19](#), as amended.

(vi) Any continuous monitoring system or monitoring device shall be installed, operated, calibrated and maintained and information reported in accordance with the applicable procedures and performance specifications of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources **Procedures for Testing and Monitoring Sources of Air Pollutants**. Where no applicable procedure or performance specification for such installation, operation or reporting of data is published therein, the Director shall, as needed, specify or approve an applicable procedure or performance specification prior to operation of the monitoring system or monitoring device.

#### **(7) Prevention of Significant Deterioration of Air Quality.**

##### **(a) General Requirements.**

1. The provisions of paragraph (7) shall apply to any source and the owner or operator of any source subject to any requirement under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter, CFR) Part 52.21. The subparagraphs of Paragraph (7) that incorporate by reference paragraphs of 40 CFR Part 52.21 are as promulgated on January 17, 2017, unless otherwise specified. The dates associated with the incorporation by reference of federal rules into this paragraph (7) refer to the dates of publication of the promulgated rules in the Federal Register.

2. Definitions: For the purpose of this paragraph, 40 CFR Part 52.21(b) as amended, is hereby incorporated by reference with the following exceptions:

(i) In lieu of the definition of "baseline actual emissions" as specified in paragraph (b)(48) of 40 CFR Part 52.21, the following shall apply:

"Baseline actual emissions" means the rate of emissions, in tons per year, of a regulated NSR pollutant, as determined in accordance with subparagraphs (7)(a)2.(i)(I) through (IV) of this rule.

(I) For any existing electric utility steam generating unit, baseline actual emissions means the average rate, in tons per year, at which the unit actually emitted the pollutant during any consecutive 24-month period selected by the owner or operator within the 5-year period immediately preceding when the owner or operator begins actual construction of the project. The Director shall allow the use of a different time period upon a determination that it is more representative of normal source operation.

I. The average rate shall include fugitive emissions to the extent quantifiable, and emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions. However, fugitive emissions and/or emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions shall or may be excluded in accordance with the following subparagraphs A and B.

A. If fugitive emissions or emissions from startups, shutdowns, and/or malfunctions during the consecutive 24-month period selected by the owner or operator are not quantifiable and are therefore not included in the calculation of baseline actual emissions, then fugitive emissions or emissions from startups, shutdowns, and/or malfunctions, respectively, shall not be included in the calculation of projected actual emissions [as defined in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii) of this rule].

B. The owner or operator may elect to omit malfunctions from the calculation of baseline actual emissions. If the owner or operator elects to do so, then malfunctions shall also be omitted from the calculation of projected actual emissions [as defined in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii) of this rule].

II. The average rate shall be adjusted downward to exclude any non-compliant emissions that occurred while the source was operating above an emission limitation that was legally enforceable during the consecutive 24-month period.

III. For a regulated NSR pollutant, when a project involves multiple emissions units, only one consecutive 24-month period may be used to determine the baseline actual emissions for the emissions units being changed. A different consecutive 24-month period can be used for each regulated NSR pollutant.

IV. The average rate shall not be based on any consecutive 24-month period for which there is inadequate information for determining annual emissions, in tons per year, or for which there is inadequate information for adjusting this amount downward to exclude any non-compliant emissions as required by subparagraph (7)(a)2.(i)(I)II. of this rule.

V. If any physical change(s) or change(s) in the method of operation subsequent to the consecutive 24-month period selected by the owner or operator resulted in a permanent change in the basic design parameter [as defined in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(viii) of this rule], not including the voluntary addition of air pollution control equipment or increase in removal or collection efficiency of existing air pollution control equipment, and thus resulted in a corresponding reduction in actual emissions of a regulated NSR pollutant, the baseline actual emissions shall be adjusted downward by a proportional reduction in emissions in tons per year or lbs/unit of production.

VI. The average rate shall be adjusted downward to exclude any emissions that would have exceeded an emission limitation with which the major stationary source must currently comply, had such major source been required to comply with such limitations during the consecutive 24-month period. However, if an emission limitation is part of a Maximum Available Control Technology (MACT) standard that the Administrator of U.S. EPA has proposed or promulgated under 40 CFR, Part 63, the baseline actual emissions need only be adjusted if the Division has taken

credit for such emission reductions in an attainment demonstration or maintenance plan consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 51.165(a)(3)(ii)(G).

(II) For an existing emissions unit (other than an electric utility steam generating unit), baseline actual emissions means the average rate, in tons per year, at which the emissions unit actually emitted the pollutant during any consecutive 24-month period selected by the owner or operator within the 10-year period immediately preceding either the date the owner or operator begins actual construction of the project, or the date a complete permit application is received by the Division for a permit required under this paragraph or by the reviewing authority for a permit required by a plan, whichever is earlier.

I. The average rate shall include fugitive emissions to the extent quantifiable, and emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions. However, fugitive emissions and/or emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions shall or may be excluded in accordance with the following subparagraphs A and B.

A. If fugitive emissions or emissions from startups, shutdowns, and/or malfunctions during the consecutive 24-month period selected by the owner or operator are not quantifiable and are therefore not included in the calculation of baseline actual emissions, then fugitive emissions or emissions from startups, shutdowns, and/or malfunctions, respectively, shall not be included in the calculation of projected actual emissions (as defined in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii) of this rule).

B. The owner or operator may elect to omit malfunctions from the calculation of baseline actual emissions. If the owner or operator elects to do so, then malfunctions shall also be omitted from the calculation of projected actual emissions [as defined in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii) of this rule].

II. The average rate shall be adjusted downward to exclude any non-compliant emissions that occurred while the source was operating above an emission limitation that was legally enforceable during the consecutive 24-month period.

III. The average rate shall be adjusted downward to exclude any emissions that would have exceeded an emission limitation with which the major stationary source must currently comply, had such major stationary source been required to comply with such limitations during the consecutive 24-month period. However, if an emission limitation is part of a Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) standard that the Administrator of U.S. EPA has proposed or promulgated under 40 CFR, Part 63, the baseline actual emissions need only be adjusted if the Division has taken credit for such emissions reductions in an attainment demonstration or maintenance plan consistent with the requirements of 40 CFR Part 51.165(a)(3)(ii)(G).

IV. For a regulated NSR pollutant, when a project involves multiple emissions units, only one consecutive 24-month period may be used to determine the baseline actual emissions for all the emissions units being changed. A different consecutive 24-month period can be used for each regulated NSR pollutant.

V. The average rate shall not be based on any consecutive 24-month period for which there is inadequate information for determining annual emissions, in tons per year, or for which there is inadequate information for adjusting this amount downward to exclude any non-compliant emissions as required by subparagraph (7)(a)2.(i)(II)II. or III. of this rule.

VI. If any physical change(s) or change(s) in the method of operation subsequent to the consecutive 24-month period selected by the owner or operator resulted in a permanent change in the basic design parameter [as defined in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(viii) of this Rule], not including the voluntary addition of air pollution control equipment or increase in removal or collection efficiency of existing air pollution control equipment, and thus resulted in a corresponding reduction in actual emissions of a regulated NSR pollutant, the baseline actual emissions shall be adjusted downward by a proportional reduction in emissions in tons per year or lbs/unit of production.

(III) For a new emissions unit, the baseline actual emissions for purposes of determining the emissions increase that will result from the initial construction and operation of such unit shall equal zero; and thereafter, for all other purposes, shall equal the unit's potential to emit [as long as the unit remains a "new emissions unit" as defined in 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(7)(i)].

(IV) For a PAL for a stationary source, the baseline actual emissions shall be calculated for existing electric utility steam generating units in accordance with the procedures contained in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(i)(I) of this rule, for other existing emissions units in accordance with the procedures contained in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(i)(II) of this rule, and for a new emissions unit in accordance with the procedures contained in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(i)(III) of this rule. For existing emission units, the baseline actual emissions shall be based on any consecutive 24-month period selected by the operator within the appropriate PAL baseline period. For existing electric steam generating units, the PAL baseline period is the 5-year period (or different period allowed by the Director that is more representative or normal source operation) immediately preceding submission of a complete PAL application to the Division. For other existing emission units, the PAL baseline period is the 10-year period immediately preceding submission of a complete PAL permit application to the Division.

(ii) In lieu of the definition of "projected actual emissions" as specified in paragraph (b)(41) of 40 CFR Part 52.21, the following shall apply:

(I) "Projected actual emissions" means the maximum annual rate, in tons per year, at which an existing emissions unit is projected to emit a regulated NSR pollutant in any one of the five years (12-month period) following the date the unit resumes regular operation after the project, or in any one of the 10 years following that date, if the project involves increasing the emissions unit's design capacity or its potential to emit that regulated NSR pollutant and full utilization of the unit would result in a significant emissions increase or a significant net emissions increase at the major stationary source.

(II) In determining the projected actual emissions under subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii)(I) (before beginning actual construction), the owner or operator of the major stationary source:

I. Shall consider all relevant information, including but not limited to, historical operational data, the company's own representations, the company's expected business activity and the company's highest projections of business activity, the company's filings with the State or Federal regulatory authorities, and compliance plans under the approved State Implementation Plan; and

II. Shall include fugitive emissions to the extent quantifiable and emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions. However, fugitive emissions and/or emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions shall or may be excluded in accordance with the following subparagraphs A., B., and C.

A. If projected fugitive emissions or emissions from startups, shutdowns, and/or malfunctions are not quantifiable and are therefore not included in the calculation of projected actual emissions, then fugitive emissions or emissions from startups, shutdowns, and/or malfunctions, respectively, shall not be included in the calculation of baseline actual emissions [as defined in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(i) of this rule].

B. The owner or operator may elect to omit malfunctions from the calculation of projected actual emissions. If the owner or operator elects to do so, then malfunctions shall also be omitted from the calculation of baseline actual emissions [as defined in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(i) of this rule].

C. If the project involves increasing the emissions unit's design capacity or its potential to emit that regulated NSR pollutant and the increase in projected emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions is not proportional to the increase in the emission unit's design capacity or its potential to emit that regulated NSR pollutant, the owner or operator must include with the information required under subparagraph (7)(b)15.(i)(I) of this rule documentation that supports the projected emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and malfunctions subsequent to completion of the project; and

III. May exclude, in calculating any increase in emissions that results from the particular project, that portion of the unit's emissions following the project that an existing unit could have accommodated during the consecutive 24-month period used to establish the baseline actual emissions under subparagraph (7)(a)2.(i) of this rule and that is also unrelated to the particular project, including any increased utilization due to product demand growth (the increase in emissions that may be excluded under this subparagraph shall hereinafter be referred to as "demand growth emissions");

A. If the project involves increasing the emissions unit's design capacity or its potential to emit that regulated NSR pollutant, the owner or operator shall either:

(A) not exclude demand growth emissions, or

(B) must include in the information required under subparagraph (7)(b)15.(i)(I) of this paragraph, documentation that demand growth emissions are emissions that the emissions unit could have accommodated during the consecutive 24-month period used to establish the baseline actual emissions, are not related to the particular project, and are due to product demand growth; must have documentation supporting the portion of the emissions increase that is due to demand growth; and, following the change, must be able to track the emissions increase due to demand growth; or

IV. In lieu of using the method set out in subparagraphs (7)(a)2.(ii)(II)I. through III. of this rule, may elect to use the emissions unit's potential to emit, in tons per year, as defined under paragraph (b)(4) of 40 CFR Part 52.21.

(iii) The definition of "major stationary source" contained in 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(1) is hereby incorporated by reference except as follows:

(I) Subparagraph (i)(b) shall read as follows: Notwithstanding the stationary source size specified in paragraph (b)1.(i)(a) of this section, any stationary source which emits, or has the potential to emit, 250 tons-per-year or more of a regulated NSR pollutant; or

(iv) The definition and use of the term "subject to regulation" in 40 CFR Part 52.21 is hereby incorporated by reference; provided, however, that in the event all or any portion of 40 CFR Part 52.21 containing that term is:

(I) declared or adjudged to be invalid or unconstitutional or stayed by the United States Court of Appeals for the Eleventh Circuit or for the District of Columbia Circuit; or

(II) withdrawn, repealed, revoked or otherwise rendered of no force and effect by the United States Environmental Protection Agency, Congress, or Presidential Executive Order.

Such action shall render the regulation as incorporated herein, or that portion thereof that may be affected by such action, as invalid, void, stayed, or otherwise without force and effect for purposes of this rule upon the date such action becomes final and effective; provided, further, that such declaration, adjudication, stay, or other action described herein shall not affect the remaining portions, if any, of the regulation as incorporated herein, which shall remain of full force and effect as if such portion so declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional or stayed or otherwise invalidated or effected were not originally a part of this rule. The Board declares that it would have incorporated the remaining parts of the federal regulation if it had known that such portion thereof would be declared or adjudged invalid or unconstitutional or stayed or otherwise rendered of no force and effect;

(v) The definition of "potential to emit" contained in 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(4), shall be modified as follows:

(I) The phrase "is federally enforceable" shall read "is federally enforceable or enforceable as a practical matter."

(vi) The definition of "allowable emissions" contained in 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(16), shall be modified as follows:

(I) The phrase "unless the source is subject to federally enforceable limits which restrict the operating rate, or hours of operation, or both" shall read, "unless the source is subject to enforceable limits which restrict the operating rate, or hours of operation, or both."

(II) paragraph (iii) shall read as follows: The emissions rate specified as an enforceable permit condition, including those with a future compliance date.

(vii) The following shall be added to the definition of "major source baseline date" contained in 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(14):



(I) Baseline dates established prior to April 19, 2006, will remain in effect.

(viii) In lieu of paragraph (b)(33)(iii) of the definition of "replacement unit" as specified in paragraph (b)(33) of 40 CFR Part 52.21, the following shall apply:

The replacement does not alter the basic design parameters of the process unit. Basic design parameters are defined as follows:

(I) Except as provided in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(viii)(III) of this rule, for a process unit at a steam electric generating facility, the owner or operator may select as its basic design parameters either maximum hourly heat input and maximum hourly fuel consumption rate or maximum hourly electric output rate and maximum steam flow rate. When establishing fuel consumption specifications in terms of weight or volume, the minimum fuel quality based on British Thermal Units content shall be used for determining the basic design parameter(s) for a coal-fired electric utility steam generating unit.

(II) Except as provided in subparagraph (7)(a)2.(viii)(III) of this rule, the basic design parameter(s) for any process unit that is not at a steam electric generating facility are maximum rate of fuel or heat input, maximum rate of material input, or maximum rate of product output. Combustion process units will typically use maximum rate of fuel input. For sources having multiple end products and raw materials, the owner or operator should consider the primary product or primary raw material when selecting a basic design parameter.

(III) If the owner or operator believes the basic design parameter(s) in subparagraphs (7)(a)2.(viii)(I) and (II) of this rule is (are) not appropriate for a specific industry or type of process unit, the owner or operator may propose to the Division an alternative basic design parameter(s) for the source's process unit(s). If the Director approves of the use of an alternative basic design parameter(s), he or she shall issue a permit that is legally enforceable that records such basic design parameter(s) and requires the owner or operator to comply with such parameter(s).

(IV) The owner or operator shall use credible information, such as results of historic maximum capability tests, design information from the manufacturer, or engineering calculations, in establishing the magnitude of the basic design parameter(s) specified in subparagraphs (7)(a)2.(viii)(I) and (II) of this rule.

(V) If design information is not available for a process unit, then the owner or operator shall determine the process unit's basic design parameter(s) using the maximum value achieved by the process unit in the 5-year period immediately preceding the planned activity.

(VI) Efficiency of a process unit is not a basic design parameter.

(ix) [reserved]

(x) [reserved]

(xi) In the definition of "net emissions increase" as specified in paragraph (b)(3) of 40 CFR Part 52.21, paragraphs (iii)(b) and (vi)(d), related to increases and decreases at a clean unit, are not adopted.

3. Applicability procedures: 40 CFR Part 52.21(a)(2), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

4. Except as noted below, the word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted by reference in this paragraph shall mean the "Director" as defined in [391-3-1-.01\(q\)](#). For the following provisions adopted by reference in this paragraph, the word "Administrator" shall mean the Administrator of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency or, where allowable, his or her designee.

(i) 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(17), Definition of "Federally Enforceable"

(ii) 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(37)(i), First Paragraph within the Definition of "Repowering"

(iii) 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(43), Definition of "Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)"

(iv) 40 CFR Part 52.21(b)(51), Definition of "Reviewing Authority"

(v) 40 CFR Part 52.21(g), Redesignation

(vi) 40 CFR Part 52.21(l), Air Quality Models

(vii) 40 CFR Part 52.21(p)(2), Federal Land Manager

(viii) 40 CFR Part 52.21(o)(3), Visibility Monitoring

**(b) Prevention of Significant Deterioration Standards.**

1. Ambient air increments: 40 CFR Part 52.21(c), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

2. Ambient air ceilings: 40 CFR Part 52.21(d), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

3. Restrictions on area classifications: 40 CFR Part 52.21(e), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

4. Redesignation: 40 CFR Part 52.21(g), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

5. Stack heights: 40 CFR Part 52.21(h), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

6. Exemptions: 40 CFR Part 52.21(i), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

7. Control technology review: 40 CFR Part 52.21(j), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

8. Source impact analysis: 40 CFR Part 52.21(k), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

9. Air quality models: 40 CFR Part 52.21(l), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

10. Air quality analysis: 40 CFR Part 52.21(m), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

11. Source information: 40 CFR Part 52.21(n), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exception:

(i) The first sentence of paragraph (n)(1) shall read as follows, "With respect to a source or modification to which paragraphs (j), (l), (o) and (p) of this section apply, such information shall include:"

12. Additional impact analyses: 40 CFR Part 52.21(o), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

13. Sources impacting federal class I areas - additional requirements: 40 CFR Part 52.21(p), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exception:

(i) The beginning of paragraph (p)(8) should read "In the case of a permit issued pursuant to paragraph (p) (6) or (7) of this section."

14. Public participation: 40 CFR Part 52.21(q), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

15. Source obligation: 40 CFR Part 52.21(r), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exceptions:

(i) In lieu of the provisions of paragraph (r)(6), the following shall apply:

The provisions of this subparagraph 15(i) apply to projects at an existing emissions unit at a major stationary source (other than projects at a source with a PAL) that are required to obtain a permit under the Construction (SIP) Permit requirements of paragraph [391-3-1-.03\(1\)](#) of these rules and the owner or operator elects to use the method specified in Subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii)(II)I. through III. of this rule for calculating projected actual emissions.

(I) Before beginning actual construction of the project, the owner or operator shall document and maintain a record of the following information:

I. A description of the project;

II. Identification of the emissions unit(s) whose emissions of a regulated NSR pollutant could be affected by the project; and

III. A description of the applicability test used to determine that the project is not a major modification for any regulated NSR pollutant, including the baseline actual emissions, the projected actual emissions, the amount of emissions excluded under Subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii)(II)III. of this rule and an explanation for why such amount was excluded, and any netting calculations, if applicable.

IV. The records required in subparagraph (7)(b)15.(i)(I) of this rule shall be retained for a period of 10 years following resumption of regular operations after the change, or for a period of 15 years following resumption of regular operations after the change if the project increases the design capacity of or potential to emit of a regulated NSR pollutant at such emissions unit.

(II) The owner or operator shall provide a copy of the information set out in Subparagraph (7)(b)15.(i)(I) of this rule with the application for construction required under paragraph [391-3-1-.03\(1\)](#) of these rules.

(III) The owner or operator shall monitor the emissions of any regulated NSR pollutant that could increase as a result of the project and that is emitted by any emissions unit identified in subparagraph (7)(b)15.(i)(I)II. of this rule, and calculate and maintain a record of the annual emissions, in tons-per-year on a calendar year basis, for a period of five years following resumption of regular operations after the change, or for a period of ten years following resumption of regular operations after the change if the project increases the design capacity of or potential to emit that regulated NSR pollutant at such emissions unit. These records shall be retained for a period of five years past the end of each calendar year. If an owner or operator is required to or elects to exclude emissions associated with startups, shutdowns, and/or malfunctions from estimations of projected actual emissions for PSD applicability purposes as allowed by subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii)(II)II. of this rule, the owner or operator may exclude such emissions from the calculation of annual emissions.

(IV) If the owner or operator excluded demand growth emissions from the projected actual emissions for a project and that project is subject to the requirements of subparagraph (7)(a)2.(ii)(II)III.A.(B) of this rule, the owner or operator shall calculate the actual increase in emissions due to demand growth, in tons per year on a calendar year basis, for a period 10 years following resumption of regular operations after the change. These records shall be retained for a period of five years past the end of each calendar year.

(V) The owner or operator shall submit a report to the Division within 60 days after the end of each year during which records must be generated under subparagraphs (7)(b)15.(i)(III) and (IV) of this rule setting out the unit's annual emissions and, if applicable, the unit's actual increase in emissions due to demand growth during the calendar year that preceded submission of the report.

16. Innovative control technology: 40 CFR Part 52.21(v), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

17. Permit rescission: 40 CFR Part 52.21(w), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exceptions:

(i) Paragraph (1) of 40 CFR Part 52.21(w) shall read as follows: Any permit issued under this section or a prior version of this section shall remain in effect, unless and until it expires under paragraph (r) of this section or is rescinded.

(ii) Paragraph (3) of 40 CFR Part 52.21(w) shall read as follows: The Director may grant an application for rescission if the application shows that this section, as it existed at the time the permit was issued, would not apply to the source or modification.

18. [reserved]

19. [reserved]

20. [reserved]

21. Actuals PALs: 40 CFR, Part 52.21(aa), as amended, is hereby incorporated by reference with the following exceptions:

(i) [reserved]

(ii) In lieu of the public participation requirements for PALs of 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(5), PALs for existing major stationary sources shall be established, renewed, or increased through the procedures for Title V Permit issuance, renewal, and reopenings, and revisions specified in subparagraph [391-3-1-.03\(10\)\(e\)](#) of these rules.

(iii) In addition to the provisions for setting the 10-year actual PAL level specified in 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(6)(i), the PAL level shall be adjusted downward to exclude any non-compliant emissions that occurred while the source was operating above any emission limitation that was legally enforceable during the consecutive 24-month period used to determine the baseline actual emissions for the PAL pollutant.

(iv) In lieu of the provisions of 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(6)(ii), the following shall apply:

For newly constructed units (which do not include modifications to existing units) on which actual construction began after the consecutive 24-month period selected for setting the 10-year actuals PAL level, in lieu of adding the baseline emissions as specified in paragraph (aa)(6)(i) of 40 CFR Part 52.21, the emissions must be added to the PAL level as follows:

(I) For an emissions unit on which actual operation commenced less than 36 months prior to submission of a complete PAL permit application, the emissions must be added to the PAL level in an amount equal to the potential to emit of the unit.

(II) For an emissions unit on which actual operation commenced greater than or equal to 36 months and less than 48 months prior to submission of a complete PAL permit application, the emissions must be added in an amount equal to the rate, in tons per year, at which the unit actually emitted the PAL pollutant during any consecutive 12-month period, selected by the owner or operator, that preceded submission of the PAL permit application.

(III) For an emissions unit on which actual operation commenced greater than or equal to 48 months prior to submission of a complete PAL permit application, the emissions must be added in an amount equal to the average rate, in tons per year, at which the unit actually emitted the PAL pollutant during any consecutive 24-month period, selected by the owner or operator, that preceded submission of the PAL permit application.

(v) In addition to the contents of the PAL permit specified in 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(7), the PAL permit must contain a requirement that emissions calculations for compliance purposes must include non-compliant emissions that occurred while the source was operating above any emission limitation that was legally enforceable and that were in excess of that allowed by any state or Federal air quality regulation or permit condition.

(vi) In lieu of the provisions of 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(8)(ii)(c), the following shall apply:

All reopenings shall be carried out in accordance with the procedures for Title V Permit issuance, renewal, and reopenings, and revisions specified in subparagraph [391-3-1-.03\(10\)\(e\)](#) of these rules.

(vii) In lieu of the provisions for PAL adjustment in 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(10)(iv), the following shall apply:

PAL adjustment. The Director shall set the PAL level for a renewed PAL permit in accordance with subparagraphs (7)(b)21.(vii)(I) and (II) of this rule. However, in no case may any PAL level fail to comply with subparagraph (7)(b)21.(vii)(III) of this rule.

(I) If the emissions level calculated in accordance with paragraph (aa)(6) of 40 CFR Part 52.21 and subparagraphs (7)(b)21.(iii) and (iv) of this rule is equal to or greater than 80 percent of the PAL level, the Director may renew the PAL at the same level. If the emissions level calculated in accordance with (aa)(6) of 40 CFR Part 52.21 and subparagraphs (7)(b)21.(iii) and (iv) of this rule is less than 80 percent of the PAL level, the Director may renew the PAL at a level determined using the procedures set forth in 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(6) and subparagraphs (7)(b)21.(iii) and (iv) of this rule.

(II) The Director may set the PAL at a level that he or she determines to be more representative of the source's baseline actual emissions, or that he or she determines to be more appropriate considering air quality needs, advances in control technology, anticipated economic growth in the area, desire to reward or encourage the source's voluntary emissions reductions, or other factors as specifically identified by the Director in his or her written rationale.

(III) Notwithstanding subparagraphs (7)(b)21.(vii)(I) and (II) of this rule:

I. If the potential to emit of the major stationary source is less than the PAL, the Director shall adjust the PAL to a level no greater than the potential to emit of the source; and

II. The Director shall not approve a renewed PAL level higher than the current PAL, unless the major stationary source has complied with the provisions of paragraph (aa)(11) of 40 CFR Part 52.21 (increasing a PAL).

(viii) The following is added to the list of acceptable general monitoring approaches listed in 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(12)(ii).

(I) Mass balance calculations for sulfur dioxide emissions from fuel combustion.

(ix) The mass balance calculation requirements of 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(12)(iii) shall apply for mass balance calculations for sulfur dioxide emissions from fuel combustion.

(x) The data relied upon, including, but not limited to, any quality assurance or quality control data, in calculating the monthly and annual PAL pollutant emissions shall not be submitted with the semiannual report as specified in paragraph (aa)(14)(i)(c) of 40 CFR Part 52.21, but shall be retained in permanent form suitable for inspection and submission to the Division. The records shall be retained for at least five years following the end of each calendar year.

(xi) Paragraph 40 CFR Part 52.21(aa)(12)(i)(b) shall read as follows: The PAL monitoring system must employ one of the general monitoring approaches meeting the minimum requirements set forth in paragraph (aa)(12)(ii) of this section and must be approved by the Director.

#### **(8) New Source Performance Standards.**

(a) **General Requirement.** No person shall construct or operate any facility or source which fails to comply with the New Source Performance Standards contained in 40 Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter, CFR), Part 60, as amended, including but not limited to (unless specifically excluded below), the subparts hereby adopted through incorporation by reference in paragraph (b) of this subsection.

#### **(b) New Source Performance Standards.**

1. General Provisions. For purposes of applying New Source Performance Standards, 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart A (excluding 60.4 and 60.9), as amended October 7, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference. The word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted in this paragraph shall mean the Director of EPD.
2. Standards of Performance for Fossil-fuel Fired Steam Generators: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart D, as amended February 16, 2012, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
3. Standards of Performance for Electric Utility Steam Generating Units: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Da, as amended April 6, 2016, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
4. Standards of Performance for Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Db, as amended February 16, 2012, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
5. Standards of Performance for Small Industrial-Commercial-Institutional Steam Generating Units: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Dc, as amended February 16, 2012, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
6. Standards of Performance for Incinerators: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart E, as amended May 10, 2006, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
7. Standards of Performance for Municipal Waste Combustors: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Ea, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
8. Standards of Performance for Portland Cement Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart F, as amended July 27, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
9. Standards of Performance for Nitric Acid Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart G, as amended May 6, 2014, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
10. Standards of Performance for Sulfuric Acid Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart H, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
11. Standards of Performance for Asphalt Concrete Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart I, as amended February 14, 1989, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
12. Standards of Performance for Petroleum Refineries: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart J, as amended December 1, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
13. Standards of Performance for Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After June 11, 1973, and Prior to May 19, 1978: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart K, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
14. Standards of Performance for Storage Vessels for Petroleum Liquids for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 18, 1978, and Prior to July 23, 1984: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Ka, as amended December 14, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
15. Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Liquid Storage Vessels (Including Petroleum Liquid Storage Vessels) for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After July 23, 1984: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Kb, as amended January 19, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
16. Standards of Performance for Secondary Lead Smelters: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart L, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
17. Standards of Performance for Secondary Brass and Bronze Ingot Production Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart M, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

18. Standards of Performance for Iron and Steel Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart N, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
19. Standards of Performance for Secondary Emissions from Basic Oxygen Process Steelmaking Facilities for Which Construction is Commenced After January 20, 1983: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Na, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
20. Standards of Performance for Sewage Treatment Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart O, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
21. Standards of Performance for Primary Copper Smelters: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart P, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
22. Standards of Performance for Primary Zinc Smelters: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Q, as amended February 14, 1989, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
23. Standards of Performance for Primary Lead Smelters: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart R, as amended February 14, 1989, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
24. Standards of Performance for Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart S, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
25. Standards of Performance for the Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Wet-Process Phosphoric Acid Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart T, as amended August 19, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
26. Standards of Performance for the Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Superphosphoric Acid Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart U, as amended August 19, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
27. Standards of Performance for the Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Diammonium Phosphate Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart V, as amended August 19, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
28. Standards of Performance for the Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Triple Superphosphate Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart W, as amended August 19, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
29. Standards of Performance for the Phosphate Fertilizer Industry: Granular Triple Superphosphate Storage Facilities: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart X, as amended August 19, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
30. Standards of Performance for Coal Preparation Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Y, as amended October 8, 2009, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
31. Standards of Performance for Ferroalloy Production Facilities: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Z, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
32. Standards of Performance for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart AA, as amended February 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
33. Standards of Performance for Steel Plants: Electric Arc Furnaces and Argon-Oxygen Decarburization Vessels Constructed After August 17, 1983: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart AAa, as amended February 22, 2005, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
34. Standards of Performance for Kraft Pulp Mills: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart BB, as amended September 21, 2006, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
35. Standards of Performance for Glass Manufacturing Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart CC, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

36. Standards of Performance for Grain Elevators: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart DD, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
37. Standards of Performance for Surface Coating of Metal Furniture: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart EE, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
38. Standards of Performance for Stationary Gas Turbines: 40 CFR Part 60 subpart GG, as amended June 30, 2016, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
39. Standards of Performance for Lime Manufacturing Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 subpart HH, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
40. Standards of Performance for Lead-Acid Battery Manufacturing Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 subpart KK, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
41. Standards of Performance for Metallic Mineral Processing Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart LL, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
42. Standards of Performance for Automobile and Light-Duty Truck Coating Operations: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart MM, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
43. Standards of Performance for Phosphate Rock Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart NN, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
44. Standards of Performance for Ammonium Sulfate Manufacture: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart PP, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
45. Standards of Performance for Graphic Arts Industry: Publication Rotogravure Printing: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart QQ, as amended April 9, 2004, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
46. Standards of Performance for Pressure Sensitive Tape and Label Surface Coating Operations: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart RR, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
47. Standards of Performance for Industrial Surface Coating: Large Appliances: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart SS, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
48. Standards of Performance for Metal Coil Surface Coating: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart TT, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
49. Standards of Performance for Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacture: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart UU, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
50. Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in the Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After January 5, 1981, and On or Before November 7, 2006: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart VV, as amended June 2, 2008, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
51. Standards of Performance for Beverage Can Surface Coating Industry: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart WW, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
52. Standards of Performance for Bulk Gasoline Terminals: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart XX, as amended December 19, 2003, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
53. Standards of Performance for Rubber Tire Manufacturing Industry: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart BBB, as amended June 30, 2016, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.



54. Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emission from Polymer Manufacturing Industry: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart DDD, as amended June 30, 2016, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
55. Standards of Performance for Flexible Vinyl and Urethane Printing and Coating: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart FFF, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
56. Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in Petroleum Refineries for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After January 4, 1983, and On or Before November 7, 2006: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart GGG, as amended June 2, 2008, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
57. Standards of Performance for Synthetic Fiber Production Facilities: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart HHH, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
58. Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Emissions from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Air Oxidation Unit Processes: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart III, as amended June 30, 2016, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
59. Standards of Performance for Petroleum Dry Cleaners: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJ, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
60. Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC from Onshore Natural Gas Processing Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart KKK, as amended August 16, 2012, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
61. Standards of Performance for Onshore Natural Gas Processing: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart LLL, as amended June 30, 2016, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
62. Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) Emissions from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Distillation Operation: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart NNN, as amended June 30, 2016, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
63. Standards of Performance for Nonmetallic Mineral Processing Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart OOO, as promulgated April 28, 2009, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
64. Standards of Performance for Wool Fiberglass Insulation Manufacturing Plants: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart PPP, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
65. Standards of Performance for VOC Emissions from Petroleum Refinery Wastewater Systems: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart QQQ, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
66. Standards of Performance for Volatile Organic Compound (VOC) Emissions from Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry (SOCMI) Reactor Process: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart RRR, as amended December 14, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
67. Standards of Performance for Magnetic Tape Coating: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart SSS, as amended February 12, 1999, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
68. Standards of Performance for Plastic Parts for Business Machine Coatings: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart TTT, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
69. Standards of Performance for Calciners and Dryers in Mineral Industries: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart UUU, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
70. Standards of Performance for Polymeric Coating of Supporting Substrates Facilities: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart VVV, as promulgated September 11, 1989, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

71. Standards of Performance for Municipal Waste Combustors for Which Construction is Commenced after September 20, 1994: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Eb, as amended May 10, 2006, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
72. Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills That Commenced Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification on or After May 30, 1991, but Before July 18, 2014: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart WWW, as amended October 13, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
73. Standards of Performance for New Stationary Sources: Hospital/Medical/Infectious Waste Incinerators: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Ec, as amended September 6, 2013, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
74. Standards of Performance for Small Municipal Waste Combustion Units for Which Construction is Commenced After August 30, 1999 or for Which Modification or Reconstruction is Commenced After June 6, 2001: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart AAAA, as promulgated December 6, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
75. Standards of Performance for Commercial and Industrial Solid Waste Incineration Units: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart CCCC, as amended October 7, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
76. Standards of Performance for Other Solid Waste Incinerator Units for Which Construction is Commenced After December 9, 2004, or for Which Modification or Reconstruction is Commenced On or After June 16, 2006: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart EEEE, as amended November 24, 2006, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
77. Standards of Performance for Stationary Compression Ignition Internal Combustion Engines: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart IIII, as amended August 10, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
78. Standards of Performance for Stationary Combustion Turbines: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart KKKK, as amended October 7, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
79. Standards of Performance for Stationary Spark Ignition Internal Combustion Engines: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart JJJJ, as amended August 10, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
80. Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in the Synthetic Organic Chemicals Manufacturing Industry for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After November 7, 2006: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart VVa, as amended August 16, 2012, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
81. Standards of Performance for Equipment Leaks of VOC in Petroleum Refineries for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After November 7, 2006: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart GGGa, as amended June 2, 2008, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
82. Standards of Performance for Petroleum Refineries for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 14, 2007: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart Ja, as amended November 26, 2018, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
83. Standards of Performance for New Sewage Sludge Incineration Units: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart LLLL, as promulgated March 21, 2011, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
84. Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities for Which Construction, Modification, or Reconstruction Commenced After August 23, 2011, and on or Before September 18, 2015: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart OOOO, as amended September 14, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
85. Standard of Performance for Kraft Pulp Mill Affected Sources for Which Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification Commenced After May 23, 2013: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart BBa, as amended November 5, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

86. Standards of Performance for New Residential Wood Heaters: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart AAA, as amended October 7, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

87. Subpart PPPP - [reserved]

88. Standards of Performance for New Residential Hydronic Heaters and Forced-Air Furnaces: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart QQQQ, as amended October 7, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

89. Standards of Performance for Municipal Solid Waste Landfills That Commenced Construction, Reconstruction, or Modification After July 17, 2014: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart XXX, as amended February 14, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

90. Standards of Performance for Crude Oil and Natural Gas Facilities for which Construction, Modification or Reconstruction Commenced After September 18, 2015: 40 CFR Part 60 Subpart OOOOa, as amended September 15, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

**(9) Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.**

(a) **General Requirements.** The provisions of this section shall apply to any stationary source and to the owner or operator of any stationary source for which a standard is prescribed under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter CFR), Parts 61 and 63, including, but not limited to (unless specifically excluded below) the subparts hereby adopted through incorporation by reference in subsection (b) of this section. For purposes of applying emission standards for hazardous air pollutants, 40 CFR, Parts 61 and 63 (excluding 61.04 and 61.16), as amended, are hereby incorporated by reference. The word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted in this section shall mean the Director of EPD.

**(b) Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants.**

1. Emission Standard for Beryllium: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart C, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

2. Emission Standard for Beryllium Rocket Motor Firing: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart D, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

3. Emission Standard for Mercury: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart E, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

4. Emission Standard for Vinyl Chloride: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart F, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

5. Emission Standard for Equipment Leaks (Fugitive Emission Sources) of Benzene: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart J, as amended December 14, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

6. Emission Standard for Benzene Emissions from Coke Byproduct Recovery Plants: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart L, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

7. Emission Standard for Asbestos (Including Work Practices): 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart M, as amended June 10, 2019, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

8. Emission Standard for Inorganic Arsenic Emissions from Glass Manufacturing Plants: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart N, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

9. Emission Standard for Inorganic Arsenic Emissions from Primary Copper Smelters: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart O, as amended October 17, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

10. Emission Standard for Inorganic Arsenic Emissions from Arsenic Trioxide and Metallic Arsenic Production Facilities: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart P, as amended October 3, 1986, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

11. Emission Standard for Equipment Leaks (Fugitive Emission Sources) [of VHAP]: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart V, as amended December 14, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

12. Emission Standard for Benzene Emissions from Benzene Storage Vessels: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart Y, as amended December 14, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

13. Emission Standard for Benzene Emissions from Benzene Transfer Operations: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart BB, as amended December 14, 2000, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

14. Emission Standard for Benzene Waste Operations: 40 CFR Part 61 Subpart FF, as amended December 4, 2003, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

15. General Provisions. For purposes of applying Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart A, as amended November 10, 2022, [excluding 63.13, and 63.15(a)(2)] is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference, subject to the following provisions:

(i) The definition of "Potential to Emit" in 40 CFR Part 63.2 shall be modified as follows:

(I) The phrase "is federally enforceable" shall read "is federally enforceable or enforceable as a practical matter."

16. Requirements for Control Technology Determinations for Major Sources in Accordance with Clean Air Act Paragraph 112(g): 40 CFR Parts 63.40 through 63.44, as amended June 30, 1999, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference, subject to the following provisions:

(i) Terms used in this paragraph shall have the meaning given to them in the Clean Air Act, 40 CFR Part 63 Subparts A and B, and the Georgia Air Quality Act.

(ii) The "Effective Date of Paragraph 112(g)(2)(B)," as defined in 40 CFR Part 63.41, shall be June 29, 1998.

(iii) The "Notice of MACT Approval," as defined in 40 CFR Part 63.41, shall be the air construction permit issued by the Division.

(iv) The "Permitting Authority," as defined in 40 CFR Part 63.41, shall be the Division.

(v) In lieu of the administrative procedures for review of the Notice of MACT Approval, as set forth in 40 CFR Parts 63.43(f)(1) through (5), the Division will act in accordance with the permitting requirements as set forth in Chapter [391-3-1-.03](#) Permits, as amended, and administrative procedures for preconstruction review and approval established by the Division.

(vi) In lieu of the opportunity for public comment on the Notice of MACT Approval, as set forth in 40 CFR Part 63.43(h), the Division will provide opportunity for public comment on the Notice of MACT Approval pursuant to Chapter [391-3-1-.03\(2\)\(i\)](#).

(vii) The Notice of MACT Approval shall become effective upon issuance of the air construction permit by the Division.

17. Requirements for Control Technology Determinations for Major Sources in Accordance with the Clean Air Act sections 112(j): [40 CFR Part 63 Subpart B, Sections 63.50](#) through [63.56](#), as amended July 11, 2005, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

18. [reserved]

19. Compliance Extensions for Early Reductions: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart D, as amended November 21, 1994, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
20. Emission Standards for Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart F, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
21. Emission Standards for Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants from Synthetic Organic Chemical Manufacturing Industry for Process Vents, Storage Vessels, Transfer Operations, and Wastewater: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart G, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference. Only procedures listed in 63.112(e) of 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart G, shall be used to comply with the emission standard in 63.112(a) unless otherwise specifically approved by the Director.
22. Emission Standards for Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants for Equipment Leaks: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart H, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
23. Emission Standards for Organic Hazardous Air Pollutants for Certain Processes Subject to the Negotiated Regulation for Equipment Leaks: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart I, as amended June 23, 2003, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
24. Emission Standards for Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart J, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
25. [reserved]
26. Emission Standards for Coke Oven Batteries: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart L, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
27. Perchloroethylene Air Emission Standards for Dry Cleaning Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart M, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
28. Emission Standards for Chromium Emissions from Hard and Decorative Chromium Electroplating and Chromium Anodizing Tanks: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart N, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
29. Ethylene Oxide Emissions Standards for Sterilization Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart O, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
30. [reserved]
31. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Industrial Process Cooling Towers: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart Q, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
32. Emission Standards for Gasoline Distribution Facilities (Bulk Gasoline Terminals and Pipeline Breakout Stations): 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart R, as amended December 4, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
33. Emission Standards for Pulp & Paper Industries: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart S, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
34. Emission Standards for Halogenated Solvent Cleaning: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart T, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
35. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group I Polymers and Resins: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart U, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

36. [reserved]

37. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Epoxy Resins Production and Non-Nylon Polyamides Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart W, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

38. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Secondary Lead Smelting: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart X, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

39. Emission Standards for Marine Tank Vessel Loading Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart Y, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

40. [reserved]

41. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Phosphoric Acid Manufacturing Plants: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart AA, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

42. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Phosphate Fertilizers Production Plants: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart BB, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

43. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Petroleum Refineries: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CC, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference. Only procedures listed in 63.642(k) of 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CC shall be used to comply with the emission standard in 63.642(g).

44. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Off-Site Waste and Recovery Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DD, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

45. Emission Standards for Magnetic Tape Manufacturing Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart EE, as amended December 28, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

46. [reserved]

47. Emission Standards for Aerospace Manufacturing and Rework Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart GG, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

48. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Oil & Natural Gas Production Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart HH, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

49. Emission Standards for Shipbuilding and Ship Repair (Surface Coating): 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart II, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

50. Emission Standards for Wood Furniture Manufacturing Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart JJ, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

51. Emission Standards for the Printing and Publishing Industry: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart KK, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

52. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Primary Aluminum Reduction Plants: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart LL, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

53. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Chemical Recovery Combustion Sources at Kraft, Soda, Sulfite, and Stand-Alone Semichemical Pulp Mills: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart MM, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

54. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Wool Fiberglass Manufacturing at Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart NN, as amended July 29, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
55. Emission Standards for Tanks--Level 1: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart OO, as amended June 23, 2003, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
56. Emission Standards for Containers: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart PP, as amended June 23, 2003, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
57. Emission Standards for Surface Impoundments: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart QQ, as amended June 23, 2003, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
58. Emission Standards for Individual Drain Systems: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart RR, as amended June 23, 2003, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
59. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from: Closed Vent Systems, Control Devices, Recovery Devices and Routing to a Fuel Gas System or a Process: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart SS, as amended July 6, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
60. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Equipment Leaks--Control Level 1: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart TT, as amended July 12, 2002, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
61. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Equipment Leaks--Control Level 2 Standards: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart UU, as amended July 12, 2002, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
62. Emission Standards for Oil-Water Separators and Organic-Water Separators: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart VV, as amended June 23, 2003, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
63. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from Storage Vessels (Tanks)--Control Level 2: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart WW, as amended July 12, 2002, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
64. Emission Standards for Ethylene Manufacturing Process Units: Heat Exchange Systems and Waste Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart XX, as amended July 6, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
65. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Generic Maximum Achievable Control Technology Standards: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart YY, as amended November 19, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
66. [reserved]
67. [reserved]
68. [reserved]
69. Emission standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Steel Pickling -- HCl Process Facilities and Hydrochloric Acid Regeneration Plants: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CCC, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
70. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Mineral Wool Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DDD, as amended December 28, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
71. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Hazardous Waste Combustors: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart EEE, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
72. [reserved]

73. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Pharmaceuticals Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart GGG, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
74. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Natural Gas Transmission and Storage Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart HHH, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
75. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart III, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
76. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Group IV Polymers and Resins: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart JJJ, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
77. [reserved]
78. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants from the Portland Cement Manufacturing Industry: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart LLL, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
79. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Pesticide Active Ingredient Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart MMM, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
80. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Wool Fiberglass Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart NNN, as amended December 28, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
81. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutant Emissions: Manufacture of Amino/Phenolic Resins: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart OOO, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
82. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Polyether Polyols Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart PPP, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
83. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Copper Smelting: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart QQQ, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
84. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Secondary Aluminum Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart RRR, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
85. [reserved]
86. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Primary Lead Smelting: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart TTT, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
87. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Petroleum Refineries: Catalytic Cracking Units, Catalytic Reforming Units, and Sulfur Recovery Units: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart UUU, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
88. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Publicly Owned Treatment Works: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart VVV, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
89. [reserved]
90. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Ferroalloys Production: Ferromanganese and Silicomanganese: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart XXX, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
91. [reserved]



92. [reserved]

93. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Municipal Solid Waste Landfills: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart AAAA, as amended February 14, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

94. [reserved]

95. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Manufacturing of Nutritional Yeast: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CCCC, as amended October 16, 2017, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

96. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Plywood and Composite Wood Products: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DDDD, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted for reference.

97. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Organic Liquid Distribution (non-gasoline): 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart EEEE, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted for reference.

98. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Miscellaneous Organic Chemical Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart FFFF, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

99. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Vegetable Oil Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart GGGG, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

100. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Wet Formed Fiberglass Mat Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart HHHH, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

101. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Automobiles and Light-Duty Trucks: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart IIII, as amended November 19, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

102. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Paper and Other Web Coatings: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart JJJJ, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

103. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Metal Cans: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart KKKK, as amended November 19, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

104. [reserved]

105. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Miscellaneous Metal Parts and Products: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart MMMM, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

106. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Large Appliances: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart NNNN, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

107. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Printing, Coating, and Dyeing of Fabrics and Other Textiles: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart OOOO, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

108. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Plastic Parts and Products: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart PPPP, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

109. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Wood Building Products: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart QQQQ, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

110. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Surface Coating of Metal Furniture: 40 CFR Part 63, Subpart RRRR, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

111. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Metal Coil Surface Coating Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart SSSS, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
112. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Leather Finishing Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart TTTT, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
113. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Cellulose Products Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart UUUU, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
114. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Categories: Boat Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart VVVV, as amended November 19, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
115. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Reinforced Plastic Composites Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart WWWW, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
116. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Tire Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Sub part XXX X, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
117. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Combustion Turbines: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart YYYY, as amended March 9, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
118. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Stationary Reciprocating Internal Combustion Engines: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart ZZZZ, as amended August 10, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
119. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Lime Manufacturing Plants: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart AAAAA, as amended December 28, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
120. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Semiconductor Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart BBBB, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
121. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Coke Ovens: Pushing, Quenching, and Battery Stacks: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CCCCC, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
122. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Major Sources: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers and Process Heaters: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DDDDD, as amended October 6, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
123. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Iron and Steel Foundries: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart EEEEE, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
124. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Integrated Iron and Steel Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart FFFFF, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
125. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Site Remediation: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart GGGGG, as amended December 22, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
126. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Miscellaneous Coating Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart HHHHH, as amended November 25, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
127. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Mercury Cell Chlor-Alkali Plants: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart IIIII, as amended May 6, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
128. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Brick and Structural Clay Products Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart JJJJJ, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

129. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart KKKKK, as amended November 19, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
130. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart LLLLL, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
131. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Flexible Polyurethane Foam Fabrication Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart MMMMM, as amended November 18, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
132. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Hydrochloric Acid Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart NNNNN, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
133. [reserved]
134. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Engine Test Cells/Stands: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart PTTTT, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
135. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Friction Materials Manufacturing Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart QQQQ, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
136. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Taconite Iron Ore Processing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart RRRRR, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
137. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Refractory Products Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart SSSSS, as amended November 19, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
138. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Magnesium Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart TTTTT, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
139. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Coal- and Oil-Fired Electric Utility Steam Generating Units: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart UUUUU, as amended September 9, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
140. [reserved]
141. Emission Standards for Hospital Ethylene Oxide Sterilizers: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart WWWW, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
142. [reserved]
143. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Electric Arc Furnace Steelmaking Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart YYYYY, as amended June 24, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
144. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Iron and Steel Foundries Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart ZZZZZ, as amended September 10, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
145. [reserved]
146. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Category: Gasoline Bulk Terminals, Bulk Plants, and Pipeline Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart BBBBBB, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
147. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Source Category: Gasoline Dispensing Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CCCCC, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

148. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers Production Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DDDDDD, as amended February 4, 2015, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

149. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Copper Smelting Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart EEEEEEE, as amended July 3, 2007, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

150. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Secondary Copper Smelting Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart FFFFFFF, as amended July 3, 2007, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

151. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Primary Nonferrous Metals Area Sources - Zinc, Cadmium, and Beryllium: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart GGGGGG, as promulgated January 23, 2007, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

152. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Paint Stripping and Miscellaneous Surface Coating Operations at Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart HHHHHH, as amended November 10, 2022, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

153. [reserved]

154. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Industrial, Commercial, and Institutional Boilers, Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart JJJJJJ, as amended September 14, 2016, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

155. [reserved]

156. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Acrylic and Modacrylic Fibers Production Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart LLLLLL, as amended March 26, 2008, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

157. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Carbon Black Production Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart MMMMMM, as amended March 26, 2008, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

158. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources: Chromium Compounds: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart NNNNNN, as amended March 26, 2008, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

159. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Flexible Polyurethane Foam Production and Fabrication Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart OOOOOO, as amended November 18, 2021, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

160. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Lead Acid Battery Manufacturing Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart PPPPPP, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

161. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Wood Preserving Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart QQQQQQ, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

162. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Clay Ceramics Manufacturing Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart RRRRRR, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

163. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Glass Manufacturing Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart SSSSSS, as promulgated December 26, 2007, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

164. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Secondary Nonferrous Metals Processing Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart TTTTTT, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

165. [reserved]

166. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Chemical Manufacturing Area Sources: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart VVVVVV, as amended December 21, 2012, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

167. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Area Source Standards for Plating and Polishing Operations: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart WWWWWW, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

168. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Area Source Standards for Nine Metal Fabrication and Finishing Source Categories: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart XXXXXX, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

169. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Ferroalloys Production Facilities: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart YYYYYY, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

170. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Area Source Standards for Aluminum, Copper, and Other Nonferrous Foundries: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart ZZZZZZ, as amended September 10, 2009, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

171. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Asphalt Processing and Asphalt Roofing Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart AAAAAAA, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

172. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Chemical Preparations Industry: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart BBBBBB, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

173. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants for Area Sources: Paints and Allied Products Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart CCCCCC, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

174. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Area Source Standards for Prepared Feeds Manufacturing: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart DDDDDD, as amended December 23, 2011, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

175. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Gold Mine Ore Processing and Production Area Source Category: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart EEEEEEE, as promulgated February 17, 2011, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

176. [reserved]

177. [reserved]

178. Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants: Polyvinyl Chloride and Copolymers Production: 40 CFR Part 63 Subpart HHHHHHH, as amended November 19, 2020, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

#### **(10) Chemical Accident Prevention Provisions.**

##### **(a) General Requirements.**

1. The provisions of this section (10) shall apply to any stationary source and to the owner or operator of any stationary source subject to any requirement under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter CFR), Parts 68, as amended. The word "Administrator" as used in regulations adopted in this section shall mean the Director of EPD.

2. Definitions: For the purpose of this section, [40 CFR, Section 68.3](#), as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

**(b) Chemical Accident Prevention Standards.**

1. General: [40 CFR 68](#), Subpart A, as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
2. Hazard Assessment, [40 CFR 68](#), Subpart B, as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
3. Program 2 Prevention Program, [40 CFR 68](#), Subpart C, as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
4. Program 3 Prevention Program, [40 CFR 68](#), Subpart D, as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
5. Emergency Response, [40 CFR 68](#), Subpart E, as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
6. Regulated Substances for Accidental Release Prevention, [40 CFR 68](#), Subpart F, as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
7. Risk Management Plan, [40 CFR 68](#), Subpart G, as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.
8. Other Requirements, [40 CFR 68](#), Subpart H, as amended, is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

**(11) Compliance Assurance Monitoring**

(a) **General Requirements.** The provisions of this section (11) shall apply to any stationary source and to the owner or operator of any stationary source subject to any requirement under 40 CFR Part 64 as amended, which is incorporated and adopted herein by reference.

(b) **The word "Administrator"** as used in regulations adopted in this section shall mean the Director of EPD.

**(12) Cross State Air Pollution Rule NOx Annual Trading Program**

(a) **General Requirements.** The provisions of this paragraph (12) except as provided in sub-paragraphs (f) and (g) shall apply to any source and the owner and operator of any such source subject to any requirements under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter, 40 CFR), Part 97 Subpart AAAAA, as amended (at 81 FR 74604-07, October 26, 2016). The term "Permitting Authority" as used in regulations adopted in this paragraph shall mean, for a unit located in Georgia, the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. For a unit located outside the State of Georgia participating in the trading program, the "Permitting Authority" is as defined in 40 CFR Part 97.402.

(b) **General Provisions.** 40 CFR Part 97.401 through 40 CFR Part 97.408, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(c) **Designated Representative.** 40 CFR Part 97.413 through 40 CFR Part 97.418, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(d) [reserved]

(e) [reserved]

(f) **Allowance Allocations.** 40 CFR Part 97.411 through 40 CFR Part 97.412, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exceptions: [40 CFR 97.411\(b\)\(2\)](#), [40 CFR 97.411\(c\)\(5\)\(iii\)](#) and [97.412\(b\)](#).

For purposes of this paragraph (12), the Georgia NO<sub>x</sub> Annual trading budget and new unit set-aside for allocations of CSAPR NO<sub>x</sub> Annual allowances, and the variability limit for the Georgia NO<sub>x</sub> Annual trading budget, for the control periods in 2017 and thereafter are as follows:

1. The NO<sub>x</sub> Annual trading budget is 53,738 tons.
2. The new unit set-aside is 1,075 tons.
3. The variability limit is 9,673 tons.
4. The Georgia NO<sub>x</sub> Annual trading budget in this subparagraph includes any tons in the new unit set-aside but does not include any tons in the variability limit.

(g) **Allowance Tracking System.** 40 CFR Part 97.420 through 40 CFR Part 97.421 and 40 CFR Part 97.424 through 40 CFR Part 97.428, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exceptions: [40 CFR 97.421\(h\)](#) and [40 CFR 97.421\(j\)](#).

(h) **Allowance Transfers.** 40 CFR Part 97.422 through 40 CFR Part 97.423, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(i) **Monitoring and Reporting.** 40 CFR Part 97.430 through 40 CFR Part 97.435, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

#### (13) Cross State Air Pollution Rule SO<sub>2</sub> Annual Trading Program

(a) **General Requirements.** The provisions of this paragraph (13) except as provided in sub-paragraphs (f) and (g) shall apply to any source and the owner and operator of any such source subject to any requirements under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter, 40 CFR), Part 97 Subpart DDDDD, as amended (at 81 FR 74618-21, October 26, 2016). The term "Permitting Authority" as used in regulations adopted in this paragraph shall mean, for a unit located in Georgia, the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. For a unit located outside the State of Georgia participating in the trading program, the "Permitting Authority" is as defined in 40 CFR Part 97.702.

(b) **General Provisions.** 40 CFR Part 97.701 through 40 CFR Part 97.708, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(c) **Designated Representative.** 40 CFR Part 97.713 through 40 CFR Part 97.718, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(d) [reserved]

(e) [reserved]

(f) **Allowance Allocations.** 40 CFR Part 97.711 through 40 CFR Part 97.712, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exceptions: [40 CFR 97.711\(b\)\(2\)](#), [40 CFR 97.711\(c\)\(5\)\(iii\)](#) and [97.712\(b\)](#).

For purposes of this paragraph (13), the Georgia SO<sub>2</sub> Group 2 trading budget and new unit set-aside for allocations of CSAPR SO<sub>2</sub> Group 2 allowances, and the variability limit for the Georgia SO<sub>2</sub> Group 2 trading budget, for the control periods in 2017 and thereafter are as follows:

1. The SO<sub>2</sub> Group 2 trading budget is 135,565 tons.
2. The new unit set-aside is 2,711 tons.
3. The variability limit is 24,402 tons.

4. The Georgia SO<sub>2</sub> Group 2 trading budget in this subparagraph includes any tons in the new unit set-aside but does not include any tons in the variability limit.

(g) **Allowance Tracking System.** 40 CFR Part 97.720 through 40 CFR Part 97.721 and 40 CFR Part 97.724 through 40 CFR Part 97.728, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exceptions: [40 CFR 97.721\(h\)](#) and [40 CFR 97.721\(j\)](#).

(h) **Allowance Transfers.** 40 CFR Part 97.722 through 40 CFR Part 97.723, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(i) **Monitoring and Reporting.** 40 CFR Part 97.730 through 40 CFR Part 97.735, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

**(14) Cross State Air Pollution Rule NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Trading Program**

(a) **General Requirements.** The provisions of this paragraph (14) except as provided in sub-paragraphs (f) and (g) shall apply to any source and the owner and operator of any such source subject to any requirements under 40 Code of Federal Regulations (hereinafter, 40 CFR), Part 97 Subpart BBBBBB as amended (at 81 FR 74607-14, October 26, 2016). The term "Permitting Authority" as used in regulations adopted in this paragraph shall mean, for a unit located in Georgia, the Environmental Protection Division of the Georgia Department of Natural Resources. For a unit located outside the State of Georgia participating in the trading program, the "Permitting Authority" is as defined in 40 CFR Part 97.502.

(b) **General Provisions.** 40 CFR Part 97.501 through 40 CFR Part 97.508, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(c) **Designated Representative.** 40 CFR Part 97.513 through 40 CFR Part 97.518, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(d) [reserved]

(e) [reserved]

(f) **Allowance Allocations.** 40 CFR Part 97.511 through 40 CFR Part 97.512, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exceptions: [40 CFR 97.511\(b\)\(2\)](#), [40 CFR 97.511\(c\)\(5\)\(iii\)](#) and [97.512\(b\)](#).

For purposes of this paragraph (14), the Georgia NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 1 trading budget and new unit set-aside for allocations of CSAPR NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 1 allowances, and the variability limit for the Georgia NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 1 trading budget, for the control periods in 2017 and thereafter are as follows:

1. The NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 1 trading budget is 24,041 tons.

2. The new unit set-aside is 481 tons.

3. The variability limit is 5,049 tons.

4. The Georgia NO<sub>x</sub> Ozone Season Group 1 trading budget in this subparagraph includes any tons in the new unit set-aside but does not include any tons in the variability limit.

(g) **Allowance Tracking System.** 40 CFR Part 97.520 through 40 CFR Part 97.521 and 40 CFR Part 97.524 through 40 CFR Part 97.528, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference with the following exceptions: [40 CFR 97.521\(h\)](#) and [40 CFR 97.521\(j\)](#).



(h) **Allowance Transfers.** 40 CFR Part 97.522 through 40 CFR Part 97.523, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

(i) **Monitoring and Reporting.** 40 CFR Part 97.530 through 40 CFR Part 97.535, as amended is hereby incorporated and adopted by reference.

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# Department 410. RULES OF GEORGIA BOARD OF NURSING

## Chapter 410-3. LICENSURE BY ENDORSEMENT

### 410-3-.01 Licensure by Endorsement (RN)

(1) An applicant for licensure by endorsement, including a military spouse and a transitioning service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § [43-1-34\(a\)](#), who is licensed as a registered nurse in another U.S. state, territory or district must submit the following:

(a) A complete application containing data required by the board attesting that all information contained in, or referenced by, the application is complete and accurate and is not false or misleading;

(b) The required application processing fee which is not refundable;

(c) Completed registration as required by the Board to cause the submission of a criminal background check as required by O.C.G.A. § [43-26-7\(c\)\(5\)](#);

(d) Official transcripts documenting graduation from an approved nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. § [43-26-3](#)(1.2) prior to passing the licensing examination recognized by the Board;

(e) Verification of licensure from the original licensing jurisdiction which documents one of the following:

1. Prior to July 1982-a score of 350 on each of the five parts of the SBTPE;
2. Prior to February 1989-a minimum score of 1600 on the NCLEX-RN;
3. February 1989 and after, must have achieved a passing report on the NCLEX-RN;

(f) Verification of current, active licensure in another US state, territory or district;

(g) Documentation of one of the following within four years immediately preceding the date of application:

1. Five hundred (500) hours of licensed practice as a registered nurse as documented on the verification of employment form provided by the Board;
2. Graduation from a nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. §§ [43-26-3](#)(1.2) or 43-26-7(e); or
3. Completion of a Board approved reentry program as defined in Rule [410-4-.03](#).

(h) Secure and verifiable documentation of United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as required by Georgia law; and

(i) Any additional information requested by the board needed to establish eligibility.

(2) An application must be complete within the timeframe indicated in the Joint Secretary rules and policies. Any application not completed within this period will be withdrawn. Any consideration of licensure after that date will require the applicant to submit a new application, new documents, and the appropriate fee.

(3) An applicant who is under investigation for possible violation of the Nurse Practice Act may not be issued a license until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Board. The license may be denied or sanctioned despite the applicant meeting all other criteria for licensure.

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [43-1-34\(b\)](#), [43-26-5\(a\)\(2\)](#), [\(3\)](#), [\(7\)](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Examinations" was filed and effective on June 30, 1965.

**Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule of the same title adopted. Filed November 15, 1966, effective December 4, 1966.

**Amended:** Filed February 8, 1974; effective February 28, 1974.

**Amended:** Filed August 5, 1974; effective August 25, 1974.

**Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "Standards and Curricula for Educational Programs" adopted. Filed March 18, 1976; effective April 7, 1976.

**Amended:** Rule repealed and a new Rule entitled "General Requirements" adopted. Filed October 12, 1984, effective November 1, 1984.

**Amended:** Filed May 31, 1988; effective June 20, 1988.

**Repealed:** Authority repealed, new authority adopted. F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 23, 1990; eff. Sept. 12, 1990.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title, adopted. F. Nov. 22, 1994; eff. Dec. 12, 1994.

**Amended:** F. Oct. 14, 1998; eff. Nov. 3, 1998.

**Amended:** F. Jan. 14, 2000; eff. Feb. 3, 2000.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 27, 2007; eff. Oct. 17, 2007.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Licensure by Endorsement (RN)" adopted. F. Aug. 24, 2015; eff. Sept. 13, 2015.

**Amended:** F. Oct. 2, 2017; eff. Oct. 22, 2017.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 3, 2023; eff. Aug. 23, 2023.

### **410-3-.02 Licensure by Endorsement (LPN)**

(1) An applicant for licensure by endorsement, including a military spouse and a transitioning service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § [43-1-34\(a\)](#), who is licensed as a licensed practical nurse in another U.S. state, territory or district must submit the following:

(a) A complete application containing data required by the board attesting that all information contained in, or referenced by, the application is complete and accurate and is not false or misleading;

(b) The required application processing fee which is not refundable;

(c) Completed registration as required by the Board to cause the submission of a criminal background check as required by O.C.G.A. § [43-26-36.1](#);

(d) Official transcripts documenting graduation from an approved nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. § [43-26-32](#)(1.1) prior to passing the licensing examination recognized by the Board;

(e) Verification of licensure from the original licensing jurisdiction which documents one of the following:

1. Prior to July 1982-a score of 350 on the SBTPE;
2. Beginning October 1982 to September 1988-a minimum score of 350 on the NCLEX-PN;
3. October 1988 and after, must have achieved a passing report on the NCLEX-PN;

(f) Verification of current, active licensure in another NCLEX jurisdiction;

(g) Documentation of one of the following within four years immediately preceding the date of application:

1. Five hundred (500) hours of licensed practice as a licensed practical nurse as documented on the verification of employment form provided by the Board;
2. Graduation from a nursing education program as defined in O.C.G.A. §§ [43-26-32](#)(1.1); or
3. Completion of a Board approved reentry program as defined in Rule [410-4-.04](#).

(h) Secure and verifiable documentation of United States citizenship or lawful presence in the United States as required by Georgia law; and

(i) Any additional information requested by the board needed to establish eligibility.

(2) An application must be complete within the timeframe indicated in the Joint Secretary rules and policies. Any application not completed within this period will be withdrawn. Any consideration of licensure after that date will require the applicant to submit a new application, new documents, and the appropriate fee.

(3) An applicant who is under investigation for possible violation of the Nurse Practice Act may not be issued a license until the matter is resolved to the satisfaction of the Board. The license may be denied or sanctioned despite the applicant meeting all other criteria for licensure.

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [43-1-25](#), [43-26-31](#), [43-26-32](#), [43-26-36](#), [43-26-38](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Organization and Administration" adopted. F. Mar. 18, 1976; eff. Apr. 7, 1976; except for paragraph (2) which is eff. July 1, 1977, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** Eff. Date of paragraph (2) changed to July 1, 1978, and paragraph (7) declared eff. July 1, 1978. F. June 15, 1976; eff. July 5, 1976.

**Amended:** F. Oct. 26, 1977; eff. Nov. 15, 1977.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Nursing Education Program Approval" adopted. F. Oct. 12, 1984; eff. Nov. 1, 1984.

**Amended:** F. May 31, 1988; eff. June 20, 1988.

**Amended:** Authority changed. F. May 8, 1990; eff. May 28, 1990.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 23, 1990; eff. Sept. 12, 1990.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Nov. 22, 1994; eff. Dec. 12, 1994.

**Amended:** F. June 5, 1996; eff. June 25, 1996.

**Amended:** F. Oct. 14, 1998; eff. Nov. 3, 1998.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sept. 27, 2007; eff. Oct. 17, 2007.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Licensure by Endorsement (LPN)" adopted. F. Aug. 24, 2015; eff. Sept. 13, 2015.

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# **Department 420. GEORGIA STATE BOARD OF DISPENSING OPTICIANS**

## **Chapter 420-2. REGISTRATION AND REQUIREMENTS**

### **420-2-.01 Registration (Renewal) and Reinstatement**

(1) All persons practicing as a dispensing optician shall register with the Division Director of the Professional Licensing Boards Division and shall pay a biennial registration fee on or before the March 31st renewal date each odd numbered year. Licenses may be renewed between April 1st and April 30th of each odd numbered year with payment of a late renewal penalty fee in addition to the renewal fee. Failure to renew a license by April 30th of each odd numbered year shall have the same effect as revocation of such license, making the license subject to reinstatement as set forth below. Individual licenses lapsed by operation of law may be considered for reinstatement by submission of an application approved by the Board, any supporting documents or other requirements as defined in [420-2-.01\(3\)](#) below and paying the established reinstatement application fee.

(2) Any service member as defined in O.C.G.A. § [43-1-31](#) whose license to practice opticianry expired while serving on active duty outside the state shall be permitted to practice opticianry in accordance with the expired license and shall not be charged with a violation relating to such practice on an expired license for a period of six (6) months from the date of her or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location within the state. Any such service member shall be entitled to renew such expired license without penalty within six (6) months after the date of her or her discharge from active duty or reassignment to a location with the state. The service member must present to the board a copy of the official military orders, or a written verification signed by the service member's commanding officer to waive any charges.

(3) Reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license is at the discretion of the board. All applications may be subject to review by a designated Board member.

(a) An applicant for reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license must submit a completed reinstatement application provided by the Board, pay the required reinstatement application fee, and shall comply with one of the following:

1. An application for reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license submitted within two (2) years of the effective date of the expiration or lapse of that license must submit evidence of completion of fifteen (15) course hours of continuing education obtained within the two (2) years prior to the date of the reinstatement application. Of the fifteen (15) hours, a minimum of two (2) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses and must be obtained from a Board recognized approved source pursuant to O.C.G.A. [43-29-11\(b\)](#). Of the fifteen (15) hours, no more than five (5) hours may be obtained via the internet. Effective 04-01-2017, of the fifteen (15) continuing education hours for reinstatement, no hours may be obtained or will be accepted for reinstatement via the internet or home study except for those provided by the Opticians Association of America, the National Academy of Opticianry or the Opticians Association of Georgia. No more than eight (8) hours of continuing education may be obtained in one twenty-four-hour day.

2. An application for reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license that's been lapsed or expired for more than two (2) years, but less than four (4) years, of the effective date of the expiration or lapse must submit evidence of completion of thirty (30) course hours of continuing education obtained within the two (2) years prior to the date of the reinstatement application. Of the thirty (30) hours, a minimum of four (4) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses and must be obtained from a Board recognized approved source pursuant to O.C.G.A. [43-29-11\(b\)](#). Of the thirty (30) hours, no more than five (5) hours may be obtained via the internet. Effective 04-01-2017, of the thirty (30) continuing education hours for reinstatement, no hours may be obtained or will be accepted for reinstatement via the internet or home study except for those provided by the Opticians Association of America, the National Academy of Opticianry or the Opticians Association of Georgia. No more than eight (8) hours of continuing education may be obtained in one twenty-four-hour day.

3. An application for reinstatement of an expired or lapsed license that's been lapsed or expired for more than four (4) years of the effective date of the expiration or lapse must also submit evidence of completion of thirty (30) course hours of continuing education obtained within the two (2) years prior to the date of the reinstatement application. Of the thirty (30) hours, a minimum of four (4) hours shall be in the area of contact lenses and must be obtained from a Board recognized approved source pursuant to O.C.G.A. [43-29-11\(b\)](#). Of the thirty (30) hours, no more than five (5) hours may be obtained via the internet. Effective 04-01-2017, of the thirty (30) continuing education hours for reinstatement, no hours may be obtained or will be accepted for reinstatement via the internet or home study except for those provided by the Opticians Association of America, the National Academy of Opticianry or the Opticians Association of Georgia. No more than eight (8) hours of continuing education may be obtained in one twenty-four-hour day. In addition, the following must be Submitted:

(i) Verification of current ABO/NCLE Certification.

(ii) Applicants for reinstatement under this rule who were licensed in Georgia before January 1, 1987, and who have continued to practice in the field of opticianry in another state or jurisdiction, and who currently and consistently have held a valid, unencumbered dispensing opticians license in that state shall not be required to provide current ABO/NCLE certification.

(b) If reinstatement is granted, any continued education hours credited for the reinstatement application shall not be used or applied towards the continuing education requirements for the renewal period following the date of reinstatement. Reinstated licenses may be subject to a continuing education hours audit at renewal after reinstatement of licensure.

4. The Board shall ratify the reinstatement of all licenses between Board meetings at the next scheduled Board meeting following the reinstatement.

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. §§ [43-1-7](#), [43-1-25](#), [43-29-3\(d\)](#), [43-29-6](#), [43-29-10](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Registration" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Mar. 3, 1981; eff. Mar. 23, 1981.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 7, 1984; eff. Aug. 27, 1984.

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**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Aug. 18, 2005; eff. Sept. 7, 2005.

**Repealed:** New Rule of the same title adopted. F. Apr. 4, 2011; eff. Apr. 24, 2011.

**Amended:** F. Nov. 13, 2013; eff. Dec. 3, 2013.

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## **420-2-.02 [Repealed]**

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [43-29-6](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Certificate Lost or Destroyed" adopted. F. and eff. June 30, 1965.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Certificate Lost, Destroyed, or Name Change" adopted. F. Mar. 3, 1981; eff. Mar. 23, 1981.

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# Department 505. PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

## Chapter 505-3. EDUCATOR PREPARATION RULES

### 505-3-.01 Requirements and Standards for Approving Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states requirements and standards for the approval of educator preparation providers (EPPs) and programs for the initial and continuing preparation of educators in Georgia.

(2) **Definitions.**

(a) Accreditation: (1) A process for assessing and enhancing academic and educational quality through external, often voluntary, peer review. (2) A decision awarded and process certified by an accrediting organization. For the purposes of educator preparation provider (EPP) and program approval, GaPSC recognizes three (3) types of accreditation: Regional Accreditation, National Accreditation, and Specialized Accreditation. Each type of accreditation is defined in subsequent definitions.

(b) Administrative Approval: A process used in lieu of the Developmental Approval Review exclusively for endorsement programs and available only to GaPSC-approved EPPs. Administrative approval involves a staff review of an approval application and a curriculum map in which key assessments are described and mapped to program content standards. After an endorsement program is administratively approved, it will be reviewed against all applicable standards in the EPP's next Continuing Approval Review.

(c) Advanced Preparation/Degree-Only Program: An educator preparation program at the post-baccalaureate level for the continuing education of educators who have previously completed initial preparation and are certified in the program's subject area or field of certification. Advanced preparation programs commonly award graduate credit and include master's, specialist, and doctoral degree programs.

(d) Approval: A process for assessing and enhancing academic and educational quality through peer review and annual reporting, to assure the public an EPP and/or program has met and continues to meet institutional, state, and national standards of educational quality; also, a Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC) decision rendered when an EPP or program meets GaPSC standards and annual reporting requirements.

(e) Approval Review: Examination of evidence and interviews of stakeholders conducted by GaPSC site visitors and sometimes CAEP site visitors either on-site at an institution/agency, or electronically through the use of Internet and telephone conferencing systems as part of a Developmental, First Continuing, Continuing, Focused, or Probationary Review. Although not an approval review, the Substantive Change process is used when certain changes are made to the design or operations of approved program (see definition at).

(f) B/P-12: Formerly P-12, the term *B/P-12* references schools serving children aged birth to grade 12.

(g) Branch Campus: A campus that is physically detached from the parent university or college and has autonomous governance. A branch campus generally has full student and administrative services with a CEO and is regionally accredited separately from the parent campus. For approval purposes, GaPSC considers branch campuses distinct from the parent institution and therefore a separate EPP. For approval purposes, a branch campus located in the state of Georgia having an original, or main, campus located in another state or country is considered an out-of-state institution and is therefore ineligible to seek GaPSC approval as an EPP.

(h) Candidates/Teacher Candidates: Individuals enrolled in programs for the initial or advanced preparation of educators, programs for the continuing professional development of educators, or programs for the preparation of other professional school personnel. Candidates are distinguished from students in B/P-12 schools. (The term *enrolled* is used in the GaPSC approval process to mean the candidate is admitted and taking classes.)

(i) Clinical Educators: All educator preparation provider (EPP) and P-12 school-based individuals, including classroom teachers, who assess, support, and develop a candidate's knowledge, skills, or professional dispositions at some stage in the clinical experiences. The term *Clinical Educators* is intended to be inclusive of the roles of Mentor Teacher, B/P-12 Supervisor, and Faculty Supervisor. EPPs are expected to clearly define the roles and responsibilities of all clinical educators with whom candidates interact.

(j) Clinical Practice: Culminating residency (formerly referred to as *student teaching*) or internship experiences with candidates placed in classrooms for at least one (1) full semester where they experience intensive and extensive practices in which they are fully immersed in the learning community and provided opportunities to develop and demonstrate competence in the professional roles for which they are preparing. In initial preparation programs in Service and Leadership fields, candidates will complete such culminating residency or internship experiences in placements that allow the knowledge, skills, and dispositions included in the programs to be practiced and applied. In non-traditional preparation programs, such as GaTAPP, clinical practice is job-embedded as candidates must be hired as a classroom teacher to be admitted to the program.

(k) Content Knowledge: The central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of a discipline (Source: CAEP Glossary).

(l) Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP): The national accreditation organization formed as a result of the unification of the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE) and the Teacher Education Accreditation Council (TEAC). CAEP advances excellence in educator preparation through evidence-based accreditation that assures quality and supports continuous improvement to strengthen B/P-12 student learning. CAEP accredits educator preparation providers (EPPs).

(m) Dispositions: Moral commitments and professional attitudes, values, and beliefs that underlie educator performance and are demonstrated through both verbal and non-verbal behaviors as educators interact with students, families, colleagues, and communities.

(n) Distance Learning: A formal educational process in which instruction occurs when candidates and the instructor are not in the same place at the same time. Distance learning can occur through virtually any media including asynchronous or synchronous, electronic or printed communications.

(o) Distance Learning Program: A program delivered primarily (50% or more contact hours) through distance technology in which the instructor of record and candidates lack face-to-face contact and instruction is delivered asynchronously or synchronously (see definition n). These preparation programs include those offered by the EPP through a contract with an outside vendor or configured as a consortium with other EPPs, as well as those offered solely by the provider.

(p) Dyslexia and Other Related Disorders: Dyslexia is a specific learning disability that is neurological in origin, which is characterized by difficulties with accurate or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede the growth of vocabulary and background knowledge. Other related disorders include aphasia, dyscalculia, and dysgraphia.

1. Aphasia: Aphasia is a condition characterized by either partial or total loss of the ability to communicate verbally or through written words. A person with aphasia may have difficulty speaking, reading, writing, recognizing the names of objects, or understanding what other people have said. The condition may be temporary or permanent and shall not include speech problems caused by loss of muscle control.

2. Dyscalculia: Dyscalculia is the inability to understand the meaning of numbers, the basic operations of addition and subtraction, or the complex operations of multiplication and division or to apply math principles to solve practical or abstract problems.

3. **Dysgraphia:** Dysgraphia is difficulty in automatically remembering and mastering the sequence of muscle motor movements needed to accurately write letters or numbers.

(q) **Educator Preparation Program:** A planned sequence of courses and experiences for preparing B/P-12 teachers and other professional school personnel. The three (3) types of educator preparation programs are described in definitions ac (Initial), u (Endorsement), and c (Advanced/Degree-Only).

(r) **Educator Preparation Provider (EPP):** The institution of higher education (IHE), college, school, department, agency, or other administrative body responsible for managing or coordinating all programs offered for the initial and continuing preparation of teachers and other school personnel, regardless of where these programs are administratively housed (formerly referred to as the professional education unit).

(s) **Endorsement Program:** A planned sequence of courses and experiences, typically three (3) to four (4) courses in length, designed to provide educators with an additional, specific set of knowledge and skills, or to expand and enhance existing knowledge and skills. Successful completion of an endorsement program results in the addition of the endorsement field to the Georgia educator certificate designating expertise in the field. Endorsement programs may be offered as non-credit bearing programs (or if applicable, as continuing education units), or they may lead to college credit; they must be approved by the GaPSC and administered by a GaPSC-approved EPP, and may be offered as either a stand-alone program or, unless otherwise specified in GaPSC Educator Preparation Rules [505-3-.82](#) through [505-3-.115](#), embedded in an initial preparation program. Depending on the needs of the individual educator, endorsement programs may also be included as a part of an educator's professional learning plan/goals. See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.14](#) ENDORSEMENTS.

(t) **Field Experiences:** Activities that include organized and sequenced engagement of candidates in settings providing opportunities to observe, practice, and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions delineated in institutional, state, and national standards. The experiences must be systematically designed and sequenced to increase the complexity and levels of engagement with which candidates apply, reflect upon, and expand their knowledge and skills. Since observation is a less rigorous method of learning, emphasis should be on field experience sequences requiring active professional practice or demonstration, and including substantive work with B/P-12 students and B/P-12 personnel as appropriate. In non-traditional preparation programs, such as GaTAPP, field experiences occur outside candidates' classrooms with students with different learning needs and varied backgrounds in at least two (2) settings during the clinical practice.

(u) **First Continuing Review:** Formerly called the *Initial Performance Review*, the First Continuing Review is conducted three (3) to four (4) years after a Developmental Review to determine if the EPP and/or initial educator preparation program(s) have evidence of meeting all applicable standards.

(v) **Franchise Program:** An endorsement program developed by and approved for a GaPSC-approved EPP (the franchise manager) and subsequently shared with other GaPSC-approved EPPs operating as franchisees.

(w) **Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP):** Georgia's non-traditional preparation program for preparing career changers for certification as B/P-12 teachers. See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.05](#) GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP).

(x) **Grade Point Average (GPA):** A quantitative indicator of candidate achievement. Letter grades are converted to numbers and averaged over a period of time.

(y) **Induction:**

(1) The formal act or process of placing an individual into a new job or position and providing appropriate support during the first three (3) years of employment. The Georgia Department of Education defines The Induction Phase Teacher as any teacher who has been hired into a new permanent position in any Georgia school.

(2) A Georgia level of professional educator certification; for additional information see GaPSC Rule 505-2-04, INDUCTION CERTIFICATE.

(z) Information Literacy: An intellectual framework for understanding, finding, evaluating, and using information - activities which may be accomplished in part by fluency with information technology, in part by sound investigative methods, but most importantly, through critical discernment and reasoning (adopted from The Association of College and Research Libraries).

(aa) Initial Preparation Program: A program designed to prepare candidates for their first professional certificate in a teaching, leadership, or service field. Examples include degree programs at the baccalaureate, master's, or higher levels; or post-baccalaureate programs, non-degree certification-only programs, and non-traditional programs such as the GaTAPP program. Programs leading to an educator's first certificate in a particular field are considered initial preparation even if the educator is certified in one or more other fields.

(ab) Local Unit of Administration (LUA): A local education agency, including but not limited to public, waiver, Investing in Educational Excellence (IE2), charter schools and private schools (e.g., faith-based schools, early learning centers, hospitals, juvenile detention centers, etc.). As referenced in GaPSC Certification Rule [505-2-.01](#) GEORGIA EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION, paragraph (2) (d) 1, for employment purposes GaPSC Certification Division staff consider all non-IHEs as LUAs.

(ac) Media Literacy: The ability to encode and decode the symbols transmitted via media and the ability to access, analyze, evaluate, and communicate information in a variety of forms, including print and non-print messages. Also known as the skillful application of literacy skills to media and technology messages (adopted from the National Association for Media Literacy Education).

(ad) Mentor Teacher: A B/P-12 employed teacher and an expert practitioner who supports the development of a pre-service or novice teacher by assessing and providing feedback on instructional practice; interactions with students, colleagues, and parents; classroom management; and professionalism. Mentor teachers are typically involved with faculty supervisors in the formal supervision and evaluation of pre-service clinical practice experiences (residency/internship). The term *Mentor Teacher* is often used synonymously with the terms *Cooperating Teacher* and *B/P-12 Supervisor*. The terms *B/P-12 Supervisor* and *Faculty Supervisor* are described in definition au.

(ae) National Accreditation: National accreditation is conducted by an accrediting organization which develops evaluation criteria and conducts peer evaluations to assess whether or not those criteria are met. National accrediting agencies operate throughout the country and review entire institutions, EPPs, or programs in specific content fields. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC) is an example of a national accrediting organization that reviews institutions. CAEP (see definition l) is an example of a national accrediting organization that reviews EPPs. The National Association of Schools of Music (NASM) is an example of a national accrediting organization that reviews programs in a specific field.

(af) Nationally Recognized Program: A program that has met the standards of a national specialized professional association (SPA) that is a constituent member of CAEP. The term *National Recognition* signifies the highest level of SPA recognition awarded to programs.

(ag) Non-traditional Preparation Program (GaTAPP): A program designed to prepare individuals who at admission hold an appropriate degree with verified content knowledge through a major or its equivalent in the content field or a passing score on the state-approved content assessment in the content field. If the state-approved content knowledge was not required at admission, it must be passed for program completion. Non-traditional preparation programs do not lead to a degree or college credit and:

1. Feature a flexible timeframe for completion;
2. Are job-embedded, allowing candidates to complete requirements while employed by a regionally accredited local unit of administration (school district or private school), a charter school approved by the Georgia State Charter School Commission, or a charter school approved by the Georgia Department of Education as a classroom teacher full-time or part-time for at least a half day;
3. Require that candidates are supported by a Candidate Support Team;

4. Require an induction component that includes coaching and supervision;
  5. Provide curriculum, performance-based instruction and assessment focused on the pedagogical knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary for the candidate to teach his/her validated academic content knowledge; and
  6. Are individualized based on the needs of each candidate with respect to content knowledge, pedagogical skills, learning modalities, learning styles, interests, and readiness to teach. See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.05](#) GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP).
- (ah) Out-of-State Institution: An institution of higher education administratively based in a state within the United States other than Georgia, or another country.
- (ai) Pedagogical Content Knowledge: A core part of content knowledge for teaching that includes: core activities of teaching, such as determining what students know; choosing and managing representations of ideas; appraising, selecting and modifying textbooks; and deciding among alternative courses of action and analyzing the subject matter knowledge and insight entailed in these activities (Source: adapted from the CAEP Glossary).
- (aj) Pedagogical Knowledge: The broad principles and strategies of classroom instruction, management, and organization that transcend subject matter knowledge (Source: CAEP Glossary).
- (ak) Pedagogical Skills: An educator's abilities or expertise to impart the specialized knowledge/content and skills of their subject area(s) (Source: CAEP Glossary).
- (al) Preconditions: Fundamental requirements that undergird the GaPSC standards that must be met as a first step in the approval process and before an EPP is permitted to schedule a Developmental Approval Review.
- (am) Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs): A set of common measures applied to all teacher and leader preparation programs leading to initial certification in a field. Teacher Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (TPPEMs) and Leader Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (LPPEMs) are further defined in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.02](#) EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION.
- (an) Program Completer: A person who has met all the requirements of a GaPSC-approved or state-approved out-of-state educator preparation program.
- (ao) Regional Accreditation: Regional accreditation is conducted by an accrediting organization that develops evaluation criteria and conducts peer evaluations to assess whether or not those criteria are met. Six (6) regional accreditors operate in the United States to conduct educational accreditation of public, private, for-profit, and not-for-profit schools, colleges, and universities in their regions. The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) is the regional accreditor for the southern region. The SACS accrediting organization for P-12 schools is the Council on Accreditation and School Improvement (SACSCASI), also known as Cognia. The SACS accrediting organization for institutes of higher education is the Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC).
- (ap) Specialized Accreditation: Specialized accrediting organizations operate throughout the country to review programs and some single-purpose institutions. Like national and regional accreditors, specialized accreditation organizations develop evaluation criteria and conduct peer evaluations to assess whether or not those criteria are met.
- (aq) Specialized Professional Association (SPA): A constituent member of CAEP representing a particular disciplinary area that develops standards for the approval of educator preparation programs in that area and reviews programs for compliance with those standards.
- (ar) Substantive Change Procedure: Process used for EPPs to submit changes that are considered significant, including additional levels of program offerings and changes to key assessments or leadership personnel.



(as) **Supervisor**: An individual involved in the oversight and evaluation of educator preparation candidates during field and clinical experiences. In most cases one or more individuals are involved in the formal supervision of clinical experiences—a supervisor employed by the EPP and one or more supervisors employed by the B/P-12 site hosting a pre-service educator. The term *Faculty Supervisor* refers to the employee of the EPP and the term *B/P-12 Supervisor* (sometimes referred to as Mentor Teacher or Cooperating Teacher) refers to the school-based employee who hosts a pre-service educator for the culminating residency or internship.

(at) **Technology Literacy**: Using technology as a tool to research, organize, evaluate, and communicate information and understanding the ethical and legal issues surrounding the access and use of information.

(au) **Traditional Preparation Program**: A credit-bearing program designed for the preparation of educators typically offered by institutes of higher education.

(av) **Year-long Residency**: An extended clinical practice lasting the entire length of the B/P-12 school year, in the same school, in which candidates have more time to practice teaching skills with students under the close guidance of experienced and effective B/P-12 teachers licensed in the content area the candidate is preparing to teach. Candidates fully participate in the school as a member of the faculty, including faculty meetings, parent conferences, and professional learning activities spanning, if feasible, the beginning (e.g., pre-planning) and ending (post-planning) of the academic year. (Candidates may participate in post-planning at the end of the junior year if it is not possible for them to participate at the end of the senior year). These extended residencies also include supervision and mentoring by a representative of the preparation program who, along with the B/P-12 supervisor, ensures the candidate is ready for program completion and is eligible for state certification.

### **(3) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS APPLICABLE TO ALL EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.**

(a) Authorization for the Establishment of Georgia Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs).

1. The following types of organizations administratively based in the state of Georgia (as determined by the location of the office of the President or the single highest ranking executive officer of the institution/agency/organization) are eligible to seek GaPSC approval as an EPP for the purpose of preparing educators: Regionally accredited institutions of higher education; regionally accredited local units of administration with student enrollment over 30,000; Regional Educational Service Agencies (RESAs); and other education service organizations. Out-of-state entities of any kind (e.g., institutions, agencies, associations, non-profit or for-profit organizations, or other types of organizations) operating in the state of Georgia through a branch or satellite campus or by online delivery of programs are not eligible to seek GaPSC approval.

(b) Accreditation of Institutions/Agencies with an Educator Preparation Provider (EPP).

1. Institutions of higher education with a college, school, department or other entity that is a GaPSC-approved EPP shall be fully accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC), at the level(s) of degree(s) granted by the institution. The institution shall submit program(s) for GaPSC approval corresponding to the appropriate level of accreditation and in a field recognized for certification by the GaPSC. If an institution has submitted an application for change in degree level to a GaPSC-accepted regional accreditation agency, and is seeking Developmental Approval of a program(s) at the proposed new degree level by the GaPSC, the institution must be regionally accredited at the new degree level prior to approval review by the GaPSC. See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.31](#) GaPSC-ACCEPTED ACCREDITATION FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES.

2. Local education agencies, RESAs, or other approved, non-IHE providers shall admit candidates who hold degrees from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution of higher education appropriate for the certificate sought. GaPSC-approved EPPs offering Career Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) programs, including GaTAPP providers, may admit individuals who do not hold post-secondary degrees who are seeking CTAE certification in certain fields (see GaPSC Rule [505-3-.05](#) GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP). See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.31](#) GaPSC-ACCEPTED ACCREDITATION FOR CERTIFICATION PURPOSES for a list of acceptable accrediting agencies.

(c) GaPSC Approval of Educator Preparation Providers (EPPs).

1. An education institution or agency's EPP (e.g., college/school/department of education) and/or program(s) shall be approved by its governing board prior to seeking GaPSC approval for the first time (Developmental Approval). Once an EPP is approved, subsequent submission of programs for approval may be made as long as governing board approval is in process and completed 45 days prior to the GaPSC program approval review.
2. GaPSC approval standards for EPPs and programs shall at a minimum be adapted from the most recent version of the standards of the Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP).
3. EPPs administratively based in the state of Georgia for which GaPSC has regulatory authority may choose to seek and/or maintain CAEP accreditation. If the accreditation visit was conducted jointly by GaPSC and CAEP, the GaPSC will accept CAEP accreditation of an EPP and the EPP shall be recognized as approved by GaPSC until the end of the seven (7)-year approval cycle, or for a shorter period of time if, during the seven (7)-year cycle GaPSC action is necessitated by persistently low (Low Performing) Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures (PPEMs) ratings or non-compliance with GaPSC rules. If CAEP accreditation of the EPP is delayed, denied, or revoked, GaPSC will render an EPP approval decision. If the accreditation visit is conducted solely by CAEP, GaPSC approval of the EPP will be based upon the implementation of the state approval process and a final EPP approval decision will be rendered by the Commission. Program approval is contingent upon EPP approval.
4. LUAs, qualifying organizations (see paragraph (3) (a) 1), and IHEs seeking GaPSC approval as an EPP shall follow all applicable GaPSC policies and procedures, e.g., preconditions to determine eligibility for a review, approval review requirements, post review requirements, Commission decisions, public disclosure policy, and annual reporting procedures. In order to maintain approval status, all GaPSC-approved EPPs must maintain regional or GaPSC-accepted accreditation and must comply with all applicable GaPSC rules and policies including, but not limited to, those regarding Preparation Program Effectiveness Measures, annual reporting, and data submission requirements. Failure by an approved provider to fully comply with GaPSC Educator Preparation, Certification, and Ethics Rules, Commission approval decisions, or agency procedures and/or requirements may result in changes in approval status that could include revocation of approval. Failure to comply with federal reporting requirements may result in fines.
5. The EPP must have completed the GaPSC approval process and be approved by the GaPSC before candidates are enrolled in educator preparation programs and begin taking classes.
6. For EPPs offering initial preparation programs leading to a Teaching, Leadership, or Service certificate, GaPSC EPP approval cycles shall include Developmental Approval valid for three (3) years and Continuing Approval valid for seven (7) years. The Developmental Approval Review is used to determine if a new EPP has the capacity to meet state standards and it is followed, in three (3) to four (4) years, by a First Continuing Review to determine if the EPP has evidence of meeting state standards. Following the First Continuing Review, the GaPSC will conduct Continuing Reviews of the EPP and all preparation programs at seven (7) year intervals. For IHEs seeking to maintain CAEP accreditation, the state Continuing Review will be scheduled such that the state review will be completed and the resulting GaPSC approval decision will be rendered prior to the beginning of the CAEP site visit. GaPSC will require a Focused Approval Review or a Probationary Review of an approved or accredited EPP and/or its educator preparation programs in fewer than seven (7) years if annual performance data indicate standards are not being met, or if a previous approval review indicates pervasive problems exist that limit provider capacity to offer programs capable of meeting standards and requirements specified in GaPSC educator preparation and certification rules, or if GaPSC staff determine non-compliance with state rules.
7. For EPPs offering only endorsement programs, GaPSC EPP approval cycles shall include Developmental Approval valid for seven (7) years and Continuing Approval every seven (7) years thereafter.
8. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall comply with all GaPSC reporting requirements, to include the submission of data in all appropriate candidate-level, program-level, and EPP-level reporting systems (e.g., Traditional Program Management System [TPMS], Non-Traditional Reporting System [NTRS], Provider Reporting System [PRS], and federal annual reports on the performance of the EPP and all educator preparation programs). Out-of-state EPPs offering initial teacher preparation programs to Georgia residents and/or to residents of other states who fulfill field

and clinical experiences in Georgia B/P-12 schools shall comply with all applicable GaPSC reporting requirements, to include the submission of data in TPMS and other systems that may become applicable. EPPs shall report according to the schedules and timelines below and shall accurately provide all data elements. Failure to report on time and accurately may negatively impact EPP approval status. See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.02](#) EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION.

(i) Enrollments. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall, through the appropriate GaPSC reporting system (i.e., Non-Traditional Reporting System [NTRS] or Traditional Program Management System [TPMS]), enter all applicable data for candidates enrolled in Teaching (T), Leadership (L), and Service (S) field programs leading to initial Georgia certification, and in Endorsement programs according to the following schedule:

(I) October 31: The deadline for entering all candidates enrolled in current academic year summer and fall semesters.

(II) March 31: The deadline for entering all candidates enrolled in current academic year spring semester.

(ii) Completions and Withdrawals. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall, through the appropriate GaPSC reporting system (i.e., Non-Traditional Reporting System [NTRS] or Traditional Program Management System [TPMS]), enter all applicable data related to candidate completions and withdrawals within sixty (60) days of the event.

(iii) For federal, Title II, reporting purposes, October 7 is the deadline for entering all initial teaching candidates who were enrolled, withdrawn, or completed during the prior reporting year (September 1 - August 31).

9. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall notify all enrolled candidates when EPP and/or program approval is revoked or when approval status is changed to Probation. Notification must be made within sixty (60) days after such a GaPSC decision is granted in written form via letter or e-mail, and a copy must be provided to GaPSC by the EPP head. This notification must clearly describe the impact of the approval status change on candidates and the options available to them. The EPP must maintain records of candidates' acknowledgement of receipt of the notification.

(d) GaPSC Approval of Educator Preparation Programs.

1. Educator preparation programs leading to Georgia educator certification shall be offered only by GaPSC-approved EPPs (reference paragraph (3) (c) 3). All initial preparation programs and endorsement programs must be approved by the GaPSC.

2. GaPSC-approved EPPs seeking approval to add new initial preparation programs may submit the programs for GaPSC approval prior to receiving governing board approval, as long as governing board approval is granted forty-five (45) days prior to the approval review.

3. GaPSC-approved EPPs seeking approval for preparation programs leading to Georgia educator certification shall follow all applicable GaPSC program approval policies and procedures in effect at the time of the requested approval and shall comply with revised policies in accordance with timelines published by the GaPSC.

4. Initial educator preparation programs and endorsement programs shall be approved by the GaPSC before candidates are enrolled and begin program coursework.

5. GaPSC-approved EPPs, in conjunction with preparations for an EPP approval review, shall submit program reports conforming to GaPSC program standards and program review requirements for approval by GaPSC. Programs may also be submitted to GaPSC-accepted Specialized Professional Associations or program accrediting agencies for national recognition or accreditation. If the highest level of recognition or accreditation, in most cases National Recognition or Accreditation, is granted for a program, state approval procedures will be reduced to remove duplication and will include only those components necessary to ensure Georgia-specific standards and requirements are met. Programs submitted for national recognition or accreditation that are not granted National Recognition (e.g., granted Recognition with Conditions or any level of recognition lower than National Recognition) or Accreditation must comply with all applicable GaPSC program approval review requirements. See the guidance document accompanying this rule for the list of GaPSC-accepted SPAs and program accrediting agencies.

6. GaPSC approval of initial preparation programs in Teaching (T), Leadership (L), and Service (S) fields shall include a Developmental Approval Review to determine if the new educator preparation program has the capacity to meet state standards. Developmental Approval is valid for three (3) to four (4) years and is followed by a First Continuing Review to determine if the educator preparation program has evidence of meeting state standards. Following the First Continuing Review, the GaPSC will conduct Continuing Reviews of the educator preparation programs in conjunction with the EPP Continuing Review at seven (7) year intervals.

7. GaPSC approval of new endorsement programs shall include an Administrative Approval process to determine if the new program has the capacity to meet state standards followed by a Continuing Approval Review of the program in conjunction with the next scheduled EPP Continuing Review, and Continuing Reviews every seven (7) years thereafter.

8. The GaPSC will require a Focused Approval Review or a Probationary Review of an approved educator preparation program in fewer than seven (7) years if a previous approval review indicates pervasive problems exist limiting program capacity to meet standards and requirements specified in GaPSC educator preparation and certification rules.

9. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall submit program(s) for GaPSC approval corresponding to the appropriate level of preparation (initial or endorsement) and in a certification field authorized in GaPSC Certification Rules. Although advanced/degree-only preparation programs are neither reviewed nor approved by GaPSC, those accepted by GaPSC for the purposes of certificate level upgrades must be listed in the GaPSC Certificate Upgrade Advisor.

10. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall make program decisions based upon program purpose, institutional mission, supply and demand data, and B/P-12 partner needs, and shall attempt to include a variety of options for program completion (e.g., multiple delivery models, degree options, and individualized programs; additional examples are provided in the guidance document accompanying this rule).

11. Ongoing GaPSC approval of educator preparation programs is contingent upon EPP approval status, the performance of the EPP and its programs, and compliance with GaPSC rules and reporting requirements. (See GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule [505-3-.02](#) EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION.)

12. Out-of-state institutions offering initial teacher preparation programs to Georgia residents and/or to residents of other states who fulfill field and clinical experiences in Georgia B/P-12 schools shall ensure their candidates hold the Georgia Pre-Service Certificate prior to beginning any field and clinical experiences in any Georgia B/P-12 school required during program enrollment. The requirements for this certificate are outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.03](#) PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE. Out-of-state institutions preparing candidates for Georgia certification must also ensure their candidates meet all program assessment requirements outlined in this rule in paragraphs (3) (e) (6); the requirements specified in GaPSC Certification Rule [505-2-.22](#) CERTIFICATION BY STATE-APPROVED PROGRAM, paragraph (2) (d) 2; and the requirements outlined in GaPSC Certification Rule [505-2-.04](#) INDUCTION CERTIFICATE, including the required amount of time spent in the culminating clinical experience (i.e., student teaching or internship occurring after, and not including, field experiences), and passing the ethics and content assessments.

13. Out-of-state institutions offering initial teacher preparation programs to Georgia residents and/or to residents of other states who fulfill field and clinical experiences in Georgia B/P-12 schools are subject to all applicable data collection requirements referenced in paragraph (3) (c) 8. and described in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.02](#) EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION.

(e) Educator Preparation Program Requirements.

1. Admission Requirements.

(i) The Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment must be passed prior to enrollment in a traditional or non-traditional initial educator preparation program and to qualify for the Pre-Service Teaching Certificate (see GaPSC Rule [505-2-.03](#) PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE).

(ii) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall ensure candidates admitted to initial preparation programs at the post-baccalaureate level have attained appropriate depth and breadth in both general and content studies, with a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a GaPSC-accepted accredited institution. Candidates seeking certification in Career Technical and Agricultural Education (CTAE) fields must hold a high school diploma or GED, or an associate's degree or higher in the field of certification sought, as delineated in applicable GaPSC Certification Rules. CTAE candidates admitted with a high school diploma or GED must complete both the associate's degree and the initial teacher preparation program to earn a professional certificate. The preparation program must be completed within three years; an additional year is allowable if needed to complete the associate's degree.

## 2. Pre-service Certificate Request.

(i) EPPs must request the Pre-Service Certificate for all candidates admitted to traditional initial teacher preparation programs at the baccalaureate level or higher, except for candidates who hold a valid professional Georgia teaching certificate and are currently employed in a Georgia school. Out-of-state EPPs must request the Pre-Service Certificate for candidates enrolled in initial teacher preparation programs and completing field and clinical experiences in Georgia B/P-12 schools; such candidates must be enrolled in programs leading to a certification field offered by the GaPSC. See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.03](#) PRE-SERVICE TEACHING CERTIFICATE for Pre-Service certification requirements.

(ii) Successful completion of a criminal record check is required to earn the Pre-Service Certificate.

3. Candidate Monitoring and Support. EPPs shall monitor each cohort aggregate GPA for changes, document any point at which the cohort GPA is less than 3.0, disaggregate the data by race and ethnicity and any other mission-related categories, analyze the data to identify specific needs for candidate support, and develop and implement plans to provide the needed supports.

## 4. Program Content and Curriculum Requirements.

(i) Preparation programs for educators prepared as teachers shall incorporate the latest version of the Teacher Assessment on Performance Standards (TAPS) published by the Georgia Department of Education. Preparation programs for educators prepared as leaders shall incorporate these standards into those courses related to instructional leadership to assure leadership candidates understand the TAPS standards as they apply to the preparation and continued growth and development of teachers.

(ii) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall require a major or equivalent in all secondary and P-12 fields, where appropriate. The equivalent of a major is defined for middle grades (4-8) as a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours of coursework in the content field and for secondary (6-12) as a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of coursework in the content field. Content field coursework must meet expected levels of depth and breadth in the content area (i.e., courses above the General Education level) and shall address the program content standards required for the field as delineated in GaPSC Educator Preparation Rules [505-3-.19](#) through [505-3-.53](#).

(iii) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall ensure candidates in all initial preparation programs complete a sequence of courses and/or experiences in professional studies that includes knowledge about and application of professional ethics and behavior appropriate for school and community, ethical decision-making skills, and specific knowledge about the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators. Candidates are expected to demonstrate knowledge and dispositions reflective of professional ethics and the standards and requirements delineated in the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators. In addition to candidates meeting the state-approved ethics assessment requirement in (e) 1. (i) and (e) 6. (iii) (see GaPSC Rule [505-2-.26](#) CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS), GaPSC-approved EPPs shall assess candidates' knowledge of professional ethics and the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators either separately or in conjunction with assessments of dispositions.

(iv) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall ensure candidates are prepared to implement Georgia state mandated standards (i.e., Georgia Performance Standards [GPS], Georgia Standards of Excellence, College and Career Ready Standards, and all other GaDOE-approved standards) in each relevant content area. Within the context of core knowledge instruction, providers shall ensure candidates are prepared to develop and deliver instructional plans that incorporate critical thinking, problem solving, communication skills, and opportunities for student collaboration. EPPs shall ensure candidates are also prepared to implement any Georgia mandated educator evaluation system. EPPs shall ensure educational leadership candidates understand all state standards and have the knowledge and skills necessary to lead successful implementation of standards in schools.

(v) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall require candidates seeking teacher certification to demonstrate knowledge of the definitions and characteristics of dyslexia and other related disorders; competence in the use of evidence-based instruction, structured multisensory approaches to teaching language and reading skills, and accommodations for students displaying characteristics of dyslexia and/or other related disorders; and competence in the use of a multi-tiered systems of support framework addressing reading, writing, mathematics, and behavior, including:

(I) Universal screening;

(II) Scientific, research-based interventions;

(III) Progress monitoring of the effectiveness of interventions on student performance;

(IV) Data-based decision making procedures related to determining intervention effectiveness on student performance and the need to continue, alter, or discontinue interventions or conduct further evaluation of student needs; and

(V) Application and implementation of response-to-intervention and dyslexia and other related disorders instructional practices in the classroom setting.

(vi) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall require candidates seeking certification to demonstrate satisfactory proficiency in computer and other technology applications and skills, and satisfactory proficiency in integrating Information, Media and Technology Literacy into curricula and instruction, including incorporating B/P-12 student use of technology, and to use technology effectively to collect, manage, and analyze data for the purpose of improving teaching and learning. This requirement may be met through content embedded in courses and experiences throughout the preparation program and through demonstration of knowledge and skills during field and clinical experiences. Candidates shall demonstrate the specialized knowledge and skills necessary for effective teaching in a distance learning environment.

(vii) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall require candidates seeking certification in a Teaching(T) field, the field of Educational Leadership (L), or the Service (S) fields of Media Specialist and School Counseling to complete either five (5) or more quarter hours or three (3) or more semester hours of coursework in the identification and education of children who have special educational needs or the equivalent through a Georgia-approved professional learning program. This requirement may be met in a separate course, or content may be embedded in courses and experiences throughout the preparation program (see GaPSC Rule [505-2-.24](#) SPECIAL GEORGIA REQUIREMENTS). In addition, candidates in all fields must have a working knowledge of Georgia's framework for the identification of differentiated learning needs of students and how to implement multi-tiered structures of support addressing the range of learning needs.

(viii) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall ensure candidates seeking teacher certification demonstrate the appropriate level of competence in the teaching of reading, as described for each teaching field in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

(ix) GaPSC-approved EPPs offering endorsement programs shall ensure the programs are designed to result in candidates' expanded knowledge and skills in creating challenging learning experiences, supporting learner ownership and responsibility for learning, and in strengthening analysis and reflection on the impact of planning to reach rigorous curriculum goals, as specified in GaPSC Rules [505-3-.82](#) through [505-3-.115](#). Unless specified otherwise in GaPSC Rules [505-3-.82](#) through [505-3-.115](#), endorsement programs may be offered as stand-alone



programs or embedded in initial preparation or degree-only programs. Embedded endorsement programs must include field experiences specifically for meeting endorsement standards and requirements, as well as any additional grade levels addressed by the endorsement. These field experiences must be in addition to those required for the initial preparation program. Although field experiences in specific grade bands are not required for endorsement programs, candidates must have opportunities to demonstrate the knowledge and skills delineated in endorsement standards in as many settings as necessary to demonstrate competence with children at all developmental levels addressed by the endorsement. In addition to field experience requirements, the GaPSC Continuing approval process for embedded endorsement programs will require EPPs to provide evidence of meeting a minimum of one (1) of the following (2) options:

(I) Option 1: Additional Coursework. Endorsement programs are typically comprised of three (3) or four (4) courses (the equivalent of nine [9] or twelve [12] semester hours). Although some endorsement standards may be required in initial preparation programs (e.g., Reading Endorsement standards must be addressed in Elementary Education programs) and in such cases some overlap of coursework is expected, it may be necessary to add endorsement courses to a program of study to fully address the additional knowledge and skills delineated in endorsement standards.

(II) Option 2: Additional Assessments(s). Candidates' demonstration of endorsement program knowledge and skills must be assessed by either initial preparation program assessments or via additional assessment instruments specifically designed to address endorsement program content.

See the guidelines accompanying this rule for further clarification of expectations for endorsement programs.

(x) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall provide information to each candidate on Georgia's tiered certification structure, professional learning requirements, and employment options.

#### 5. Requirements for Partnerships, and Field Experiences and Clinical Practice.

(i) Effective partnerships with B/P-12 schools and/or school districts are central to the preparation of educators. At a minimum, GaPSC-approved EPPs shall establish and maintain collaborative relationships with B/P-12 schools, which are formalized as partnerships and focused on continuous school improvement and student growth and learning through the preparation of candidates, support of induction phase educators, and professional development of B/P-20 educators. EPPs are encouraged to establish and sustain partnerships meeting higher levels of effectiveness, as described in the guidance document accompanying this rule.

(ii) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall require in all programs leading to initial certification in teaching, leadership, or service fields, and endorsement programs, field experiences that include organized and sequenced engagement of candidates in settings providing them with opportunities to observe, practice, and demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions delineated in all applicable institutional, state, and national standards. The experiences must be systematically designed and sequenced to increase the complexity and levels of engagement with which candidates apply, reflect upon, and expand their knowledge and skills. Since observation is a less rigorous method of learning, emphasis should be on field experience sequences requiring active professional practice or demonstration and including substantive work with B/P-12 students or B/P-12 personnel as appropriate depending upon the preparation program. Field experience placements and sequencing will vary depending upon the program. In non-traditional preparation programs, such as GaTAPP, field experiences occur outside candidates' classrooms with students with different learning needs and varied backgrounds in at least two settings during the clinical practice. Refer to the guidance document accompanying this rule for additional information related to field experiences and clinical practice.

(iii) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall ensure candidates complete supervised field experiences consistent with the grade levels of certification sought. For Birth Through Kindergarten programs, field experiences are required at three (3) age levels: ages 0 to 2, ages 3 to 4, and kindergarten. For Elementary Education programs (P-5), field experiences are required in three (3) grade levels: PK-K, 1-3, and 4-5. For middle grades education programs, field experiences are required in two (2) grade levels: 4-5 and 6-8. Programs leading to P-12 certification shall require field experiences in four (4) grade levels: PK-2, 3-5, 6-8, and 9-12; and secondary education programs (6-12) shall require field experiences in two (2) grade levels: 6-8 and 9-12.

(iv) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall ensure candidates complete supervised clinical practice (residency/internships) in the field of certification sought and only in fields for which the EPP has been approved by the GaPSC. Clinical practice for all fields must occur in regionally accredited schools, charter schools approved by the Georgia State Charter School Commission, charter schools approved by the Georgia Department of Education, private schools accredited by a GaPSC-accepted accreditor, Department of Defense schools, or in international settings meeting accreditation criteria specified in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.31](#) GAPSC-ACCEPTED ACCREDITATION; VALIDATION OF NON-ACCREDITED DEGREES. Candidates in Birth Through Kindergarten programs may participate in residencies or internships in regionally accredited schools, in pre-schools or child care centers licensed by the Georgia Department of Early Care and Learning (DECAL, also known as Bright from the Start), or in pre-schools accredited by USDOE- or CHEA-accepted accrediting agencies. Candidates of GaPSC-approved EPPs must meet all applicable Pre-Service Certificate requirements, regardless of clinical practice placement location. Clinical practice must be designed and implemented cooperatively with B/P-12 partners and candidates' experiences must allow them to demonstrate their developing effectiveness and positive impact on all students' learning and development. Although year-long residencies/internships as defined herein (see paragraph (2) (ax)) are recognized as most effective, teacher candidates must spend a minimum of one (1) full semester or the equivalent in residencies or internships. GaPSC preparation program rules for service and leadership fields may require more than one (1) full semester of clinical practice; see GaPSC Rules [505-3-.63](#) through [505-3-.81](#).

(v) B/P-12 educators who supervise candidates (mentors, cooperating teachers, educational leadership coaches/mentors, Service (S) field supervisors) in residencies or internships at Georgia schools shall meet the following requirements:

(I) B/P-12 supervisors shall have a minimum of three (3) years of experience in a teaching, service, or leadership role; and

(II) If the residency or internship is completed at a Georgia school requiring GaPSC certification, the B/P-12 supervisor shall hold renewable Professional Level Certification in the content area of the certification sought by the candidate. In cases where a B/P-12 supervisor holding certification in the content area is not available, the candidate may be placed with a Professionally Certified educator in a related field of certification (related fields are defined in the guidance document accompanying this rule). For teaching field candidates who are employed as the full-time teacher of record while completing residency or internship in a school requiring GaPSC certification, the B/P-12 supervisor must hold Professional Certification.

(III) If the residency or internship is completed at a Georgia school that has the legal authority to waive certification, the B/P-12 supervisor must hold a Clearance Certificate.

(IV) The Partnership Agreement shall describe training, evaluation, and ongoing support for B/P-12 supervisors and shall clearly delineate qualifications and selection criteria mutually agreed upon by the EPP and B/P-12 partner. The Partnership Agreement shall also include a principal or employer attestation assuring educators selected for supervision of residencies/internships are the best qualified and have received an annual summative performance evaluation rating of proficient/satisfactory or higher for the most recent year of experience.

(V) Certificate IDs (to include Clearance Certificate IDs as applicable) of B/P-12 supervisors must be entered in TPMS or NTRS prior to the completion of the residency or internship.

It is the responsibility of GaPSC-approved EPPs and out-of-state EPPs who place candidates seeking Georgia certification in Georgia schools for field and clinical experiences to ensure these requirements are met.

## 6. Assessment Requirements.

(i) State-approved Content Assessment.

(I) Eligibility: EPPs shall determine traditional program candidates' readiness for the state-approved content assessment and shall authorize candidates for testing only in their field(s) of initial preparation and only at the appropriate point in the preparation program.



(II) Attempts: GaPSC-approved EPPs shall require all enrolled candidates to attempt the state-approved content assessment (resulting in an official score on all parts of the assessment) within the content assessment window of time beginning on a date determined by the EPP after program admission and ending on August 31 in the year of program completion, and at least once prior to program completion. Candidates enrolled in a traditional (IHE-based), initial preparation program leading to Middle Grades certification must attempt the state-approved content assessment in each of the two (2) areas of concentration, as required for program completion and receive an official score on each assessment prior to program completion. For more information on Middle Grades areas of concentration, see GaPSC Rule [505-3-.19](#) MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM.

(III) Passing Score: A passing score on all applicable state-approved content assessments is not required for program completion, except in the GaTAPP program, which is a non-traditional, certification-only program (See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.05](#), GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY [GaTAPP]); however, a passing score is required for state certification. See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.26](#) CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS, and GaPSC Rule [505-2-.08](#) PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE.

(ii) State-approved Performance-based Assessments.

(I) Eligibility: EPPs shall determine initial preparation program candidates' readiness for the state-approved performance-based assessments in state-approved Teacher Leadership programs and Educational Leadership Tier II programs and shall authorize candidates for testing only in their field(s) of preparation and only at the appropriate point in the preparation program.

(II) Attempts: GaPSC-approved EPPs shall require candidates enrolled in state-approved Educational Leadership Tier II preparation programs to attempt the state-approved performance-based assessment (resulting in an official score on all tasks within the assessment) prior to program completion.

(III) Passing Score: A passing score on all applicable state-approved performance-based assessments is not required for program completion; however, a passing score is required for state certification. See GaPSC Rule [505-2-.26](#) CERTIFICATION AND LICENSURE ASSESSMENTS, [505-2-.153](#) EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP CERTIFICATE, and [505-2-.149](#) TEACHER LEADERSHIP.

(iii) State-approved Educator Ethics Assessment.

(I) Program Admission:

A. Candidates who enroll in initial teacher preparation programs must pass the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment prior to beginning program coursework. Educators who hold a valid Induction, Professional, Lead Professional, or Advanced Professional Certificate are not required to pass the assessment if they enroll in an initial preparation program for the purpose of adding a new teaching field.

B. Candidates who enroll in any GaPSC-approved Educational Leadership program must pass the Georgia Ethics for Educational Leadership Assessment prior to beginning program coursework.

## 7. Program Completion Requirements.

(i) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall require candidates completing initial preparation programs to have a 2.5 or higher overall GPA on a 4.0 scale. Non-traditional program providers do not issue grades and therefore are not subject to this requirement; however, non-traditional EPPs must verify all program requirements are met as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.05](#) GEORGIA TEACHER ACADEMY FOR PREPARATION AND PEDAGOGY (GaTAPP).

(ii) GaPSC-approved EPPs may accept professional learning, prior coursework, or documented experience the EPP deems relevant to the program of study in lieu of requiring candidates to repeat the same or similar coursework for credit.

(iii) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall provide, at appropriate intervals, information to candidates about instructional policies and requirements needed for completing educator preparation programs, including all requirements necessary to meet each candidate's certification objective(s), the availability of EPP services such as tutoring services, social and psychological counseling, and job placement and market needs based on available supply and demand data.

(iv) GaPSC-approved EPPs shall provide performance data to candidates that they may use to inform their individual professional learning needs during induction.

(f) Verification of Program Completion and Reporting of Ethics Violations.

1. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall designate an official who will provide evidence to the GaPSC that program completers have met the requirements of approved programs, including all applicable Special Georgia Requirements, and thereby qualify for state certification.

2. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall submit, in a timely manner, any documentation required of them by the GaPSC Certification Division for program completers seeking GaPSC certification.

3. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall ensure program completers meet all requirements of the approved program in effect at the time the candidate was officially admitted to the program and any additional program requirements with effective dates after program admission, as described elsewhere in this rule.

4. Should program completers return to their GaPSC-approved EPP more than five (5) years after completion to request verification of program completion, providers shall require those individuals to meet current preparation requirements to assure up-to-date knowledge in the field of certification sought.

5. GaPSC-approved EPPs shall immediately report to GaPSC any violations of the Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators by enrolled candidates. Failure to report ethical violations may result in changes in approval status that could include revocation of approval. Out-of-state EPPs placing candidates in Georgia schools for field and clinical experiences are expected to collaborate with Georgia B/P-12 partners to immediately report ethics violations. Procedures for reporting ethical violations are addressed in the guidance document accompanying this rule.

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### **505-3-.05 Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP)**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states specific content standards and requirements for approving non-traditional preparation programs designed for the initial preparation of transition teachers and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rules [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, GaPSC Rule [505-3-.02](#) EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION, and GaPSC Certification Rules [505-2-.01](#) GEORGIA EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION, [505-2-.08](#) PROVISIONAL CERTIFICATE, and [505-2-.05](#) PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATE. This rule also states specific content standards and requirements for approving non-traditional preparation programs that prepare professionally certified teachers to teach any subject in grades P-5. Field-Specific requirements for the Elementary Education Certification-Only Program through GaTAPP (grades P-5) are described at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com) FIELD-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS. This extension to the GaTAPP rule supplements the requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.14](#) ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (P-5) PROGRAM.

(2) **Definitions.**

(a) Academic Year (AY): Consists of two (2) full semesters, one (1) of which must include the beginning of a school year.

(b) Candidate Support Team (CST): A team of school-based leaders, mentors, Educator Preparation Provider (EPP) supervisors, and content specialists who monitor, assess, and coach candidates using performance assessment data to improve teaching performance in order to improve student learning.

(c) Coaching: Assisting candidates in transferring knowledge, skills, and understandings in the GaTAPP program into professional practice.

(d) Clinical Practice/Field Experiences:

1. Clinical Practice: Candidates are immersed in the learning community and provided opportunities to develop and demonstrate competence in the professional roles for which they are preparing while supported by the Candidate Support Team. The job-embedded, hands-on experiences provide candidates with an intensive and extensive opportunity to be monitored, assessed, and coached. Performance assessment data from these experiences inform the Individualized Induction Plan/Professional Learning Plan.

2. Field Experiences: Various early and ongoing field-based opportunities, in which candidates may observe, assist, tutor, instruct, and/or conduct research. Field experiences occur outside the candidate's classroom in settings such as schools, community centers, or homeless shelters.

(e) Dispositions: Moral commitments and professional attitudes, values, and beliefs that underlie educator performance and are demonstrated through both verbal and non-verbal behaviors as educators interact with students, families, colleagues, and communities.

(f) Elementary Education Certification-Only Program: A one (1) year supervised program administered through GaTAPP to prepare teachers with Professional teaching certification in any field issued by the GaPSC with the knowledge, skills, and dispositions to teach all subjects in grades P-5. This program requires an induction component that includes coaching and elementary pedagogical and content instruction for one (1) full academic year. This program does not lead to a degree or college credit.

(g) Highly Qualified Status: Although no longer a federal mandate, candidates admitted into GaTAPP programs have a minimum of a bachelor's degree, Georgia Provisional teacher certification, and verified content knowledge in the subjects they teach. Candidates seeking certification in non-core academic teaching fields are not required to meet "highly qualified requirements" and must complete the program to receive an Induction or Professional certificate by the end of the Provisional certificate validity period.

(h) Individual Induction Plan (IIP): A dynamic plan of action to improve candidate performance collaboratively developed by the CST and the candidate based on performance assessment data. The IIP will be used by the mentor/supervisor to coach the candidate in the twenty-four (24) competencies and dispositions delineated in this rule (also known as a Professional Learning Plan).

(i) Induction: A period of time (frequently up to three (3) years) when educators are new to a teaching or leader position or new to the state, a school, or a school district. The State Induction Guidance Documents provide a framework for how school districts and their partners will structure a system of support for the novice teacher and new leader in their first years of service. In GaTAPP, Induction is the first three (3) years as a newly employed classroom teacher who must receive mentoring/coaching from the Candidate Support Team throughout the induction period.

(j) Non-traditional Preparation: Post-baccalaureate programs designed for individuals who did not prepare as educators during their undergraduate studies. These preparation programs, designed to lead to an Educator Preparation Provider's recommendation for certification but not a degree, often accommodate the schedules of adults and recognize their earlier academic preparation and life experiences. In most instances, candidates are employed as

educators while enrolled. An example is the Georgia Teacher Academy for Preparation and Pedagogy (GaTAPP) where employment is required for enrollment.

(k) Regionally Accredited: A process for assessing and enhancing academic and educational quality through voluntary peer review by a regionally accepted accrediting body to ensure the school district is meeting its standards of educational quality.

(l) Special Education Consultative Teacher: A Special Education teacher who works collaboratively with a content area teacher of record in all content and is not responsible for final scores for students. Candidates in the GaTAPP program are required to develop unit and/or lesson plans based on the Georgia state-approved P-12 performance standards in an academic content area(s) of concentration and to implement those plans in the classroom.

(m) Special Education Teacher of Record: A Special Education teacher who is responsible for the curriculum, instruction, assessment, and record maintenance for the P-12 learner in any of the five (5) academic content concentrations, regular or remedial.

(n) Transition teachers: Individuals who wish to transition into teaching from another career path, did not complete a teacher education program, and who have never held a professional teaching certificate in any state or country.

### **(3) General Requirements.**

#### **(a) Educator Preparation Provider Requirements.**

1. Eligible Program Providers: GaTAPP programs may be proposed by any GaPSC-approved EPP that can verify, through the program approval process, the ability to provide non-traditional preparation that complies with the definition of GaTAPP and to provide programs that meet all requirements and standards delineated in this rule. GaPSC-approved EPPs at local education agencies shall offer GaTAPP only to those candidates employed by that school system.

2. GaTAPP programs shall prepare individuals with the appropriate degree for the certificate sought in a Professional Teaching field issued by the GaPSC. GaTAPP programs have the following characteristics:

(i) Feature a flexible timeframe of one (1) to three (3) years for completion based on individualized performance assessment data;

(ii) Do not lead to a degree or college credit;

(iii) Are job-embedded allowing candidates to complete non-traditional preparation path requirements while employed by a regionally accredited local unit of administration (school district or private school), a charter school approved by the Georgia State Charter School Commission, or a charter school approved by the Georgia Department of Education as a classroom teacher full-time or part-time for at least a half day;

(iv) Require that candidates are supported by a Candidate Support Team (CST);

(v) Require an induction component that includes coaching and induction for a minimum of one (1) academic year and continuing until completion of the program;

(vi) Provide curriculum, performance-based instruction, and assessment focused on the pedagogical knowledge and skills necessary for the candidate to teach his/her validated academic content knowledge;

(vii) Are individualized based on the needs of each candidate with respect to content knowledge, pedagogical skills, and readiness to teach; and

(viii) Use candidate and non-traditional preparation performance data to inform decision-making regarding continuous improvement of candidate performance, program effectiveness, and provider effectiveness in the non-traditional preparation path.

### 3. Eligible Certification Fields.

(i) Non-traditional preparation paths are available for all teaching fields. FIELD-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS for GaTAPP fields are found at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com); and

(ii) As the purpose of GaTAPP is to prepare classroom teachers, service, leadership, and endorsement certifications are not available through GaTAPP. See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.76](#) ALTERNATIVE PREPARATION FOR EDUCATIONAL LEADERSHIP PROGRAM for information on alternative certification in the field of Educational Leadership.

### (4) **Program Approval Requirements.**

(a) Annual Reporting and Evaluation Requirements are described in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.02](#) EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDER ANNUAL REPORTING AND EVALUATION.

(b) Program Admission Requirements.

1. Field-specific admission requirements are described at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com) FIELD-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS.

2. All admitted candidates shall meet the following requirements:

(i) Hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a GaPSC accepted, accredited institution of higher education; See FIELD-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com) for the CTAE exception;

(ii) Have verification of passing the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment;

(iii) Never held a professional teaching certificate in Georgia or any other state or any country; See FIELD-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com) for the Elementary Education Certification-Only Program exception;

(iv) Hold a valid Georgia Provisional teaching certificate or Permit. Candidates accepted into the Elementary Education Certification-Only program must hold a valid Non-Renewable Professional Certificate in Elementary Education as requested by the employing LUA;

(v) Employed by a regionally accredited local unit of administration (school district or private school), a charter school approved by the Georgia State Charter School Commission, or a charter school approved by the Georgia Department of Education as full-time teachers or as part-time teachers who teach at least a half day;

(vi) Provide evidence of subject matter competence in the subjects they teach;

(vii) Have a teaching assignment that is appropriate for the field listed on the Georgia teaching certificate; and

(viii) Upon admission, have an Individualized Induction Plan (IIP)/ Professional Learning Plan.

(c) Supervision of Candidate Performance: GaPSC approved EPPs shall provide supervision and assessment of the candidate's performance and coordinate results with observations and assessments by the other CST members.

(d) Assessment of Candidate Performance: GaPSC approved GaTAPP EPPs shall utilize common state-approved assessments and multiple program EPP specific assessments to make decisions regarding candidate program status.

(e) Candidate Support Team (CST): For a minimum of one (1) academic year and continuing throughout the program, all candidates must receive intensive support through a CST meeting the following requirements:

1. Team Composition: all CSTs must be comprised of:

- (i) A school-based administrator;
- (ii) A GaPSC certified school-based mentor or teaching coach;
- (iii) A supervisor employed by the EPP; and
- (iv) If not represented by one of the previously described team members, a content specialist who holds certification and expertise in the candidate's teaching field.

2. **Team Member Criteria:** CST members must hold valid teaching certificates at either the Professional, Lead Professional, or Advanced Professional level and must demonstrate effective teaching performance on the appropriate state or local evaluation system. Educators holding valid Life, Service, or Leadership certificates may serve on CSTs as long as a teaching field certificate is also held or was previously held.

3. **Training:** Coaches/Mentors and Supervisors of the CST shall be trained in the knowledge, skills, and dispositions that meet the standards and requirements delineated in GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule [505-3-.105](#) TEACHER SUPPORT AND COACHING ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM or [505-3-.85](#) COACHING ENDORSEMENT PROGRAM. School-based administrators receive an orientation regarding program expectations linking the leadership practices to the program.

(f) **Serving Professionally Certified Educators:** To receive approval to offer a non-traditional path for Professionally certified educators to earn certification in Elementary Education, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider must ensure candidates meet the field-specific content requirements in Rule [505-3-.14](#) ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (P-5) PROGRAM. This extension of the initial teacher preparation program features a one-year (minimum) supervised program for completion based on individualized performance assessment data and does not lead to a degree or college credit.

#### **(5) Candidate Performance Requirements.**

(a) Prior to program completion and through the use of performance-based assessments, candidates must demonstrate proficiency in the following professional dispositions:

##### **1. Dispositions:**

- (i) The candidate demonstrates an appreciation of all students, the staff, and the community and capitalizes on their differences;
- (ii) Candidate/student interactions and student/student interactions are friendly, warm, caring, polite, respectful, and developmentally and culturally appropriate;
- (iii) The candidate establishes a culture of learning where students are committed to the value of the subject, accept the candidate's high expectations, and take pride in quality work and conduct;
- (iv) The candidate responds appropriately, respectfully, and successfully to student behavior;
- (v) The candidate's directions, procedures, and oral and written language are communicated clearly and accurately;
- (vi) The candidate demonstrates flexibility and responsiveness by adjusting lessons, responding to students, and being persistent;
- (vii) The candidate maintains accurate, complete records of student assignments and learning and of non-instructional activities;
- (viii) The candidate frequently and successfully provides instructional information and student progress information to parents and engages families in the school program;

(ix) The candidate is supportive of and cooperative with colleagues and volunteers and makes substantial contributions to school and district projects;

(x) The candidate actively seeks professional development to enhance content and pedagogical skills and actively assists other educators;

(xi) The candidate proactively serves all students, challenges negative attitudes, and takes a leadership role in high quality decision-making; and

(xii) The candidate understands and actively participates in the school's School Improvement process.

(b) Prior to program completion and through the use of performance-based assessments, candidates must demonstrate proficiency in the following professional competencies:

1. Competencies:

(i) Planning and Preparation

(I) The teacher demonstrates solid knowledge of content structure of the discipline, of connections and prerequisite relationships, of content-related pedagogy and of connections with technology;

(II) The teacher demonstrates a working knowledge of age-group characteristics, of different students' approaches to learning, of students' skills and knowledge levels and language proficiency, and of students' interests and cultural heritage, and knowledge of students' special needs;

(III) The teacher demonstrates an appreciation of all students, the staff, and the community and capitalizes on their differences;

(IV) The teacher selects instructional goals that are valuable, sequential, clear, aligned with state and national standards, suitable for all students, and balanced among types of learning;

(V) The teacher actively seeks and utilizes varied instructional materials and community resources, including technology, to extend content knowledge, pedagogy, and student learning;

(VI) The teacher's instructional plans are coherent and structured in that learning activities (learning units and lessons), resources, groupings, and time allocations are varied and suitable to the developmental level of the students, to individual students, and to the instructional goals; and

(VII) The teacher utilizes varied assessment methods, including those through technology, that are congruent with the instructional goals for student learning; students' understanding of the criteria and standards; and the teacher designs and utilizes formative results to plan for and differentiate instruction.

(ii) The Classroom Environment

(I) Teacher/student interactions and student/student interactions are friendly, warm, caring, polite, respectful, and developmentally and culturally appropriate;

(II) The teacher establishes a culture of learning where students are committed to the value of the subject, accept the teacher's high expectations, and take pride in quality work and conduct;

(III) The teacher effectively manages instructional groups, transitions, materials, supplies, non-instructional duties, and supervision of volunteers and paraprofessionals;

(IV) The teacher makes standards of conduct clear, is consistently alert to student behavior, and responds appropriately, respectfully, and successfully to student behavior; and



(V) The teacher arranges the classroom and organizes physical space and materials skillfully, resourcefully, and with safety and accessibility components in place.

(iii) Instruction

(I) The teacher's expectations for student learning and classroom procedures are clearly articulated in directions, and both oral language and written language are communicated clearly and accurately modeling standard grammar;

(II) The teacher's questions and discussion techniques are of high quality and engage all students;

(III) The teacher utilizes engaging and varied representations of content, instructional strategies, assessment techniques, activities, assignments, technology, grouping configurations, materials and resources, structure and pacing;

(IV) The teacher develops relevant assessment criteria, monitors student learning, and gives meaningful and timely feedback to students and teaches students to self-assess and monitor their own progress;

(V) The teacher demonstrates flexibility and responsiveness by adjusting lessons, responding to students' needs, and being persistent in searches for varied approaches for students who have difficulty learning; and

(VI) The teacher accurately assesses lessons' effectiveness and demonstrates an understanding of how to modify subsequent lessons.

(iv) Professional Responsibilities

(I) The teacher maintains accurate, complete records of student assignments and learning and of non-instructional activities;

(II) The teacher frequently and successfully provides instructional information and student progress information to parents and engages families in the instructional non-traditional preparation path;

(III) The teacher is supportive of and cooperative with colleagues, is involved in a culture of professional inquiry, and makes substantial contributions to school and district projects;

(IV) The teacher actively seeks professional development to enhance content, pedagogical skills and dispositions, accepts feedback from colleagues, and actively assists other educators;

(V) The teacher demonstrates integrity and ethical conduct; and

(VI) The teacher proactively serves all students, challenges negative attitudes, takes a leadership role in high quality decision-making, and understands and actively participates in the school's School Improvement process.

(c) The GaPSC-approved provider shall assure that all non-traditional preparation path participants meet the applicable standards for each field of certification as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE, and meet the twenty-four (24) competencies at the proficient level by path completion, by providing preparation (curriculum, instruction, and assessment) in the following pedagogical content standards:

1. Essential Preparation

(i) The non-traditional preparation path shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions in unpacking state and/or national standards for the purpose of teaching all students in the content field in which the candidate is seeking Professional Certification;

(ii) The non-traditional preparation path shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary in developing pre- and post- assessments that are aligned with state and/or national content

standards that clearly demonstrate the students' knowledge and skills as delineated in the state and/or national standards requirements; and

(iii) The non-traditional preparation path shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to establish benchmarks for monitoring student progress toward meeting state/national content standards.

## 2. Evidence

(i) The non-traditional preparation path shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions in planning, implementing, and using multiple assessments to determine the level of student learning based on the academic content standards of the teaching field to include the:

(I) Development of various types of assessments;

(II) Development of scoring guides for the assessments;

(III) Analysis of student work to assess achievement and gains; and

(IV) Analysis of assessment data to determine instruction to meet individual student needs.

## 3. Engagement

(i) The non-traditional preparation path shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions of planning, implementing, and assessing classroom instruction engaging all students in active learning to include the:

(I) Establishment of a standards-based classroom;

(II) Use of research based exemplary practices;

(III) Use of activating strategies;

(IV) Use of cognitive strategies;

(V) Use of summarizing strategies;

(VI) Use of questioning strategies;

(VII) Use of Bloom's Taxonomy;

(VIII) Use of cooperative learning strategies;

(IX) Demonstration of the understanding of relationship between engagement and achievement;

(X) Demonstration of the understanding of how to align research-based strategies with Georgia Standards of Excellence;

(XI) Demonstration of the understanding of the role of effective questioning and critical thinking;

(XII) Demonstration of the skills to create acquisition and extending/refining lessons based on research-based strategies;

(XIII) Demonstration of the understanding of how to use strategies and graphic organizers to increase engagement;

(XIV) Demonstration of the understanding of how to write content questions according to Bloom's Taxonomy; and

(XV) Demonstration of the understanding of how to differentiate instruction by content and by learner.

#### 4. Environment

(i) The non-traditional preparation path shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge, skills, and dispositions to develop and implement effective classroom management plans that include the:

(I) Appropriate arrangement of classroom that supports student learning; and

(II) Planning and implementation of strategies that produce a learning environment that provides the best opportunity for student learning.

#### 5. Ethics

(i) The non-traditional preparation path shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to model ethical practices of the education profession. (GaPSC Rule [505-6-.01](#) THE CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS).

(d) Program Completion Requirements. Non-traditional EPPs shall require candidates to:

1. Obtain a passing score on the state-approved content assessment in the field of certification sought, unless a passing score is required for program admission in that field (see [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com) FIELD-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS);

2. Meet the twelve (12) dispositions, twenty-four (24) competencies, and pedagogical content standards delineated in this rule;

3. Complete an Individual Induction Plan (IIP)/Professional Learning Plan that includes the requirements described in paragraph (2) (h);

4. Meet all of the elements in Standard 6: Requirements and Standards of the [Georgia Standards for the Approval of Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs](#) (Georgia Standards); and

5. Meet individual requirements resulting from the analysis of candidate assessment data.

(6) **Field-Specific Requirements.** To receive approval to offer non-traditional paths to Professional teacher certification in eligible fields, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider must ensure candidates meet all FIELD-SPECIFIC REQUIREMENTS found at [www.gapsc.com](http://www.gapsc.com).

(7) **Field-Specific Exemptions for the Elementary Education Certification-Only Program Through GaTAPP.** Since candidates in this program have completed an initial teacher preparation program, they are exempt from the Georgia Educator Ethics Assessment.

(8) **Military Exemption for Assessment Requirements.** Military retirees or spouses of active-duty military personnel who enter a GaTAPP program without a related degree in the field of certification sought must attempt the content assessment by the end of the first semester in the program and must pass the assessment by the end of the first year.

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### **505-3-.06 Pedagogy-Only Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule specifies the pedagogical standards required for approval of initial educator preparation programs offered at the post-baccalaureate level that prepare individuals to teach in Middle Grades (4-8), Secondary (6-12), and all P-12 fields except Reading Education and Special Education, for which they have demonstrated content expertise. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, syllabi, and key assessments addressing the Georgia Teacher Assessment on Performance Standards (TAPS), listed below, published by the Georgia Department of Education.

1. **Professional Knowledge.** The provider ensures candidates demonstrate an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, pedagogical knowledge, learner development, and the needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.

2. **Instructional Planning.** The provider ensures candidates plan for instruction using their understanding of learner development, state and local school district curricula and standards, effective strategies, resources, and data to address the differentiated needs of all students.

3. **Instructional Strategies.** The provider ensures candidates promote student learning by using research-based instructional strategies relevant to the content to engage students in active learning and to facilitate the students' acquisition of key knowledge and skills. The provider ensures candidates model and apply national or state approved technology standards to engage and improve learning for all students.

4. Differentiated Instruction. The provider ensures that candidates are able to apply critical concepts and principles of P-12 student growth and development. The provider ensures candidates challenge and support each student's learning by providing appropriate content and developing skills which address individual learning differences.

5. Assessment Strategies. The provider ensures candidates systematically choose a variety of diagnostic, formative, and summative assessment strategies and instruments that are valid and appropriate for the content and student population.

6. Assessment Uses. The provider ensures candidates systematically gather, analyze, and use relevant data to measure student progress, to inform instructional content and delivery methods, and to provide timely and constructive feedback to both students and families.

7. Positive Learning Environment. The provider ensures candidates provide a well-managed, safe, and orderly environment that is conducive to learning and encourages respect for all.

8. Academically Challenging Environment. The provider ensures candidates create a student-centered, academic environment in which teaching and learning occur at high levels and students are self-directed learners.

9. Professionalism. The provider ensures candidates exhibit a commitment to professional ethics and the school's mission, participate in professional growth opportunities to support student learning, and contribute to the profession.

10. Communication. The provider ensures candidates communicate effectively with students, families, district and school personnel, and other stakeholders in ways that enhance student learning.

(b) Program Admission Requirements.

1. In addition to meeting all program admission requirements specified in Rule [505-3-.01](#), candidates must meet prior to enrollment the following requirements:

(i) Candidates must hold a minimum of a bachelor's degree from a GaPSC-accepted, accredited institution of higher education; and

(ii) Candidates must provide evidence of expertise in the content of the field of certification sought. This can be accomplished through one of three options:

(I) A major in the field of certification sought earned in conjunction with a bachelor's or higher degree from a GaPSC-accepted, accredited institution of higher education, or

(II) A passing score on the Georgia state-approved content assessment in the field of certification sought, or

(III) Evidence of successful completion of a specified number of semester hours of content area coursework earned in conjunction with a bachelor's or higher degree or through additional coursework from a GaPSC-accepted, accredited institution of higher education. The number of semester hours of content area coursework required for secondary (6-12) and P-12 fields (excluding Special Education) is twenty-one (21) semester hours; and for Middle Grades (4-8) fields, fifteen (15) semester hours of coursework is required in one of the content areas of Language Arts, Math, Reading, Science, or Social studies.

(c) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the applicable standards for the teaching of reading for the field of certification sought, as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

(d) Program Completion Requirements. Prior to completion, candidates must meet all program completion requirements specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS, with one

exception; candidates seeking Middle Grades certification through the pedagogy-only program are required to be prepared in and attempt the state-approved content assessment in only one content field.

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.06

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Advanced Degree Alternative Certification Program" adopted. F. Sept. 18, 2007; eff. Oct. 15, 2007, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** F. Apr. 20, 2009; eff. May 15, 2009, as specified by the Agency.

**Adopted:** New Rule entitled "Pedagogy-Only Program." F. Sep. 24, 2019; eff. Oct. 15, 2019, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Sep. 24, 2021; eff. Oct. 15, 2021, as specified by the Agency.

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**Amended:** F. Aug. 10, 2023; eff. Aug. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

### **505-3-.23 Economics Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach Economics in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#), REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#), FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the National Council for the Social Studies (2018) and the National Standards for Personal Financial Education published in 2021 by the Council for Economic Education and Jump Start.

1. **Content Knowledge.** Candidates demonstrate knowledge of social studies disciplines. Candidates are knowledgeable of disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools; structures of inquiry; and forms of representation.

2. **Application of Content Through Planning.** Candidates plan learning sequences that leverage social studies knowledge and literacies, technology, and theory and research to support the civic competence of learners as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates plan learning sequences that demonstrate social studies knowledge aligned with the College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework, state-required content standards, and theory and research.

(ii) Candidates plan learning sequences that engage learners with disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools from the social studies disciplines to facilitate social studies literacies for civic life.

(iii) Candidates plan learning sequences that engage learners in disciplinary inquiry to develop social studies literacies for civic life.

(iv) Candidates plan learning sequences where learners create disciplinary forms of representation that convey social studies knowledge and civic competence.

(v) Candidates plan learning sequences that use technology to foster civic competence.

**3. Design and Implementation of Instruction and Assessment.** Candidates design and implement instruction and authentic assessments, informed by data literacy and learner self-assessment, that promote civic competence.

(i) Candidates design and implement a range of authentic assessments that measure learners' mastery of disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence and demonstrate alignment with state-required content standards.

(ii) Candidates design and implement learning experiences that engage learners in disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence and demonstrate alignment with state-required content standards.

(iii) Candidates use theory and research to implement a variety of instructional practices and authentic assessments featuring disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

(iv) Candidates exhibit data literacy by using assessment data to guide instructional decision-making and reflect on student learning outcomes related to disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

(v) Candidates engage learners in self-assessment practices that support individualized learning outcomes related to disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

**4. Social Studies Learners and Learning.** Candidates use knowledge of learners to plan and implement relevant and responsive pedagogy, create collaborative and interdisciplinary learning environments, and prepare learners to be informed advocates for a society that promotes the well-being of all.

(i) Candidates use knowledge of learners' socio-cultural assets, learning demands, and individual identities to plan and implement relevant and responsive pedagogy that ensures learning opportunities for all students in social studies.

(ii) Candidates facilitate collaborative, interdisciplinary learning environments in which learners use disciplinary facts, concepts, and tools, engage in disciplinary inquiry, and create disciplinary forms of representation.

(iii) Candidates engage learners in ethical reasoning to deliberate social, political, and economic issues, communicate conclusions, and take informed action toward achieving a society that promotes the well-being of all.

**5. Professional Responsibility and Informed Action.** Candidates reflect and expand upon their social studies knowledge, inquiry skills, and civic dispositions to advance social justice and promote human rights through informed action in schools and/or communities.

(i) Candidates use theory and research to continually improve their social studies knowledge, inquiry skills, and civic dispositions, and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner.

(ii) Candidates explore, interrogate, and reflect upon their own cultural frames to attend to issues of fairness, acceptance, access, power, human rights, and social justice within their schools and/or communities.

(iii) Candidates take informed action in schools and/or communities and serve as advocates for learners, the teaching profession, and/or social studies.

**6. Financial Literacy.** Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of the six major financial literacy concepts of earning income, spending, saving, investing, managing credit, and managing risk to plan rigorous and engaging instruction supporting students' practical application of financial literacy knowledge and skills. The financial literacy instruction developed provides fair, culturally responsive opportunities for all students to learn and apply financial literacy concepts, skills, and practices. The six major concepts of financial literacy are defined as follows:

(i) Earning Income. Most people earn wage and salary income in return for working, and they can also earn income from interest, dividends, rents, entrepreneurship, business profits, or increases in the value of investments. Employee

compensation may also include access to employee benefits such as retirement plans and health insurance. Employers generally pay higher wages and salaries to more educated, skilled, and productive workers. The decision to invest in additional education or training can be made by weighing the benefit of increased income-earning and career potential against the opportunity costs in the form of time, effort, and money. Spendable income is lower than gross income due to taxes assessed on income by federal, state, and local governments.

(ii) **Spending.** A budget is a plan for allocating a person's spendable income to necessary and desired goods and services. When there is sufficient money in their budget, people may decide to give money to others, save, or invest to achieve future goals. People can often improve their financial well-being by making well-informed spending decisions, which includes critical evaluation of price, quality, product information, and method of payment. Individual spending decisions may be influenced by financial constraints, personal preferences, unique needs, peers, and advertising.

(iii) **Saving.** People who have sufficient income can choose to save some of it for future uses such as emergencies or later purchases. Savings decisions depend on individual preferences and circumstances. Funds needed for transactions, bill-paying, or purchases, are commonly held in federally insured checking or savings accounts at financial institutions because these accounts offer easy access to their money and low risk. Interest rates, fees, and other account features vary by type of account and among financial institutions, with higher rates resulting in greater compound interest earned by savers.

(iv) **Investing.** People can choose to invest some of their money in financial assets to achieve long-term financial goals, such as buying a house, funding future education, or securing retirement income. Investors receive a return on their investment in the form of income and/or growth in value of their investment over time. People can more easily achieve their financial goals by investing steadily over many years, reinvesting dividends, and capital gains to compound their returns. Investors have many choices of investments that differ in expected rates of return and risk. Riskier investments tend to earn higher long-run rates of return than lower-risk investments. Investors select investments that are consistent with their risk tolerance, and they diversify across a number of different investment choices to reduce investment risk.

(v) **Managing Credit.** Credit allows people to purchase and enjoy goods and services today, while agreeing to pay for them in the future, usually with interest. There are many choices for borrowing money, and lenders charge higher interest and fees for riskier loans or riskier borrowers. Lenders evaluate creditworthiness of a borrower based on the type of credit, past credit history, and expected ability to repay the loan in the future. Credit reports compile information on a person's credit history, and lenders use credit scores to assess a potential borrower's creditworthiness. A low credit score can result in a lender denying credit to someone they perceive as having a low level of creditworthiness. Common types of credit include credit cards, auto loans, home mortgage loans, and student loans. The cost of post-secondary education can be financed through a combination of grants, scholarships, work-study, savings, and federal or private student loans.

(vi) **Managing Risk.** People are exposed to personal risks that can result in lost income, assets, health, life, or identity. They can choose to manage those risks by accepting, reducing, or transferring them to others. When people transfer risk by buying insurance, they pay money now in return for the insurer covering some or all financial losses that may occur in the future. Common types of insurance include health insurance, life insurance, and homeowner's or renter's insurance. The cost of insurance is related to the size of the potential loss, the likelihood that the loss event will happen, and the risk characteristics of the asset or person being insured. Identity theft is a growing concern for consumers and businesses. Stolen personal information can result in financial losses and fraudulent credit charges. The risk of identity theft can be minimized by carefully guarding personal financial information.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

(3) **Specialty Field.** The program shall require a major or equivalent in economics that meets the specialty area standard listed below:



(a) Economics. Candidates seeking certification in the field of economics are expected to possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of economics, and should hold a major or an equivalent in the field. The equivalent of a major is defined for secondary (6-12) fields as a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of content coursework that addresses the program content standards for the field.

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Dance Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Health Occupations Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Healthcare Science and Technology Program" adopted. F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Health and Physical Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Economics Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 11, 2018; eff. Oct. 15, 2018, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2022; eff. Jan. 1, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

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## **505-3-.24 English Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach English Language Arts (ELA) in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer an educator preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards, adapted from the standards published in 2021 by the National Council of Teachers of English.

1. Learners and Learning in English Language Arts. Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of learners and learning to foster learning environments that support coherent, relevant, 6-12 standards-aligned, and differentiated instruction to engage all 6-12 learners in ELA.

(i) Candidates gather and interpret comprehensive data on learners' individual differences, identities, and funds of knowledge to foster learning environments that actively engage all learners in ELA;

(ii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of how the constructs of adolescence/adolescents and learners' identities affect learning experiences to foster coherent, relevant, responsive instruction that critically engages all learners in ELA; and

(iii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of learning processes that involve individually, collaboratively, and critically accessing, consuming, curating, and creating texts (e.g., print, non-print, digital, media).

2. English Language Arts Content Knowledge. Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives pertaining to texts (e.g., print, non-print, digital, media), composition, language, and languaging practices, and crosscutting concepts to develop deep understandings of the core disciplinary ideas in their instructional planning.

(i) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives about a variety of literary and informational texts (e.g., young adult, classic, contemporary, and media) representing a range of world literatures, historical traditions, genres, cultures, and lived experiences;

(ii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives of the relationships among form, audience, context, and purpose by composing and critically curating a range of texts (e.g., print, non-print, digital, media); and

(iii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge and theoretical perspectives of language and languaging, including language acquisition, conventions, dialect, grammar systems, and the impact of languages on society as they relate to various rhetorical situations (e.g., journalism, social media, popular culture) and audiences.

3. Instructional Practice and Planning for Instruction in ELA. Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge of theories, research, and ELA to plan coherent, relevant, 6-12 standards-aligned, differentiated instruction and assessment.

(i) Candidates use a variety of resources and technologies to plan coherent, relevant, standards-aligned, and differentiated instruction that incorporates theories, research, and knowledge of ELA to support and engage all learners in meeting learning goals; and

(ii) Candidates identify and/or design formative and summative assessments that reflect ELA research, align with intended learning outcomes, and engage all learners in monitoring their progress toward established goals.

4. Instructional Practice and Planning for Assessment in ELA. Candidates implement coherent, relevant, 6-12 standards-aligned, and differentiated ELA instruction and assessment to motivate and engage all learners.

(i) Candidates implement coherent, relevant, 6-12 standards-aligned, and differentiated instruction that uses a variety of resources and technologies and incorporates theories, research, and knowledge of ELA to support and engage all learners in meeting learning goals;

(ii) Candidates implement formative and summative assessments that reflect ELA research, align with intended learning outcomes, engage all learners in monitoring their progress toward established goals, and guide the next steps of ELA instruction; and

(iii) Candidates communicate with learners about their performance in ELA in multiple ways that actively involve them in their own learning (e.g., learning management systems, digital communication tools, conferencing, and written feedback).

5. Professional Responsibility for ELA teachers. Candidates reflect on their ELA practice, use knowledge and theoretical perspectives to collaborate with educational community members, and demonstrate readiness for leadership, professional learning, and advocacy.

(i) Candidates reflect on their own identities and experiences and how they frame their practices and impact their teaching of ELA;

(ii) Candidates use feedback and evidence from a range of sources to reflect upon and inform their practice;

(iii) Candidates apply and demonstrate knowledge in collaboration with learners, families, colleagues, and ELA-related learning communities; and

(iv) Candidates demonstrate readiness for leadership, professional learning, and advocacy for learners, themselves, and ELA.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.24

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Distributive Education/Marketing Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Health and Physical Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Marketing Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "English Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 7, 2014; eff. Oct. 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 4, 2023; eff. Apr. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 10, 2023; eff. Aug. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

## **505-3-.25 Geography Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach Geography in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the National Council for the Social Studies (2018):

1. Content Knowledge. Candidates demonstrate knowledge of social studies disciplines. Candidates are knowledgeable of disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools; structures of inquiry; and forms of representation.

2. Application of Content Through Planning. Candidates plan learning sequences that leverage social studies knowledge and literacies, technology, and theory and research to support the civic competence of learners as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates plan learning sequences that demonstrate social studies knowledge aligned with the College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework, state-required content standards, and theory and research.

(ii) Candidates plan learning sequences that engage learners with disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools from the social studies disciplines to facilitate social studies literacies for civic life.

(iii) Candidates plan learning sequences that engage learners in disciplinary inquiry to develop social studies literacies for civic life.

(iv) Candidates plan learning sequences where learners create disciplinary forms of representation that convey social studies knowledge and civic competence.

(v) Candidates plan learning sequences that use technology to foster civic competence.

3. Design and Implementation of Instruction and Assessment. Candidates design and implement instruction and authentic assessments, informed by data literacy and learner self-assessment, that promote civic competence.

(i) Candidates design and implement a range of authentic assessments that measure learners' mastery of disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence and demonstrate alignment with state-required content standards.

(ii) Candidates design and implement learning experiences that engage learners in disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence and demonstrate alignment with state-required content standards.

(iii) Candidates use theory and research to implement a variety of instructional practices and authentic assessments featuring disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

(iv) Candidates exhibit data literacy by using assessment data to guide instructional decision-making and reflect on student learning outcomes related to disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

(v) Candidates engage learners in self-assessment practices that support individualized learning outcomes related to disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

4. Social Studies Learners and Learning. Candidates use knowledge of learners to plan and implement relevant and responsive pedagogy, create collaborative and interdisciplinary learning environments, and prepare learners to be informed advocates for a society that promotes the well-being of all.

(i) Candidates use knowledge of learners' socio-cultural assets, learning demands, and individual identities to plan and implement relevant and responsive pedagogy that ensures learning opportunities for all students in social studies.

(ii) Candidates facilitate collaborative, interdisciplinary learning environments in which learners use disciplinary facts, concepts, and tools, engage in disciplinary inquiry, and create disciplinary forms of representation.

(iii) Candidates engage learners in ethical reasoning to deliberate social, political, and economic issues, communicate conclusions, and take informed action toward achieving a more inclusive and equitable society that promotes the well-being of all.

5. Professional Responsibility and Informed Action. Candidates reflect and expand upon their social studies knowledge, inquiry skills, and civic dispositions to advance social justice and promote human rights through informed action in schools and/or communities.

(i) Candidates use theory and research to continually improve their social studies knowledge, inquiry skills, and civic dispositions, and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner.

(ii) Candidates explore, interrogate, and reflect upon their own cultural frames to attend to issues of fairness, acceptance, access, power, human rights, and social justice within their schools and/or communities.

(iii) Candidates take informed action in schools and/or communities and serve as advocates for learners, the teaching profession, and/or social studies.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

(3) **Specialty Field.** The program shall require a major or equivalent in geography that meets the specialty area standard listed below:

(a) Geography. Candidates seeking certification in the field of geography are expected to possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of geography, and should hold a major or an equivalent in the field. The equivalent of a major is defined for secondary (6-12) fields as a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of content coursework that addresses the program content standards for the field.

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Diversified Cooperative Training (DCT) Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Hearing Impaired Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Jan. 25, 2000; eff. Feb. 15, 2000, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Mathematics Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Adopted:** New rule entitled "Geography Education Program." F. Oct. 7, 2014; eff. Oct. 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 11, 2018; eff. Oct. 15, 2018, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 10, 2023; eff. Aug. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

### **505-3-.26 History Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach History in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

(2) **Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the National Council for the Social Studies (2018):

1. Content Knowledge. Candidates demonstrate knowledge of social studies disciplines. Candidates are knowledgeable of disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools; structures of inquiry; and forms of representation.

2. Application of Content Through Planning. Candidates plan learning sequences that leverage social studies knowledge and literacies, technology, and theory and research to support the civic competence of learners as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates plan learning sequences that demonstrate social studies knowledge aligned with the College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework, state-required content standards, and theory and research.

(ii) Candidates plan learning sequences that engage learners with disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools from the social studies disciplines to facilitate social studies literacies for civic life.

(iii) Candidates plan learning sequences that engage learners in disciplinary inquiry to develop social studies literacies for civic life.

(iv) Candidates plan learning sequences where learners create disciplinary forms of representation that convey social studies knowledge and civic competence.

(v) Candidates plan learning sequences that use technology to foster civic competence.

3. Design and Implementation of Instruction and Assessment. Candidates design and implement instruction and authentic assessments, informed by data literacy and learner self-assessment, that promote civic competence.

(i) Candidates design and implement a range of authentic assessments that measure learners' mastery of disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence and demonstrate alignment with state-required content standards.

(ii) Candidates design and implement learning experiences that engage learners in disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence and demonstrate alignment with state-required content standards.

(iii) Candidates use theory and research to implement a variety of instructional practices and authentic assessments featuring disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

(iv) Candidates exhibit data literacy by using assessment data to guide instructional decision-making and reflect on student learning outcomes related to disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

(v) Candidates engage learners in self-assessment practices that support individualized learning outcomes related to disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

4. Social Studies Learners and Learning. Candidates use knowledge of learners to plan and implement relevant and responsive pedagogy, create collaborative and interdisciplinary learning environments, and prepare learners to be informed advocates for a society that promotes the well-being of all.

(i) Candidates use knowledge of learners' socio-cultural assets, learning demands, and individual identities to plan and implement relevant and responsive pedagogy that ensures learning opportunities for all students in social studies.

(ii) Candidates facilitate collaborative, interdisciplinary learning environments in which learners use disciplinary facts, concepts, and tools, engage in disciplinary inquiry, and create disciplinary forms of representation.

(iii) Candidates engage learners in ethical reasoning to deliberate social, political, and economic issues, communicate conclusions, and take informed action toward achieving a society that promotes the well-being of all.

**5. Professional Responsibility and Informed Action.** Candidates reflect and expand upon their social studies knowledge, inquiry skills, and civic dispositions to advance social justice and promote human rights through informed action in schools and/or communities.

(i) Candidates use theory and research to continually improve their social studies knowledge, inquiry skills, and civic dispositions, and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner.

(ii) Candidates explore, interrogate, and reflect upon their own cultural frames to attend to issues of fairness, acceptance, access, power, human rights, and social justice within their schools and/or communities.

(iii) Candidates take informed action in schools and/or communities and serve as advocates for learners, the teaching profession, and/or social studies.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

(3) **Specialty Field.** The program shall require a major or equivalent in history that meets the specialty area standard listed below:

(a) History. Candidates seeking certification in the field of history are expected to possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of history, and should hold a major or an equivalent in the field. The equivalent of a major is defined for secondary (6-12) fields as a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of content coursework that addresses the program content standards for the field.

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Drama Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Home Economics Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** Rule retitled "Family and Consumer Science Education Program." F. Aug. 13, 1997; eff. Sept. 2, 1997.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Middle Grades Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. May 24, 2013; eff. June 15, 2013, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

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## **505-3-.27 Mathematics Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach Mathematics in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer an educator preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2020 by the National Council of Teachers of Mathematics (NCTM) and the National Standards for Personal Financial Education published in 2021 by the Council for Economic Education and Jump Start.

1. Knowing and Understanding Mathematics. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications within and among mathematical domains of Number; Algebra and Functions; Calculus; Statistics and Probability; Geometry, Trigonometry, and Measurement.

(i) Essential Concepts in Number. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of number including flexibly applying procedures, using real and rational numbers in contexts, developing solution strategies, and evaluating the correctness of conclusions. Major mathematical concepts in Number include number theory; ratio, rate, and proportion; and structure, relationships, operations, and representations.

(ii) Essential Concepts in Algebra and Functions. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of algebra and functions including how mathematics can be used systematically to represent patterns and relationships including proportional reasoning, to analyze change, and to model everyday events and problems of life and society. Essential Concepts in Algebra and Functions include algebra that connects mathematical structure to symbolic, graphical, and tabular descriptions; connecting algebra to functions; and developing families of functions as a fundamental concept of mathematics. Additional Concepts should include algebra from a more theoretical approach, including relationships between structures (e.g., groups, rings, and fields) as well as formal structures for number systems and numerical and symbolic calculations.

(iii) Essential Concepts in Calculus. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of calculus, including the mathematical study of the calculation of instantaneous rates of change and the summation of infinitely many small factors to determine some whole. Essential Concepts in Calculus include limits, continuity, the Fundamental Theorem of Calculus, and the meaning and techniques of differentiation and integration.

(iv) Essential Concepts in Statistics and Probability. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of statistical thinking and the major concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of statistics and probability including how statistical problem solving and decision making depend on understanding, explaining, and quantifying the variability in a set of data to make decisions. They understand the role of randomization and chance in determining the probability of events. Essential Concepts in Statistics and Probability include quantitative literacy, visualizing and summarizing data, statistical inference, probability, and applied problems.

(v) Essential Concepts in Geometry, Trigonometry, and Measurement. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of major mathematics concepts, procedures, knowledge, and applications of geometry, including



using visual representations for numerical functions and relations, data and statistics, and networks, to provide a lens for solving problems in the physical world. Essential Concepts in Geometry, Trigonometry, and Measurement include transformations, geometric arguments, reasoning and proof, applied problems, and non-Euclidean geometries.

2. Knowing and Using Mathematical Processes. Candidates demonstrate, within or across mathematical domains, their knowledge of and ability to apply the mathematical processes of problem solving; reason and communicate mathematically; and engage in mathematical modeling. Candidates apply technology appropriately within these mathematical processes.

(i) Problem Solving. Candidates demonstrate a range of mathematical problem-solving strategies to make sense of and solve non-routine problems (both contextual and non-contextual) across mathematical domains.

(ii) Reasoning and Communicating. Candidates organize their mathematical reasoning and use the language of mathematics to express their mathematical reasoning precisely, both orally and in writing, to multiple audiences.

(iii) Mathematical Modeling and Use of Mathematical Models. Candidates understand the difference between the mathematical modeling process and models in mathematics. Candidates engage in the mathematical modeling process and demonstrate their ability to model mathematics.

3. Knowing Students and Planning for Mathematical Learning. Candidates use knowledge of students and mathematics to plan rigorous and engaging mathematics instruction supporting students' access and learning. The mathematics instruction developed provides fair, culturally responsive opportunities for all students to learn and apply mathematics concepts, skills, and practices.

(i) Student Differences. Candidates identify and use students' individual and group differences when planning rigorous and engaging mathematics instruction that supports students' meaningful participation and learning.

(ii) Students' Mathematical Strengths. Candidates identify and use students' mathematical strengths to plan rigorous and engaging mathematics instruction that supports students' meaningful participation and learning.

(iii) Positive Mathematical Identities. Candidates understand that teachers' interactions impact individual students by influencing and reinforcing students' mathematical identities, positive or negative, and plan experiences and instruction to develop and foster positive mathematical identities.

4. Teaching Meaningful Mathematics. Candidates implement effective teaching practices to support rigorous mathematical learning for a full range of students. Candidates establish rigorous mathematics learning goals, engage students in high cognitive demand learning, use mathematics-specific tools and representations, elicit and use student responses, develop conceptual understanding and procedural fluency, and pose purposeful questions to facilitate student discourse.

(i) Establish Rigorous Mathematics Learning Goals. Candidates establish rigorous mathematics learning goals for students based on mathematics standards and practices.

(ii) Engage Students in High Cognitive Demand Learning. Candidates select or develop and implement high cognitive demand tasks to engage students in mathematical learning experiences that promote reasoning and sense making.

(iii) Incorporate Mathematics-Specific Tools. Candidates select mathematics-specific tools, including technology, to support students' learning, understanding, and application of mathematics and to integrate tools into instruction.

(iv) Use Mathematical Representations. Candidates select and use mathematical representations to engage students in examining understandings of mathematics concepts and the connections to other representations.

(v) Elicit and Use Student Responses. Candidates use multiple student responses, potential challenges, and misconceptions, and they highlight students' thinking as a central aspect of mathematics teaching and learning.

(vi) Develop Conceptual Understanding and Procedural Fluency. Candidates use conceptual understanding to build procedural fluency for students through instruction that includes explicit connections between concepts and procedures.

(vii) Facilitate Discourse. Candidates pose purposeful questions to facilitate discourse among students that ensures each student learns rigorous mathematics and builds a shared understanding of mathematical ideas.

5. Assessing Impact on Student Learning. Candidates assess and use evidence of students' learning of rigorous mathematics to improve instruction and subsequent student learning. Candidates analyze learning gains from formal and informal assessments for individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups of students disaggregated by demographic categories, and they use this information to inform planning and teaching.

(i) Assessing for Learning. Candidates select, modify, or create both informal and formal assessments to elicit information on students' progress toward rigorous mathematics learning goals.

(ii) Analyze Assessment Data. Candidates collect information on students' progress and use data from informal and formal assessments to analyze progress of individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups of students disaggregated by demographic categories toward rigorous mathematics learning goals.

(iii) Modify Instruction. Candidates use the evidence of student learning of individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups of students disaggregated by demographic categories to analyze the effectiveness of their instruction with respect to these groups. Candidates propose adjustments to instruction to improve student learning for each and every student based on the analysis.

6. Social and Professional Context of Mathematics Teaching and Learning. Candidates are reflective mathematics educators who collaborate with colleagues and other stakeholders to grow professionally, to support student learning, and to create mathematics learning environments that meet the learning needs of each student.

(i) Promote Differentiated Learning Environments. Candidates seek to create responsive learning environments by identifying beliefs about teaching and learning mathematics, and associated classroom practices that ensure individual mathematical learning needs are met for each student.

(ii) Promote Positive Mathematical Identities. Candidates reflect on their impact on students' mathematical identities and develop professional learning goals that promote students' positive mathematical identities.

(iii) Engage Families and Community. Candidates communicate with families to share and discuss strategies for ensuring the mathematical success of their children.

(iv) Collaborate with Colleagues. Candidates collaborate with colleagues to grow professionally and support student learning of mathematics.

7. Teaching Financial Literacy. Candidates demonstrate and apply understandings of the six major financial literacy concepts of earning income, spending, saving, investing, managing credit, and managing risk to plan rigorous and engaging instruction supporting students' practical application of financial literacy knowledge and skills. The financial literacy instruction developed provides fair, culturally responsive opportunities for all students to learn and apply financial literacy concepts, skills, and practices. The six major concepts of financial literacy are defined as follows:

(i) Earning Income. Most people earn wage and salary income in return for working, and they can also earn income from interest, dividends, rents, entrepreneurship, business profits, or increases in the value of investments. Employee compensation may also include access to employee benefits such as retirement plans and health insurance. Employers generally pay higher wages and salaries to more educated, skilled, and productive workers. The decision to invest in additional education or training can be made by weighing the benefit of increased income-earning and career potential against the opportunity costs in the form of time, effort, and money. Spendable income is lower than gross income due to taxes assessed on income by federal, state, and local governments.

(ii) Spending. A budget is a plan for allocating a person's spendable income to necessary and desired goods and services. When there is sufficient money in their budget, people may decide to give money to others, save, or invest to achieve future goals. People can often improve their financial well-being by making well-informed spending decisions, which includes critical evaluation of price, quality, product information, and method of payment. Individual spending decisions may be influenced by financial constraints, personal preferences, unique needs, peers, and advertising.

(iii) Saving. People who have sufficient income can choose to save some of it for future uses such as emergencies or later purchases. Savings decisions depend on individual preferences and circumstances. Funds needed for transactions, bill-paying, or purchases, are commonly held in federally insured checking or savings accounts at financial institutions because these accounts offer easy access to their money and low risk. Interest rates, fees, and other account features vary by type of account and among financial institutions, with higher rates resulting in greater compound interest earned by savers.

(iv) Investing. People can choose to invest some of their money in financial assets to achieve long-term financial goals, such as buying a house, funding future education, or securing retirement income. Investors receive a return on their investment in the form of income and/or growth in value of their investment over time. People can more easily achieve their financial goals by investing steadily over many years, reinvesting dividends, and capital gains to compound their returns. Investors have many choices of investments that differ in expected rates of return and risk. Riskier investments tend to earn higher long-run rates of return than lower-risk investments. Investors select investments that are consistent with their risk tolerance, and they diversify across a number of different investment choices to reduce investment risk.

(v) Managing Credit. Credit allows people to purchase and enjoy goods and services today, while agreeing to pay for them in the future, usually with interest. There are many choices for borrowing money, and lenders charge higher interest and fees for riskier loans or riskier borrowers. Lenders evaluate creditworthiness of a borrower based on the type of credit, past credit history, and expected ability to repay the loan in the future. Credit reports compile information on a person's credit history, and lenders use credit scores to assess a potential borrower's creditworthiness. A low credit score can result in a lender denying credit to someone they perceive as having a low level of creditworthiness. Common types of credit include credit cards, auto loans, home mortgage loans, and student loans. The cost of post-secondary education can be financed through a combination of grants, scholarships, work-study, savings, and federal or private student loans.

(vi) Managing Risk. People are exposed to personal risks that can result in lost income, assets, health, life, or identity. They can choose to manage those risks by accepting, reducing, or transferring them to others. When people transfer risk by buying insurance, they pay money now in return for the insurer covering some or all financial losses that may occur in the future. Common types of insurance include health insurance, life insurance, and homeowner's or renter's insurance. The cost of insurance is related to the size of the potential loss, the likelihood that the loss event will happen, and the risk characteristics of the asset or person being insured. Identity theft is a growing concern for consumers and businesses. Stolen personal information can result in financial losses and fraudulent credit charges. The risk of identity theft can be minimized by carefully guarding personal financial information.

**8. Secondary Field Experiences and Clinical Practice.** Secondary mathematics candidates engage in a planned sequence of field experiences and clinical practice in a variety of settings under the supervision of experienced and highly qualified mathematics teachers. They develop a broad experiential base of knowledge, skills, effective approaches to mathematics teaching and learning, and professional behaviors across both middle and high school settings that involve a wide range and varied groupings of students. Candidates experience a full-time student teaching/internship in secondary mathematics supervised by an EPP supervisor, with secondary mathematics teaching experience or an equivalent knowledge base.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

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### **505-3-.28 Political Science Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach Political Science in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the National Council for the Social Studies (2018):

1. Content Knowledge. Candidates demonstrate knowledge of social studies disciplines. Candidates are knowledgeable of disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools; structures of inquiry; and forms of representation.

2. Application of Content Through Planning. Candidates plan learning sequences that leverage social studies knowledge and literacies, technology, and theory and research to support the civic competence of learners as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates plan learning sequences that demonstrate social studies knowledge aligned with the College, Career and Civic Life (C3) Framework, state-required content standards, and theory and research.

(ii) Candidates plan learning sequences that engage learners with disciplinary concepts, facts, and tools from the social studies disciplines to facilitate social studies literacies for civic life.

(iii) Candidates plan learning sequences that engage learners in disciplinary inquiry to develop social studies literacies for civic life.

(iv) Candidates plan learning sequences where learners create disciplinary forms of representation that convey social studies knowledge and civic competence.

(v) Candidates plan learning sequences that use technology to foster civic competence.

3. Design and Implementation of Instruction and Assessment. Candidates design and implement instruction and authentic assessments, informed by data literacy and learner self-assessment, that promote civic competence.

(i) Candidates design and implement a range of authentic assessments that measure learners' mastery of disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence and demonstrate alignment with state-required content standards.

(ii) Candidates design and implement learning experiences that engage learners in disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence and demonstrate alignment with state-required content standards.

(iii) Candidates use theory and research to implement a variety of instructional practices and authentic assessments featuring disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

(iv) Candidates exhibit data literacy by using assessment data to guide instructional decision-making and reflect on student learning outcomes related to disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

(v) Candidates engage learners in self-assessment practices that support individualized learning outcomes related to disciplinary knowledge, inquiry, and forms of representation for civic competence.

4. Social Studies Learners and Learning. Candidates use knowledge of learners to plan and implement relevant and responsive pedagogy, create collaborative and interdisciplinary learning environments, and prepare learners to be informed advocates for a society that promotes the well-being of all.

(i) Candidates use knowledge of learners' socio-cultural assets, learning demands, and individual identities to plan and implement relevant and responsive pedagogy that ensures learning opportunities for all students in social studies.

(ii) Candidates facilitate collaborative, interdisciplinary learning environments in which learners use disciplinary facts, concepts, and tools, engage in disciplinary inquiry, and create disciplinary forms of representation.

(iii) Candidates engage learners in ethical reasoning to deliberate social, political, and economic issues, communicate conclusions, and take informed action toward achieving a society that promotes the well-being of all.

5. Professional Responsibility and Informed Action. Candidates reflect and expand upon their social studies knowledge, inquiry skills, and civic dispositions to advance social justice and promote human rights through informed action in schools and/or communities.

(i) Candidates use theory and research to continually improve their social studies knowledge, inquiry skills, and civic dispositions, and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner.

(ii) Candidates explore, interrogate, and reflect upon their own cultural frames to attend to issues of fairness, acceptance, access, power, human rights, and social justice within their schools and/or communities.

(iii) Candidates take informed action in schools and/or communities and serve as advocates for learners, the teaching profession, and/or social studies.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

(3) **Specialty Field.** The program shall require a major or equivalent in political science that meets the specialty area standard listed below:

(a) Political Science. Candidates seeking certification in the field of political science are expected to possess the knowledge, skills, and dispositions necessary to organize and provide instruction at the appropriate school level for the study of political science, and should hold a major or an equivalent in the field. The equivalent of a major is defined for secondary (6-12) fields as a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of content coursework that addresses the program content standards for the field.

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### **505-3-.29 Science Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach broad field science and/or the science specialties of life sciences, chemistry, earth space science, and physics in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNITS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer an educator preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards, which are adapted from the National Science Teaching Association/Association for Science Teacher Education standards (2020) and A Framework for K-12 Science Education - Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas (2012).

1. **Content Knowledge.** Effective teachers of science understand and articulate the knowledge and practices of contemporary science and engineering. They connect important disciplinary core ideas, crosscutting concepts, and science and engineering practices for their fields of certification. Preservice teachers will:

(i) Use and apply the major concepts, principles, theories, laws, and interrelationships of their fields of licensure and supporting fields. Explain the nature of science and the cultural norms and values inherent to the current and historical development of scientific knowledge; and

(ii) Demonstrate knowledge of how to implement science standards, learning progressions, and sequencing of science content for teaching their certification level to 6-12 students.

2. Content Pedagogy. Effective teachers of science plan learning units of study and fair, culturally responsive opportunities for all students based upon their understandings of how students learn and develop science knowledge, skills, and habits of mind. Effective teachers engage students in the use of science and engineering practices and crosscutting concepts to develop deep understandings of the core disciplinary ideas in their instructional planning. Preservice teachers will:

(i) Use science standards and a variety of appropriate, student-centered, and culturally relevant science disciplinary-based instructional approaches that follow safety procedures and incorporate science and engineering practices, disciplinary core ideas, and crosscutting concepts;

(ii) Incorporate appropriate differentiation strategies, wherein all students develop conceptual knowledge and an understanding of the nature of science. Lessons should engage students in applying science practices, clarifying relationships, and identifying natural patterns from phenomena and empirical experiences;

(iii) Use engineering practices in support of science learning wherein all students design, construct, test and optimize possible solutions to a problem;

(iv) Align instruction and assessment strategies to support instructional decision making that identifies and addresses student misunderstandings, prior knowledge, and naïve conceptions; and

(v) Integrate science-specific technologies to support all students' conceptual understanding and application of science and engineering.

3. Learning Environments. Effective teachers of science are able to plan for engaging all students in science learning by identifying appropriate learning goals that are consistent with knowledge of how students learn science and are aligned with standards. Plans reflect the selection of phenomena appropriate to the social context of the classroom and community, and safety considerations, to engage students in the nature of science and science and engineering practices. Effective teachers create an impartial, multicultural, and social justice-learning environment to achieve these goals. Preservice teachers will:

(i) Plan a variety of lessons based on science standards that employ strategies that demonstrate their knowledge and understanding of how to select appropriate teaching and motivating learning activities that foster a supportive, welcoming, fair, and impartial learning environment;

(ii) Plan learning experiences for all students in a variety of environments (e.g., the laboratory, field, virtual, and community) within their fields of certification;

(iii) Plan lessons in which all students have a variety of opportunities to obtain information, evaluate, communicate, investigate, collaborate, learn from mistakes, and defend their own explanations of phenomena, observations, and data. This includes the proposal and defense of potential solutions to real-world, authentic, scientific and engineering problems; and

(iv) Plan and implement instruction incorporating universal technologies that support and enhance virtual learning either in person or digitally to include all students in investigation and application of science content, engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts.

4. Safety. Effective teachers of science demonstrate biological, chemical, and physical safety protocols in their classrooms and workspace. They also implement ethical treatment of living organisms and maintain equipment and chemicals as relevant to their fields of certification. Preservice teachers will:

(i) Implement activities appropriate for the abilities of all students that demonstrate safe techniques for the procurement, preparation, use, storage, dispensing, supervision, and disposal of all chemicals/materials/equipment used within their fields of certification;

(ii) Demonstrate an ability to: recognize hazardous situations including overcrowding; implement emergency procedures; maintain safety equipment; provide adequate student instruction and supervision; and follow policies and procedures that comply with established state and national guidelines, appropriate legal state and national safety standards (e.g., Occupational Safety and Health Administration, National Fire Protection Association, Environmental Protection Agency), and best professional practices (e.g., National Science Teaching Association, Georgia Science Teachers Association, National Science Education Leadership Association). This includes awareness of personal liability, duty of care as it relates to students (face-to-face and remote), fellow staff, and visitors to the classroom;

(iii) Demonstrate ethical decision-making with respect to safe and humane treatment of all living organisms in and out of the classroom, and comply with the legal restrictions and best professional practices on the collection, care, and use of living organisms as relevant to their fields of certification; and

(iv) Demonstrate an awareness of safety implications associated with remote learning. This includes awareness of personal responsibility for instructing students on safety precautions for remote learning.

**5. Impact on Student Learning.** Effective teachers of science provide evidence that students have learned and can apply disciplinary core ideas, crosscutting concepts and science and engineering practices as a result of instruction. Effective teachers analyze learning gains for individual students, the class as a whole, and subgroups of students disaggregated by demographic categories, and use these to inform planning and teaching. Preservice teachers will:

(i) Design and implement differentiated and balanced assessments that allow all students to demonstrate their knowledge and ability to apply, synthesize, evaluate, and communicate their understanding of disciplinary knowledge, nature of science, science and engineering practices, and crosscutting concepts in practical, authentic, and real-world situations;

(ii) Collect, organize, analyze, evaluate and reflect on a variety of formative and summative evidence and use those data to inform future planning and teaching; and

(iii) Analyze science-specific assessment data based upon student demographics, categorizing the levels of learner knowledge, and reflect on results for subsequent lesson plans.

**6. Professional Knowledge and Skills.** Effective teachers of science strive to continuously improve their knowledge of both science content and pedagogy, including approaches for ensuring fairness and access for all students in science. Teachers will also possess a deeper understanding of how to apply science and engineering practices for their discipline. They identify with and conduct themselves as part of the science education community. Preservice teachers will:

(i) Engage in critical reflection on their own science teaching to continually improve their instructional effectiveness;

(ii) Participate in professional learning opportunities to deepen their science content knowledge, and knowledge of science and engineering practices; and

(iii) Participate in professional learning opportunities to expand their science-specific pedagogical knowledge.

**7. Commitment to Three-dimensional Learning.** Effective teachers of 6-12 science and engineering should focus on a limited number of disciplinary core ideas and crosscutting concepts that are designed so that students continually build on and revise their knowledge and abilities over multiple years while supporting the integration of such knowledge and abilities with the practices needed to engage in scientific inquiry and engineering design. There are three major dimensions, Scientific and Engineering Practices, Disciplinary Core Ideas, and Crosscutting Concepts.



All three dimensions need to be integrated into standards, curriculum, instruction, and assessment. Preservice teachers will:

(i) Emphasize science and engineering practices in their planning and implementation of lessons and units for all science students.

(I) Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering);

(II) Developing and using models;

(III) Planning and carrying out investigations;

(IV) Analyzing and interpreting data;

(V) Using mathematics and computational thinking;

(VI) Constructing explanations (for science) and designing solutions (for engineering);

(VII) Engaging in argument from evidence; and

(VIII) Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information.

(ii) Focus deeply on a limited number of Disciplinary Core Ideas within each major category of science disciplines.

(I) Life Sciences

I. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and processes

A. Cell structure and function

B. Growth and development of organisms

C. Organization for matter and energy flow in organisms

D. Information processing

II. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics

A. Interdependent relationships in ecosystems

B. Cycles of matter and energy transfer in ecosystems

C. Ecosystem dynamics, functioning, and resilience

D. Social interactions and group behavior

III. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits

A. Inheritance of traits

B. Variation of traits

IV. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity

A. Evidence of common ancestry and diversity

B. Natural selection

C. Adaptation

D. Biodiversity and humans

(II) Chemistry

I. Matter and Its Interaction

A. Structure and properties of matter

B. Chemical reactions

C. Nuclear processes

D. Atomic bonding

E. Solutions

II. Energy

A. Kinetic molecular theory

B. Conservation of energy and energy transfer

C. Electromagnetic radiation

(III) Earth Space Science

I. Earth's Place in the Universe

A. The universe and its stars

B. Earth and the solar system

C. History of planet Earth

II. Earth's Systems

A. Earth materials and systems

B. Plate tectonics and large system interactions

C. The roles of water in Earth's surface processes

D. Weather and climate

E. Bio-geology

III. Earth and Human Activity

A. Natural resources

B. Natural hazards

C. Human impacts on Earth systems

D. Global climate change

(IV) Physics

I. Matter and Its Interactions

A. Nuclear processes

II. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions

A. Forces and motion

B. Types of interactions

C. Stability and instability in physical systems

III. Energy

A. Work-energy theorem

B. Conservation of energy and energy transfer

C. Relationship between energy and forces

D. Energy in chemical processes and everyday life

IV. Waves and their applications in technologies for information transfer

A. Wave properties

B. Electromagnetic and mechanical waves

C. Information technologies and instrumentation

(iii) Consistently bear in mind crosscutting concepts as a means to provide linkages between science disciplines across multiple grades.

(I) Patterns

(II) Cause and effect: Mechanism and explanation

(III) Scale, proportion, and quantity

(IV) Systems and system models

(V) Energy and matter: Flows, cycles, and conservation

(VI) Structure and function

(VII) Stability and change

(b) Single-field Program Requirements. The program shall require a major or equivalent in one of the science areas listed in paragraph 7(ii). A major or equivalent is defined as a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of content coursework that addresses the appropriate content area standards.

(c) Dual-field Program Requirements. The program shall require a major or equivalent in two of the content areas listed in paragraph 7 (ii). A major or equivalent is defined as a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of content coursework that addresses the appropriate content area standards.

(d) Broad Field Program Requirements. The program shall require a major or equivalent in one of the science content areas listed in paragraph 7 (ii) and at least two additional areas of concentration listed in (ii). A major or equivalent is defined as a minimum of twenty-one (21) semester hours of content coursework that addresses the appropriate content area standards. An area of concentration is defined as a minimum of fifteen (15) semester hours of content coursework that address the appropriate content area standards listed in 7 (ii).

(e) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

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**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "English Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Middle Grades Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. June 29, 1994; eff. July 19, 1994.

**Amended:** F. June 8, 1999; eff. July 1, 1999, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. May 9, 2002; eff. June 1, 2002, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Social Science Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** F. Feb. 10, 2006; eff. Mar. 15, 2006, as specified by the Agency.

**Adopted:** New Rule entitled "Science Education Program." F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Mar. 25, 2022; eff. Apr. 15, 2022, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 10, 2023; eff. Aug. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

### **505-3-.30 Speech Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states criteria for approving initial educator preparation programs that prepare individuals to teach speech in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

(2) **Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer an educator preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards:

1. The program shall prepare candidates who are familiar with basic communication concepts and theories;
2. The program shall prepare candidates who can identify various communication media and discuss the changing nature of media and the ways in which different media enable and constrain communication;
3. The program shall prepare candidates who know and apply critical skills associated with communicative arts, including characterization of the relationship between the critic and the critical object, identification of the social value of criticism and application of various stances to a variety of communicative acts;
4. The program shall prepare candidates who apply principles of responsible communication, including consideration of philosophies of communication that assign central importance to concepts of free speech, ethics, and their impact upon communicative acts;
5. The program shall prepare candidates who model practical communication skills related to public speaking, oral interpretation, group decision-making, television and radio, film, print, interpersonal, and organizational communication;
6. The program shall prepare candidates who can direct student co-curricular activities such as debate, forensics, radio management, and film society;
7. The program shall prepare candidates who can enforce the rules of parliamentary procedure; and
8. The program shall prepare candidates who know the history of theater, and can plan, conduct, and direct plays in schools.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.30

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Music Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Special Education General Curriculum Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Speech Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 10, 2023; eff. Aug. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

## **505-3-.34 Agriculture Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving initial preparation programs that prepare individuals to teach agriculture in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

(2) **Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards.

1. The program shall prepare candidates who know and can apply the content of the biological, botanical, physical, natural and applied sciences relevant to practical solutions for agricultural problems.

2. The program shall prepare candidates who know and can apply the principles of plant science, animal science, agricultural business and leadership, agricultural mechanics, and forestry; and can apply technologies from these areas that are appropriate to the agriculture industry.

3. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate competence in one or more of the specialized occupational areas: agricultural production and marketing; agricultural equipment and supplies; agricultural electrification; agricultural metal fabrication; agriculture product processing; ornamental horticulture; floriculture and floral design; agricultural business; planning, and analysis; natural resource management; environmental science; forestry; agriculture animal production; veterinary science; or companion animal production and care.

4. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the ability to conduct a complete program of study in agricultural education including classroom and laboratory instruction, National Future Farmers of America (FFA) leadership development, and supervised agricultural experiences (SAEs) for students.

5. The program shall prepare candidates who can apply principles of production agriculture and agricultural economics.

6. The program shall prepare candidates who can plan for classroom and lab management, student behavior management, curriculum and instructional delivery systems, manage instructional laboratories, implement instructional techniques, and evaluate student learning in agricultural education.

7. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the ability to work with community, industry, governmental agencies, program advisory committees, as well as local and state school personnel to provide a desirable educational experience for students in agricultural education.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.34

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Health Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Safety, Driver and Traffic Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Dec. 31, 1997; eff. July 1, 1998, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Safety and Driver Education Endorsement Program" adopted. F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Special Education Deaf Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Agriculture Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 7, 2014; eff. Oct. 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2022; eff. Jan. 1, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 10, 2023; eff. Aug. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

### **505-3-.35 Business Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving initial educator preparation programs that prepare individuals to teach business in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards.

1. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of the philosophy and purposes of Career Technical Education (CTE), including being members of professional teacher organizations, such as National Business Education Association (NBEA), Association of Career and Technical Education (ACTE), and their affiliates.
2. The program shall prepare candidates who can plan effective instruction, implement teaching strategies and methods for teaching business education and standards using project-based and problem-based learning, and assess mastery of content using performance based assessments.
3. The program shall prepare candidates who can apply problem-solving skills in business.
4. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate competence in use and application of emerging technology (software and hardware/equipment).
5. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of business organization structure and function.
6. The program shall prepare candidates who know principles and application of business mathematics, business law, and formal business communication skills.
7. The program shall prepare candidates who are competent in use and application of computer applications (word processing, spreadsheet, database, presentation, and graphics) and keyboarding skills.
8. The program shall prepare candidates who are knowledgeable about business management techniques, leadership styles, marketing strategies and use in business, entrepreneurial constructs, human resource management and economic theories and systems, including consumer economics concepts.

9. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of the theories and skills of accounting, financial services, financial literacy, and emerging technologies in the finance industry.

10. The program shall prepare candidates who have knowledge of teaching employability skills, digital citizenship, business ethics, leadership skills, international business practices, cultural awareness, and career opportunities in business-related fields.

11. The program shall prepare candidates who can operate the student organization-Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA), as the co-curricular organization aligned with business education curricula.

12. The program shall prepare candidates who work with business and industry and post-secondary institutions in establishing school/business partnerships and advisory committees.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.35

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Health Occupations Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Science Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 13, 1997; eff. Sept. 2, 1997.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Business Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 7, 2014; eff. Oct. 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2022; eff. Jan. 1, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.36 Family And Consumer Sciences Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach family and consumer sciences in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

(2) **Requirements.**



(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards published by the National Association of Teacher Educators for Family and Consumer Sciences (2020).

1. Career, Community, and Family Connections. The program shall prepare candidates who analyze family, community, and work interrelationships; investigate career paths through work based learning activities; examine family and consumer sciences careers in education and human services, hospitality and food production, and visual arts and design; develop employability skills and other 21st century skills; apply career decision making and transitioning processes; and implement service learning.

2. Consumer Economics and Family Resources. The program shall prepare candidates who use local and global resources responsibly to address the unique needs and goals of individuals, families, and communities worldwide in family and consumer sciences areas including resource management, consumer economics, financial literacy, living environments, and textiles and apparel.

3. Family and Human Development. The program shall prepare candidates who use culturally responsive principles of human development and interpersonal and family relationships to strengthen individuals and families across the lifespan in contexts such as parenting, care giving, and the workplace.

4. Food and Nutrition. The program shall prepare candidates who promote nutrition science and food literacy practices and develop food preparation and production skills in personal and professional settings that enhance individual and family well-being across the lifespan and address related concerns in a global society.

5. Wellness. The program shall prepare candidates who utilize the practical reasoning process to make informed decisions and apply appropriate preventative and protective strategies to achieve optimal quality of life including social and emotional well-being for individuals, families, and communities.

6. Career and Technical Student Organization Integration. The program shall prepare candidates who integrate the Family, Career and Community Leaders of America (FCCLA) co-curricular student organization into the program to foster students' academic growth, apply family and consumer sciences content, develop leadership skills, engage in community service learning including competitive events, and make career and content connections.

7. Curriculum Development. The program shall prepare candidates who develop, justify, and implement course curricula in programs of study supported by research and theory that address perennial and evolving family, career, and community issues; reflect the critical, integrative nature of family and consumer sciences; integrate core academic areas; and reflect high quality career and technical education practices.

8. Instructional Strategies and Resources. The program shall prepare candidates who facilitate students' critical literacy and problem solving in family and consumer sciences through varied instructional strategies and technologies by experiences modeling responsible management of resources in schools, communities, and the workplace.

9. Laboratory Management. The program shall prepare candidates who develop, implement, and demonstrate laboratory policies and procedures based on current industry standards specific to the focus of the course to ensure both the safety of students and clients, and sustainability of products and the environment.

10. Student and Program Assessment. The program shall prepare candidates who collect student and program data to assess, evaluate, and improve student learning and family and consumer sciences programs using evidence-based criteria, standards, and authentic processes.

11. Learning Environment. The program shall prepare candidates who create and implement a safe, supportive, and culturally responsive learning environment that shows sensitivity to the differing needs, values, and characteristics of students, families, and communities.

12. Professionalism. The program shall prepare candidates who engage in ethical professional practice based on the history, philosophy, and family and consumer sciences Body of Knowledge, and relationship to career and technical

education through civic engagement, advocacy, collaboration with other professionals, recruitment and mentoring of prospective and new professionals, and ongoing professional development.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.36

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Health and Physical Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Social Science Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Special Education Visual Impairments Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Family and Consumer Sciences Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Oct. 7, 2014; eff. Oct. 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2022; eff. Jan. 1, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 10, 2023; eff. Aug. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

### **505-3-.37 Healthcare Science Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach healthcare-related occupations in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) Candidates shall meet eligibility criteria outlined in GaPSC Rule [505-2-.87](#) HEALTHCARE SCIENCE EDUCATION.

(b) The program shall have established procedures for evaluating and assessing work experience.

(c) To receive approval GaPSC-approved educator preparation providers shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards.

1. The program shall prepare candidates who can interpret, develop and implement curriculum for healthcare science, including instructional methods of teaching, for the classroom, and lab activities.

2. The program shall prepare candidates who understand the organizational structure and historical development of career and technical education and its relationship to American business, industry, and careers.

3. The program shall prepare candidates who integrate academic and career and technical education content in the curriculum and in implementing cross-curricular activities.
  4. The program shall prepare candidates who organize, manage, plan, and supervise the healthcare science lab.
  5. The program shall prepare candidates who understand and are able to accommodate special populations and the unique learning needs and cultures of all students.
  6. The program shall prepare candidates who are familiar with secondary school guidance and counseling practices, assessment instruments and procedures, and assisting students in career development and placement activities through field based experiences in a variety of healthcare settings.
  7. The program shall prepare candidates who apply and integrate technology and computer skills in specific occupational areas and classroom instruction.
  8. The program shall prepare candidates who know and implement safety practices and procedures.
  9. The program shall introduce candidates to Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSO) such as, HOSA-Future Health Professionals or Skills USA and provide information and resources to prepare them to facilitate CTSOs.
  10. The program shall prepare candidates who work with business, industry, health, and medical workforce stakeholders when establishing school/business/community partnerships and advisory committees.
- (d) The program shall prepare candidates who are familiar with the framework of health science education and the National Health Science Standards advocated by the National Health Science Consortium.
- (e) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.37

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Hearing Impaired Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Special Education [Behavior Disorders (BD), Learning Disabilities (LD), Mental Retardation (MR), Interrelated Special Education and Interrelated Special Education/Early Childhood] Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 13, 1997; eff. Sept. 2, 1997.

**Amended:** F. Jan. 25, 2000; eff. Feb. 15, 2000, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Speech Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Healthcare Science and Technology Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Healthcare Science Program" adopted. F. Oct. 7, 2014; eff. Oct. 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2022; eff. Jan. 1, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 10, 2023; eff. Aug. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

### **505-3-.38 Marketing Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving initial educator preparation programs that prepare individuals to teach marketing in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards.

1. The program shall prepare candidates in the following curriculum areas:

(i) Fundamentals of Marketing (e.g., market identification, market share, target market, market segmentation, and marketing mix);

(ii) Foundational skills (e.g., economic theory and systems, basic business concepts, customer service skills, and technology skills); budgeting and financial literacy concepts;

(iii) Terminology and concepts particular to the specialized area of marketing;

(iv) Marketing information management;

(v) Product and service management;

(vi) Pricing;

(vii) Channel Management and Distribution;

(viii) Communications and Promotion;

(ix) Selling;

(x) Entrepreneurship; and

(xi) Market planning.

2. The program shall prepare candidates who can plan, develop, and administer a marketing program that includes classroom instruction and laboratory (school-based enterprise) experiences and various work-based learning experiences.

3. The program shall prepare candidates who are familiar with job requirements and career opportunities in marketing, marketing-related, and management fields.

4. The program shall prepare candidates who are able to place secondary school students in work- and community-based settings for demonstration of mastery of curriculum.

5. The program shall prepare candidates who have either academic preparation or professional experiences in marketing.
  6. The program shall prepare candidates who can implement and operate the nationally-affiliated Career and Technical Student Organization (CTSO) known as DECA.
  7. The program shall prepare candidates who are familiar with the history, foundations, and organization of Career and Technical Education Programs.
  8. The program shall prepare candidates who are equipped to develop and utilize advisory committees primarily comprised of business, industry, and community leaders.
  9. The program shall prepare candidates who are aware of and implement safety practices and procedures in the classroom, the lab, and the community where DECA-sponsored events take place.
  10. The program shall prepare candidates who understand and are able to accommodate the unique learning styles and cultures of students.
  11. The program shall prepare candidates who are able to apply technological skills in classroom instruction.
- (b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.38

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Speech Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Technology Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Marketing Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 7, 2014; eff. Oct. 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2022; eff. Jan. 1, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.39 Engineering and Technology Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach engineering and technology education in grades P-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#), FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

## **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the 2020 Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy as published by the International Technology and Engineering Educators Association (ITEEA).

1. The program shall prepare candidates who understand the nature of technology within the context of the Designed World as part of Project 2061.
2. The program shall prepare candidates who understand technology and society within the context of the Designed World as part of Project 2061.
3. The program shall prepare candidates who understand design and the engineering and design process within the context of the Designed World as part of Project 2061.
4. The program shall prepare candidates who possess abilities for a technological world within the context of the Designed World as part of Project 2061.
5. The program shall prepare candidates who understand the Designed World as part of Project 2061.
6. The program shall prepare candidates who design, implement, and evaluate curricula based upon Standards for Technological and Engineering Literacy.
7. The program shall prepare candidates who use a variety of effective teaching practices that utilize the engineering design process and engineering notebooks when solving real world design challenges.
8. The program shall prepare candidates who design, create, and manage learning environments that promote technological and engineering literacy.
9. The program shall prepare candidates who understand students as learners, and how commonalities and differences affect learning.
10. The program shall prepare candidates who understand and value the importance of engaging in comprehensive and sustained professional growth to improve the teaching of engineering and technology.
11. The program shall prepare candidates who understand the organizational structure and historical development of career and technical education and its relationship to American business, industry, and careers.
12. The program shall prepare candidates who integrate academic and career and technical education content in the curriculum and in implementing interdisciplinary activities through project/problem-based learning.
13. The program shall prepare candidates who organize, manage, plan, and supervise the engineering and technology education classroom and lab.
14. The program shall prepare candidates who can adapt instruction for special needs students in engineering and technology programs.
15. The program shall prepare candidates who can interpret, develop, and implement curriculum for engineering and technology education programs, including instructional methods of teaching for the classroom and engineering and technology education lab activities.
16. The program shall prepare candidates who know and implement correct safety practices and procedures in the engineering and technology education lab.

17. The program shall prepare candidates who can facilitate co-curricular Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs).

18. The program shall prepare candidates who are familiar with elementary through secondary school guidance and counseling practices, assessment instruments and procedures, and assisting students in career development and placement activities through work-based learning experiences in the secondary schools.

19. The program shall prepare candidates to work with business, industry, and labor in establishing school/business/community partnerships and advisory committees.

(b) The program shall have established procedures for evaluating and assessing work experience to determine eligibility for the program.

(c) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the P-12 standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (g)).

**Cite as** Ga. Comp. R. & Regs. R. 505-3-.39

**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Home Economics Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Technology Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Trade and Industrial Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Engineering and Technology Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 7, 2014; eff. Oct. 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Dec. 9, 2022; eff. Jan. 1, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.40 Career and Technical Specializations Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states criteria for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach career and technical specializations (CTS) in grades 6-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) Candidates shall meet eligibility criteria outlined in GaPSC Certification Rule [505-2-.90](#) CAREER AND TECHNICAL SPECIALIZATIONS in one of the following fields of Career and Technical Education (CTE):

Architectural Drawing and Design  
 Audio/Video Technology and Film  
 Automotive Service Technology  
 Aviation  
 Barbering  
 Collision Repair  
 Computer Animation  
 Construction  
 Cosmetology  
 Culinary Arts  
 Distribution and Logistics  
 Electronics Technology  
 Esthetics  
 Government and Public Administration

Granite Technology  
 Graphic Communication and Design  
 Health Information Technology  
 Information Technology  
 Junior Reserve Officer's Training Corps (JROTC)  
 Law, Public Safety, Corrections and Security  
 Manufacturing and Engineering Sciences  
 Marine Service Technology  
 Nails  
 Precision Machine Technology  
 Sheet Metal  
 Welding Technology

(b) The program shall require demonstrated work experience in the field of eligibility and shall develop and consistently apply a clearly established procedure to evaluate and assess work experience.

(c) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards.

1. The program shall prepare candidates who interpret, develop, and implement curriculum for Career and Technical Specializations (CTS) programs, including instructional methods of teaching theory and laboratory activities.
2. The program shall prepare candidates who understand the organizational structures and historical development of CTS education and its relationship to American business and industry.
3. The program shall prepare candidates who integrate academic and CTS content in the development of CTS curriculum, and in implementing cross-curricular activities.
4. The program shall prepare candidates who organize, manage, plan, and supervise the school CTS laboratory.
5. The program shall prepare candidates who understand and are able to accommodate special populations and the unique learning needs and cultures of all students.
6. The program shall prepare candidates who are familiar with secondary school counseling and career readiness practices, assessment instruments and procedures, and assisting students in career development.
7. The program shall prepare candidates who understand the value of Work Based Learning and can work collaboratively with the Work Based Learning Coordinator to assist in placement of students in their program area.
8. The program shall prepare candidates who apply and integrate technology and computer skills in specific occupational areas and classroom instruction.
9. The program shall prepare candidates who know and implement safety practices and procedures.
10. The program shall prepare candidates who can facilitate Career Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs).
11. The program shall prepare candidates who work with business, industry, and workforce stakeholders when establishing school/business partnerships and advisory committees.

(d) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the Secondary (6-12) standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (e)).



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**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** Rule reserved. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** New Rule entitled "Geography Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 17, 2006; eff. May 15, 2006, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.41 Computer Science Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach computer science in grades P-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE. Approval to offer the Computer Science Program qualifies the EPP to recommend for the Computer Science Micro-Endorsement, candidates who are actively enrolled in this program and who demonstrate mastery of standards 1 and 6. The Computer Science Micro-Endorsement qualifies individuals to teach introductory computer science courses in grades P-12 (see GaPSC Rule [505-2-.193](#) COMPUTER SCIENCE MICRO-ENDORSEMENT).

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program as described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi, based on the following standards adapted from the International Society for Technology Education (ISTE) (2017), and the Computer Science Teachers Association Standards (2017).

1. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate computational thinking skills to formalize a problem and express its solution in a way that computers (human and machine) can effectively carry out, as indicated by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of and ability for applying computational thinking skills including decomposition, abstraction, and pattern recognition in problem solving;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate skills in devising algorithms for solving computational problems and checking for the correctness of the algorithms;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate understanding of limitations of computing; and

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who perform activities demonstrating applications of computational thinking skills.

2. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate proficiency in at least one third-generation programming language, such as Java, Python, C or C++, C#/.NET, R, and Rust, as indicated by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of and skill regarding the syntax and semantics of a third-generation programming language, its control structures, and its data types;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of and skill regarding common abstraction mechanisms including methods (functions/procedures), data structures, and application programming interfaces (APIs);

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of and skill in implementing algorithms into robust full stack programs (interpreted and compiled) and testing and debugging these programs for correctness;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who perform laboratory-based activities that demonstrate programming concepts proficiency in a third-generation programming language; and

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who can document a program so that others can understand its design and implementation.

3. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate proficiency in basic computer system components and organization as indicated by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of how data are represented on a computer including bits, bytes, and words;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of the mathematics of binary, octal and hexadecimal, as well as conversions among them;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of main components of a computer system including CPU, OS, Memory, motherboard layout (north & south bridges), I/O devices, and peripherals;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of various types of storage options in a computing environment including hard drive, cloud storage, flash drives, DVDs; and

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge and understanding of how components of a computer system work together to produce programs and applications to solve computational problems.

4. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate proficiency in fundamental principles of computer networks and the Internet as indicated by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of network components including hardware and software;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can explain how network and cloud topologies and protocols enable users, devices, and systems to communicate and collaborate with each other;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can examine the factors such as bandwidth, latency, security, and server capability that impact network functionality;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can explain the abstractions in the Internet and how the Internet functions (OSI model) including the assignment of IP addresses, routing, the domain name system (DNS), and the use of protocols; and

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who can explain the characteristics of the Internet and the systems built on it including redundancy, fault tolerance, hierarchy in IP addressing scheme, hierarchy in the DNS and open standards, and the influence of these characteristics on the systems.

5. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate proficiency in effectively and responsibly using computer applications to create digital artifacts, analyze data, model and simulate phenomena suggested by research and/or data as indicated by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who can effectively use computer applications to create digital artifacts such as audio, video, animation, presentation, and websites;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can extract information from data to discover, explain, and visualize connections or trends;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can create models and simulations to help formulate, test and refine hypotheses;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can form a model from a hypothesis generated from research and run a simulation to collect and analyze data to test that hypothesis; and

(v) The program shall prepare candidates to use industry best practices in application development.

6. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate proficiency and understanding of security, privacy, and safety concerns in computer systems, networks, and applications as indicated by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe main tenets of information security including confidentiality, integrity, availability, authentication, non-repudiation, and Zero Trust systems;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe the fundamentals of encryption and decryption to protect data;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can explain fundamental security design principles, to include the differences between network and data security;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe types of threats and vulnerabilities to computer systems and the appropriate incident response and handling as well as imaging and backup procedures;

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe common network vulnerabilities and their associated responses;

(vi) The program shall prepare candidates who can identify safe, secure, and ethical digital behavior; and use effective strategies to evaluate the quality and credibility of websites; and

(vii) The program shall prepare candidates to educate students on their role in the prevention of cyberbullying and to take an active role in building positive online communities.

7. The program shall prepare candidates who plan, organize, deliver, and evaluate instruction for teaching full stack computer programming as indicated by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates to use industry standard Integrated Development Environments (IDE) for the development of computer programs;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate fundamental programming design paradigms, to include Waterfall, Agile, and DevOps;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate full stack programming in both interpreted and compiled languages;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can professionally interface with end users to develop programming requirements;

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who can instruct students to develop their own unique full-stack programs (both interpreted and compiled languages) and debug them using professional industry-standard IDEs;

(vi) The program shall prepare candidates who know how to plan and implement instruction using a wide range of instructional strategies for individuals and groups and for a diverse student population;

(vii) The program shall prepare candidates who create and implement multiple forms of assessment (including performance- and project-based) and use resulting data to gauge student progress and adjust instruction accordingly; and

(viii) The program shall prepare candidates to positively impact the achievement and attainment of underrepresented populations by incorporating instructional strategies to increase student self-efficacy and interest to drive goals towards continued advanced studies in computer science.

8. The program shall prepare candidates who work with business and industry leaders in establishing school/business partnerships and advisory committees and operate student organizations as appropriate.

9. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of the philosophy and purposes of Career Technical Education (CTE), including being members of professional teacher organizations that are appropriate for computer science content.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the P-12 standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (g)).

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**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Trade and Industrial Education Program" adopted. F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.44 Art Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving initial educator preparation programs that prepare individuals to teach art in grades P-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design (February 16, 2016):

1. The program shall prepare candidates who understand the processes of creating, presenting, responding and connecting to visual and media arts. Candidates should demonstrate basic expressive, technical, procedural and organizational skills and conceptual insights which can be developed through studio art and design experiences. Instruction should include traditional and contemporary art and design processes;
2. The program shall prepare candidates who have an understanding of (1) the major styles and periods of art history, analytical methods and theories of criticism; (2) the development of past and contemporary art forms; (3) the important process of artistic creation from initial idea to finished artwork. (4) contending philosophies of art; and (5) the relationship of all of these to making art;
3. The program shall prepare candidates who have created and presented advanced work in at least one or more studio art areas demonstrating technical mastery;
4. The program shall prepare candidates who have functional competence with principles of visual organization, including the ability to work with visual elements in two and three dimensions. The candidates shall have functional knowledge in such areas as the basic technologies involved in drawing, painting, printmaking, photography, media arts, ceramics and sculpture; and
5. The program shall prepare candidates who are able to connect an understanding of educational processes and structures with an understanding of relationships among the arts, sciences and humanities, in order to apply art competencies in teaching situations and to integrate art instruction into the total process of education. Specific competencies include:
  - (i) An understanding of child development and the identification and understanding of psychological principles of learning as they relate to art education.
  - (ii) An understanding of the philosophical and social foundation underlying art in education and the ability to express a rationale for personal attitudes and beliefs.
  - (iii) Ability to assess aptitudes, experiential backgrounds, and interests of individuals and groups of students, and to devise learning experiences to meet assessed needs.
  - (iv) Knowledge of current methods and materials available in all fields and levels of art education.

(v) Basic understanding of the principles and methods in art education of developing curricula and the short-and long term instructional units that comprise them.

(vi) The ability to accept, amend, or reject methods and materials based on personal assessment of specific teaching situations in art education.

(vii) An understanding of evaluative techniques in art education and the ability to apply them in assessing both the progress of students and the objectives and procedures of the curriculum.

(viii) Ability to organize continuing study and to incorporate knowledge gained into self-evaluation and professional growth.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the P-12 standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (g)).

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**Amended:** New Rule entitled "Alternative Certification Program" adopted. F. Mar. 7, 2000; eff. Apr. 1, 2000, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Alternative Preparation Program" adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

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**Adopted:** New Rule entitled "Art Education Program." F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

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## **505-3-.45 Dance Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule describes requirements and field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach dance in grades P-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) Requirements and Standards for Approving Educator Preparation Providers and Educator Preparation Programs and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

(2) **Requirements.** To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program as described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards based on the competencies published by the National Association of Schools of Dance (NASD) (2015):

(a) Theoretical and Historical Studies. The Candidate will have comprehensive coursework in dance studies leading to knowledge of dance history, repertory, and ethnology, movement analysis; dance and movement sciences; and music production.

(i) Candidates will learn to analyze dance perceptively and evaluate it critically.

(ii) Candidates will develop working physical, verbal, and written vocabularies based on an understanding and interpretation of the common elements of dance and be able to employ this knowledge in analysis.

(iii) Candidates will be able to place dances in historical, cultural, and stylistic contexts, and perceive dance as an evolving arts discipline.

(iv) Candidates will be able to form, articulate, and defend individual critiques, critical analyses, and evaluations about dance.

(v) Candidates shall have fundamental knowledge of the body, and understand the fundamentals of developmental kinesiology sufficiently to correlate student learning and development with age and physical motor skills.

(b) Technique Study. The Candidate will have continuous and sequenced course-based instruction in technique, improvisation, composition, repertory, and individual performance competencies. Technique study and individual performance competencies will be continuous and sequential, and result in the attainment of an intermediate or advanced level comparable to proficiency required for the institution's non-certificate degree in at least two forms of technique.

(i) Candidates will develop a physical and conceptual understanding of movement and its expressive possibilities, including issues associated with student health and safety.

(ii) Candidates will have opportunities to experience and develop an appreciation and understanding of dance forms and styles from a variety of cultures.

(c) Choreography and Production. The Candidate will gain knowledge, skills, and dispositions through concentrated experience leading to proficiency in choreography and production through applied experiences.

(i) Candidates will develop and infuse elements of creativity, aesthetics, historical styles and current trends in choreography to include expressiveness, theatricality and technical interpretation.

(ii) Candidate will plan instruction which includes a variety of choreographic perspectives, methods and processes.

(iii) As a competent choreographer, the candidate will be able to create expressive performances with various types of groups and in general classroom situations.

(iv) Program completion requirements must include two years of work in improvisation/composition; and choreography, performance, and production of original work.

(d) Teaching Competencies. The candidate will be able to teach dance at various levels to different age groups and in a variety of classroom, studio, and ensemble settings that includes effective classroom, studio, and rehearsal management.

(i) Candidates will understand child growth and development and principles of learning as they relate to dance.

(ii) Candidates will be able to assess, adapt, and plan educational programs for the aptitudes, experiences, socio-cultural backgrounds, and orientations to meet the needs of all learners.

(iii) Candidates will be knowledgeable of current methods, materials, and repertories available in various fields and levels of dance education appropriate to the teaching specialization.

(iv) Candidates will understand and apply the principles and methods of developing curricula and the sequence of methods and units to comprise them.

(v) Candidates will understand assessment tools for formative and summative assessments.

(e) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the P-12 standards for the teaching of reading as specified in Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (g)).

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**Repealed:** Rule reserved. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Adopted:** New Rule entitled "Dance Education Program." F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 26, 2016; eff. Oct. 15, 2016, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.46 Drama Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving initial educator preparation programs that prepare individuals to teach drama in grades P-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from National Association of Schools of Theatre standards published in August 2015.

##### **1. Production.**

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate competence in basic acting skills and techniques;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can direct performances, including playwriting, analyzing scripts, blocking, and casting;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can produce theatre productions, including creating and using scenery, lights, hair and make-up, sound properties, costume, props, special effects, and multimedia;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can evaluate and assess productions;

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who understand the public relation aspect of theatre and that theatre is a business;

(vi) The program shall prepare candidates who can promote and publicize activities or productions; and



(vii) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate technical skills for artistic self-expression in at least one major area of production (for example, acting, design/technology, playwriting, directing).

## 2. Repertory.

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who are familiar with theatre literature of various historical periods, cultural sources, modes of presentation; and

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who acquire experience with specific repertories through performance, academic study, and attendance at productions.

## 3. Theoretical and Historical Studies.

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who understand theatre as a social and aesthetic experience.

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who understand (a) contending philosophies of theatre, (b) the development of past and contemporary theatre forms, (c) major styles and periods of theatre history and dramatic literature, (d) theories of criticism, and (e) the fundamental and integral relationships of all these to the theatre performance.

## 4. Technology.

(i) The program shall prepare candidates that have acquired a working knowledge of applicable technologies and equipment related to their area(s) of specialization in theatre education.

## 5. Synthesis.

(i) The program shall prepare candidates with knowledge and the working application of the function of theatre in school and society, including content appropriateness and legal and ethical issues.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the P-12 standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (g)).

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**Amended:** New Rule entitled "English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement Program" adopted. F. Dec. 3, 2002; eff. Jan. 1, 2003, as specified by the Agency.

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**Amended:** New Rule entitled "Media Specialist Program" adopted. F. Dec. 13, 2005; eff. Jan. 15, 2006, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Drama Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.47 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in grades P-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval for an initial certification program in ESOL, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2018 by the specialized professional association, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.

1. Knowledge about Language. Candidates demonstrate knowledge of English language structures, English language use, and second language acquisition and development processes to help English Learners (ELs) acquire academic language and literacies specific to various content areas as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of English language structures (i.e., phonetics, phonology, morphology, syntax, semantics, and pragmatics) in different discourse contexts to promote the development of reading, writing, speaking, and listening skills across content areas. Candidates serve as language models for ELs;

(ii) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of second language acquisition theory and research pertaining to pedagogy and developmental processes of language acquisition to set achievable expectations for, facilitate, and monitor ELs' language learning; and

(iii) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of English academic language functions (e.g., compare, describe, explain), content-specific language and discourse structures, and vocabulary to promote ELs' academic achievement across content areas.

2. Language and Culture. Candidates demonstrate and apply knowledge of the impact of dynamic academic, personal, familial, cultural, social, and sociopolitical contexts on the education and language acquisition of ELs as supported by research and theories. Candidates investigate the academic, cultural and personal characteristics of each EL, as well as family circumstances and literacy practices, to develop individualized, effective instructional and assessment practices for their ELs. Candidates recognize how educator identity, role, culture, race, gender, class and preconceptions impact the interpretation of ELs' strengths and needs as indicated by:

(i) Candidates demonstrate pedagogical language knowledge and critical language awareness that can help understand and challenge the normative discourses and the ways in which dynamic academic, personal, familial, cultural, and social contexts, including sociopolitical factors, impact the education of ELs;

(ii) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of research and theories of cultural and linguistic differences and fairness that promote critical literacy and critical pedagogies, to support academic achievement and English language acquisition;

(iii) Candidates devise and implement methods and strategies to understand each ELs' academic characteristics, including background knowledge, educational history, English Language Proficiency (ELP) and current performance data, to develop effective, individualized instructional and assessment practices;

(iv) Candidates devise and implement methods to learn about personal characteristics of the individual ELs (e.g., interests, motivations, strengths, needs) and their family (e.g., language use, literacy practices, circumstances) to develop effective instructional practices; and

(v) Candidates use their own and ELs' multiple identities (e.g., professional, cultural, linguistic, multilingual, transnational etc.) as pedagogical resources to empower ELs, by describing their own preconceptions, critical consciousness, and conscious knowledge of U.S. culture on their interpretation of the educational strengths and needs of ELs.

**3. Planning and Implementing Instruction.** Candidates plan supportive environments for ELs, design and implement standards-based instruction using evidence-based, EL-centered, interactive approaches. Candidates make instructional decisions by reflecting on individual EL outcomes and adjusting instruction. Candidates demonstrate understanding of the role of collaboration with colleagues and communication with families to support their ELs' acquisition of English language and literacies in the content areas. Candidates use and adapt relevant resources, including appropriate technology, to effectively plan, develop, implement, and communicate about instruction for ELs as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates plan for culturally and linguistically relevant, supportive environments that promote ELs' learning. Candidates design scaffolded instruction of language and literacies to support standards and curricular objectives for ELs' in the content areas;

(ii) Candidates instruct ELs using evidence-based, student-centered, developmentally appropriate interactive approaches;

(iii) Candidates adjust instructional decisions after critical reflection on individual ELs' learning outcomes in both language and content;

(iv) Candidates plan strategies to collaborate with other educators, school personnel, and families in order to support their ELs' learning of language and literacies in the content areas;

(v) Candidates use and adapt relevant materials and resources, including digital resources, to plan lessons for ELs, support communication with other educators, school personnel, and ELs and to foster student learning of language and literacies in the content areas; and

(vi) Candidates utilize WIDA Consortium English Language Development (ELD) standards and ELD assessment results aligned with the state-adopted content standards to effectively plan, develop, implement and communicate data-driven instruction for ELs.

**4. Assessment and Evaluation.** Candidates apply assessment principles to analyze and interpret multiple and varied assessments for ELs, including classroom-based, standardized, and language proficiency assessments. Candidates understand how to analyze and interpret data to make informed decisions that promote English language and content learning. Candidates understand the importance of communicating results to other educators, ELs, and ELs' families as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates apply knowledge of validity, reliability, and assessment purposes to analyze and interpret student data from multiple sources, including norm-referenced, criterion-referenced, and authentic ongoing assessments. Candidates recognize preconceptions in language testing and make informed instructional decisions that support language learning and assessment;

(ii) Candidates demonstrate understanding of classroom-based formative, summative, and diagnostic assessments scaffolded for both English language and content assessment.

(iii) Candidates continuously determine language and content learning goals based on assessment data;

(iv) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of state-approved administrative considerations, accessibility features, and accommodations appropriate to ELs for standardized and other assessments; and

(v) Candidates demonstrate understanding of how English language proficiency assessment results are used for identification, placement, and reclassification and communicate these results to other educators, EL's families, and other stakeholders.

**5. Professionalism and Leadership.** Candidates demonstrate professionalism and leadership by collaborating with other educators, knowing policies and legislation and the rights of ELs, advocating for ELs and their families, engaging in self-assessment and reflection, pursuing continuous professional development, and honing their teaching practice through supervised teaching as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of effective collaboration strategies in order to plan ways to serve as a resource for EL instruction, support educators and school staff, and advocate for ELs;

(ii) Candidates apply knowledge of school, district, and state policies as well as state and federal legislation that impact ELs educational rights in order to advocate for ELs;

(iii) Candidates practice self-assessment and reflection, make adjustments for self-improvement, and plan for continuous professional development in the field of English language learning and teaching; and

(iv) Candidates engage in supervised teaching of ELs to apply and develop their professional practice using self-reflection and feedback from their cooperating teacher(s) and supervising faculty.

(b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the P-12 standards for the teaching of reading as specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (g)).

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**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Administration and Supervision Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** Rule retitled "Educational Leadership Program" adopted. F. June 21, 1996; eff. July 11, 1996.

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**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Reading Specialist Education Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Mar. 26, 2013; eff. Apr. 15, 2013.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule with same title adopted. F. Apr. 7, 2020; eff. Apr. 15, 2020, as specified by the Agency.

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## **505-3-.49 Health and Physical Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving initial educator preparation programs that prepare individuals to teach health and physical education in grades P-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the National Association for Sport and Physical Education (NASPE) and American Association for Health Education (AAHE):

#### **1. Professional Knowledge.**

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who know and apply disciplinary-content knowledge and concepts critical to the development of healthy and physically educated individuals;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe and apply physiological and biomechanical concepts related to skillful movement, physical activity and fitness;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe and apply motor learning, psychological/behavioral theory related to skillful movement, physical activity, and fitness.

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe and apply motor development theory and principles related to skillful movement, physical activity, and fitness.

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe and apply historical, philosophical, and social perspectives of health and physical education issues and legislation;

(vi) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe and apply critical elements of motor skills and performance concepts.

(vii) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe and apply theoretical foundations of health behavior and principles of learning.

(viii) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe and apply methods of assessing and promoting emotional, physical and mental health over the lifespan.

(ix) The program shall prepare candidates who can describe and apply knowledge of disease etiology and prevention practices.

(x) The program shall prepare candidates who can identify the role of health and physical education in the coordinated school health program.

#### **2. Skill and Fitness Based Competence.**

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who have the knowledge and skills necessary to demonstrate competent movement performance, health-enhancing fitness and health literacy skills.

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate personal competence in motor skill performance for a variety of physical activities and movement patterns.

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can achieve and maintain a health-enhancing level of fitness throughout the program.

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate appropriate application of performance concepts related to skillful movement in a variety of physical activities.

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate health literacy skills of an informed consumer using a variety of reliable data resources related to health.

(vi) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate ability to set goals, develop strategies and implement plans for maintaining and improving health.

### 3. Planning and Implementation.

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who can plan and implement a variety of developmentally appropriate learning experiences and content aligned with local, state and national standards in both health education and physical education.

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can design and implement short and long-term plans that are linked to program and instructional goals as well as a variety of student needs.

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can develop and implement appropriate (e.g., measurable, developmentally appropriate, performance based) goals and objectives aligned with local, state, and/or national standards.

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can design and implement content that is aligned with lesson objectives.

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who can plan for and manage resources to provide active and fair learning experiences.

(vi) The program shall prepare candidates who can plan and differentiate sequential instruction to accommodate learner capabilities and needs.

### 4. Instructional Delivery and Management.

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who can use effective communication and pedagogical skills and strategies to enhance student engagement and learning in both health education and physical education.

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills across a variety of instructional formats.

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can implement effective demonstrations, explanations, and instructional cues and prompts to link concepts to appropriate learning experiences.

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can analyze student performance and provide instructional feedback which results in skill acquisition, student learning, and motivation.

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who can recognize the changing dynamics of the environment and adjust instructional tasks based on student responses.

(vi) The program shall prepare candidates who can utilize managerial rules, routines, and transitions to create and maintain an effective learning environment.

(vii) The program shall prepare candidates who can implement strategies to help students demonstrate responsible personal and social behaviors.

##### **5. Impact on Student Learning.**

- (i) The program shall prepare candidates who can utilize assessments and reflection to foster student learning and inform instructional decisions in both health education and physical education.
- (ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can select or create appropriate assessments that will measure student achievement of goals and objectives.
- (iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can use a variety of appropriate assessments to evaluate student learning.
- (iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can utilize the reflective cycle to implement change in teacher performance, student learning, and/or instructional goals and decisions.

##### **6. Professionalism.**

- (i) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate dispositions essential to becoming effective professionals in both health education and physical education.
  - (ii) The program shall prepare candidates who can demonstrate behaviors that are consistent with the belief that all students can become healthy and physically educated individuals.
  - (iii) The program shall prepare candidates who can participate in activities that enhance collaboration and lead to continuous professional learning.
  - (iv) The program shall prepare candidates who can model appropriate professional behaviors.
- (b) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the P-12 standards for the teaching of reading as specified in Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (g)).

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**Amended:** New Rule entitled "Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement Program" adopted. F. May 9, 2002; eff. June 1, 2002, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "School Nutrition Director Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. June 12, 2009; eff. July 15, 2009, as specified by the Agency.

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## **505-3-.50 Music Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare individuals to teach music in grades P-12, and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards based on the competencies published by the National Association of Schools of Music (2015):

#### **1. Performance.**

(i) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess technical skills requisite for artistic self-expression in at least one major performance area at a level appropriate for the particular music concentration. Experiences in additional performance areas are recommended.

(ii) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess an overview understanding of the repertory in their major performance area and the ability to perform from a cross section of that repertory.

(iii) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess the ability to read at sight with fluency.

(iv) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess knowledge and skills sufficient to work as a leader and in collaboration on matters of musical interpretation. Rehearsal and conducting skills are required as appropriate to the particular music concentration.

(v) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess keyboard competency. Providing opportunities for candidates to gain guitar competency in addition to keyboard competency, while not required, is highly recommended.

(vi) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess growth in artistry, technical skills, collaborative competence and knowledge of repertory through regular ensemble experiences. Ensembles should be varied both in size and nature.

#### **2. Aural Skills and Analysis.**

(i) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess an understanding of the common elements and organizational patterns of music and their interactions, the ability to employ this understanding in aural, verbal, and visual analyses and the ability to take aural dictation.

(ii) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess sufficient understanding of musical forms, processes, and structures to use this knowledge in compositional, performance, scholarly, pedagogical, and historical contexts, according to the requisites of their specializations.

(iii) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess the ability to place music in historical, cultural, and stylistic contexts.

#### **3. Composition and Improvisation.**

(i) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess a rudimentary capacity to create derivative or original music both extemporaneously and in written form.

(ii) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess the ability to compose, improvise, or both at a basic level in one or more musical languages. These may include, but are not limited to, the creation of original compositions or improvisations, variations or improvisations on existing materials, experimentation with various sound sources



including digital/electronic the imitation of various musical styles, and manipulation of the common elements in non-traditional ways.

#### 4. History and Repertory.

- (i) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess a basic knowledge of music history through the present time.
- (ii) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess an acquaintance with repertoires beyond the area of specialization. All students must be exposed to a large and varied body of music through study and attendance at recitals, concerts, opera and musical theater productions, and other performances.

#### 5. Technology.

- (i) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess a basic overview understanding of how technology serves the field of music as a whole. These may include, but are not limited to, digital recording, sound engineering and music production.
- (ii) Programs shall prepare candidates who possess a working knowledge of the technological developments applicable to their area of specialization.

#### 6. Synthesis.

- (i) Programs shall prepare candidates who work independently on a variety of music problems by combining their capabilities in performance; aural, verbal and visual analysis; composition and improvisation; and repertory and history.
- (ii) Programs shall prepare candidates who form and define value judgments about music.
- (iii) Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the tools to work with a comprehensive repertory, including music from various cultures of the world and music of their own time.
- (iv) Programs shall prepare candidates who understand basic interrelationships and interdependencies among various professions and activities that constitute the music enterprise.

#### 7. Music Competencies for Teachers.

- (i) Programs shall prepare candidates who are competent conductors, able to create accurate and musically expressive performances with various types of performing groups and in general classroom situations.
- (ii) Programs shall prepare candidates who are able to arrange and adapt music from a variety of sources to meet the needs and ability levels of school performing groups and classroom situations.
- (iii) Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate functional performance abilities in keyboard and voice, as well as in instruments appropriate to the candidate's teaching specialization.
- (iv) Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the ability to apply analytical and historical knowledge to curriculum development, lesson planning, and daily classroom and performance activities.

#### 8. Teaching Competencies for Teachers.

- (i) Programs shall prepare candidates who teach music at various levels to different age groups and in a variety of classroom and ensemble settings in ways that develop knowledge of how music works syntactically as a communication medium and developmentally as an agent of civilization. This competency includes effective classroom and rehearsal management.

- (ii) Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate an understanding of child growth and development and an understanding of principles of learning as they relate to music.
- (iii) Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the ability to assess aptitudes, experiential backgrounds, orientations of individuals and groups of students, and the nature of subject matter, and to plan educational programs to meet assessed needs.
- (iv) Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate knowledge of current methods, materials, and repertoires available in all fields and levels of music education.
- (v) Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate the ability to accept, amend, or reject methods and materials based on personal assessment of specific teaching situations.
- (vi) Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate an understanding of evaluative techniques and ability to apply them in assessing both the musical progress of students and the objectives and procedures of the curriculum.
- (b) Field Experiences/Clinical Practices. Programs shall prepare candidates who complete field experiences or clinical practices in choral, instrumental, and general music.
- (c) The program shall prepare candidates who meet the P-12 standards for the teaching of reading as specified in Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (g)).

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**HISTORY:** Original Rule entitled "Preschool Handicapped Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

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**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "School Psychologist Program" adopted. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Music Education Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.54 Special Education Adapted Curriculum Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare teachers to teach all students P-12 with disabilities whose individual education program indicates instruction in an adapted curriculum leading to participation in the Georgia alternate assessment. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

(2) **Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020).

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Data-based Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

**5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction.** Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

**6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth.** Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

**7. Collaborating with Team Members.** Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;

(ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;

(iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and

(iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Special Education Adapted Curriculum published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2012).

(i) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of sensory challenges of individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder;

(ii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate Speech, language, and communication of individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder;

(iii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate Adaptive behavior needs of individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder;

(iv) Candidates are prepared to plan and implement instruction for independent functional life skills and adaptive behavior;

(v) Candidates are prepared to plan and implement instruction and related services in environments that are both age appropriate and ability appropriate;

(vi) Candidates are prepared to use specialized instruction to enhance social participation across environments;

(vii) Candidates are prepared to plan systematic instruction based on learner characteristics, interests, and ongoing assessment;

(viii) Candidates are prepared to use specialized instruction to enhance social participation across environments;

(ix) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of assessments of environmental conditions that promote maximum performance of individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder;

(x) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of components of assessment for the core areas for individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder;

(xi) Candidates are prepared to develop strategies for monitoring and analyzing challenging behavior and its communicative intent;

(xii) Candidates are prepared to conduct functional behavior assessments that lead to development of behavior support plans;

(xiii) Candidates are prepared to implement instructional programs that promote effective communication skills using verbal and augmentative and alternative communication systems;

(xiv) Candidates are prepared to provide instruction in community-based settings;

(xv) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of continuum of placement and services available for individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder;

(xvi) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of perspectives held by individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder;

(xvii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of concepts of self-determination, self-advocacy, and community and family support, and impact in the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder; and

(xviii) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with team members to plan transition to adulthood that encourages full community participation.

(b) The program shall prepare professionals who understand and apply principles of teaching reading and writing and who meet the standards for Special Education (P-12) programs specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (f)).

(c) The program shall require the completion of a content concentration in social science, science, math, language arts, or reading.

1. A content concentration shall consist of fifteen (15) semester hours of academic content that conforms with the requirements of the content concentrations for middle grades. (See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.19](#) MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM.)

2. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the reading concentration.

3. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the language arts concentration.

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### **505-3-.55 Special Education General Curriculum Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare teachers to teach all students P-12 with disabilities whose individual education program indicates instruction using the general education curriculum and participation in the general statewide assessment. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020).

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Databased Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction. Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth. Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;

(ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;



(iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and

(iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(b) The program shall prepare professionals who understand and apply principles of teaching reading and writing and who meet the standards for Special Education (P-12) programs specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (f)).

(c) The program shall require the completion of a content concentration in social science, science, math, language arts, or reading.

1. A content concentration shall consist of fifteen (15) semester hours of academic content that conforms with the requirements of the content concentrations for middle grades. (See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.19](#) MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM).

2. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the reading concentration.

3. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the language arts concentration.

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**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "School Nutrition Director Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** Rule reserved. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Adopted:** New Rule entitled "Curriculum and Instruction Program" adopted. F. Dec. 20, 2011; eff. Jan. 15, 2012.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "Special Education General Curriculum Program" adopted. F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Apr. 4, 2023; eff. Apr. 15, 2023, as specified by the Agency.

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## **505-3-.56 Special Education General Curriculum Elementary Education (P-5) Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare teachers to provide instruction or instructional support to all students in grades P-5, including those with disabilities whose individual education plan indicates instruction using the general statewide assessments. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR

PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#)  
FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

**(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020).

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Data-based Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short- and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction. Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth. Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

- (i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;
  - (ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;
  - (iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and
  - (iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.
- (b) The program shall conform to the standards for the preparation of elementary teachers that appear in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.14](#) ELEMENTARY EDUCATION (P-5) PROGRAM.
- (c) The program shall prepare special education elementary education professionals to meet the standards for Elementary, Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education, and Middle Grades Reading teachers specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (c)).

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**AUTHORITY:** O.C.G.A. § [20-2-200](#).

**HISTORY:** Original Rule Entitled "Trade and Industrial Education Program" adopted. F. Dec. 18, 1991; eff. Jan. 7, 1992.

**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "School Psychologist Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** Rule reserved. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Adopted:** New Rule entitled "Special Education General Curriculum Early Childhood Education Program (P-5)." F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule of same title adopted. F. Sep. 24, 2015; eff. Oct. 15, 2015, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** New title "Special Education General Curriculum Elementary Education (P-5) Program." F. June 26, 2019; eff. July 1, 2019, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.57 Special Education Deaf Education Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content for approving programs that prepare teachers to teach students who are deaf or hard of hearing in grades P-12. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND

**(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020).

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, unique characteristics, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Databased Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction. Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth. Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

- (i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;
- (ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;
- (iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and
- (iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) published by the Council for Exception Children (2018):

(i) Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences.

- (I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the effects of the interrelationship among age of identification, type and etiology, level of hearing, auditory development, and provision of services on the development of individuals who are D/HH;
- (II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of auditory development of individuals who are D/HH;
- (III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of visual and spoken languages and communication modes;
- (IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the impact of exceptionalities on the development of language and learning for individuals who are D/HH, including the ways in which exceptionalities may interact with varying hearing levels resulting in more complex needs;
- (V) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the importance of advocating for equal access to language and communication in the individual's preferred mode across all educational settings;
- (VI) Candidates are prepared to incorporate current theories of spoken and signed language development of individuals who are D/HH and components of communication competence into programming and planning for students;
- (VII) Candidates are prepared to develop individualized programming and instruction in light of various aspects of hearing status;
- (VIII) Candidates are prepared to incorporate auditory development of individuals who are D/HH into programming and planning for students;
- (IX) Candidates are prepared to implement evidence-based practices in early intervention services specifically related to overall development of children who are D/HH and family outcomes;
- (X) Candidates are prepared to identify and support communication modes that provide equal access, based on the needs and preferences of individuals and their families;
- (XI) Candidates are prepared to deliver individualized programming and planning informed by the presence of identified exceptionalities; and

(XII) Candidates are prepared to identify and support all Least Restricted Environment (LRE) options to facilitate Individualized Education Program (IEP) team decisions taking communication into account.

(ii) Learning Environments.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the influence of educational placement, family communication, language, cultural identity, socioeconomic status, home and community environment, and child maltreatment on development and learning;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate the value of peers and role models who are D/HH on family perceptions, decision making, and student outcomes;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate factors impacting visual and/or auditory learning;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to promote ongoing opportunities for interactions between individuals who are D/HH and their families with peers and role models who are D/HH;

(V) Candidates are prepared to assist with routines related to assistive technology used by individuals who are D/HH to enhance access to the environment;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to design or modify a language-rich learning environment that maximizes opportunities for visual and/or auditory learning and meets developmental and learning needs; and

(VII) Candidates are prepared to structure the learning environments to encourage developmentally appropriate self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

(iii) Curricular Content Knowledge.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the interrelationship between services and curricular sequencing and progressions;

(II) Candidates are prepared to integrate evidence-based language and literacy instruction across all academic areas; and

(III) Candidates are prepared to differentiate and adapt curricula in response to the variety of populations across multiple educational settings.

(iv) Assessment.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the range of assessment types, from informal to standardized;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the appropriate formative, summative, and diagnostic assessment of expanded core curriculum, auditory skills, visual language skills, self-advocacy, self-determination, functional listening, self-care skills, and student safety;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the relationship between assessment data, reporting, and programming and planning;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to utilize appropriate terminology and interpret results across assessments;

(V) Candidates are prepared to ensure equal access to communication and minimized partiality in assessment with regard to laws, policies, and ethical principles;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to use and interpret technically sound assessments for individuals with D/HH;



(VII) Candidates are prepared to administer appropriate formative, summative, and diagnostic assessments;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to identify or develop appropriate specialized assessments that allow for alternative forms of expression, and select appropriate accommodations and modifications;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to collect and analyze a range of spoken, signed, written, or other language and communication samples; and

(X) Candidates are prepared to utilize assessment data to develop reports and to inform programming and planning.

(v) Instructional Planning and Strategies.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate language/modes of communication used by individuals who are D/HH;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the strategies that promote curricular programming that is responsive to the variety of populations across multiple educational settings;

(III) Candidates are prepared to tailor evidence-based instructional strategies and specialized technologies across a variety of service delivery models and instructional setting;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to coordinate and collaborate to ensure appropriate instruction and planning;

(V) Candidates are prepared to implement strategies for supporting audition;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to implement strategies for conserving vision and hearing;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to implement evidence-based strategies for developing language in individuals' preferred communication mode(s);

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to promote optimal access to communication to facilitate supportive and welcoming experiences;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to develop proficiency in the languages/modes of communication used by individuals who are D/HH;

(X) Candidates are prepared to promote literacy and content area reading and writing through the individual's preferred communication mode(s);

(XI) Candidates are prepared to apply first and second language teaching strategies;

(XII) Candidates are prepared to ensure use of visual tools, organizers, and current assistive technology that enhances communication access that support programming and planning across a variety of service delivery models and instructional settings; and

(XIII) Candidates are prepared to plan and implement transitions across service continua.

(vi) Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of laws, policies, and ethical principles guiding equal access to communication in individuals' preferred communication mode(s);

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the awareness of the educator's language competence in supporting individual outcomes;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the sociocultural, historical, and political considerations unique to Deaf culture and the field of education of individuals who are D/HH;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to advocate, using impartial ethical practices, based on the needs of the individual or family;

(V) Candidates are prepared to apply ethical decision making related to optimal access to communication in individuals' preferred communication mode(s) for all programming and planning;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to increase educator's competence in the individual's preferred communication mode(s);

(VII) Candidates are prepared to advocate for and implement programming and planning to provide equal communication access to individuals across all educational settings; and

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to use historical foundations and research evidence to inform educational programming and planning.

(vii) Collaboration.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the services, organizations, and networks that are relevant to individuals who are D/HH;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the policies, procedures, and resources for universal newborn hearing screening and early intervention;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the roles and responsibilities of support staff in programming and planning;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate collaborative behaviors within the boundaries of the professionals' scope of practice;

(V) Candidates are prepared to interpret relevant data and statistics related to hearing levels and their potential impact on outcomes;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to participate in professional networks relevant to the education of individuals who are D/HH;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to provide families with information in an impartial manner to make informed choices regarding communication modes, philosophies, and educational options; and

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to prepare and assist team members to work with D/HH team members across a variety of service delivery models and instructional environments.

(b) The program shall prepare professionals who understand and apply principles of teaching reading and writing and who meet the standards for Special Education (P-12) programs specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (f)).

(c) The program shall require the completion of a content concentration in social science, science, math, language arts, or reading.

1. A content concentration shall consist of fifteen (15) semester hours of academic content that conforms with the requirements of the content concentrations for middle grades. (See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.19](#) MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM).

2. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the reading concentration.

3. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the language arts concentration.

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**Repealed:** New Rule entitled "School Social Worker Program" adopted. F. Dec. 16, 1992; eff. July 1, 1993, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** New Rule, same title adopted. F. Nov. 9, 2001; eff. Dec. 1, 2001, as specified by the Agency.

**Amended:** F. Aug. 20, 2004; eff. Sept. 15, 2004, as specified by the Agency.

**Repealed:** Rule reserved. F. Oct. 24, 2005; eff. Nov. 15, 2005, as specified by the Agency.

**Adopted:** New Rule entitled "Special Education Deaf Education Program." F. Apr. 24, 2014; eff. May 15, 2014, as specified by the Agency.

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### **505-3-.58 Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare teachers to provide instruction or instructional support to P-12 students who have physical or health-related disabilities for all or part of a student's general or special curriculum needs as indicated in the Individual Education Plan (IEP). This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020).

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences,

including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Databased Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction. Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth. Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;

(ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;

(iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and

(iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities published by the Council for Exception Children (2012):

(i) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the implications of physical and health disabilities on development and learning;

(ii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the functional effects of the type and severity of physical and health disabilities on individual performance;

- (iii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the psychosocial effects of physical and health disabilities;
  - (iv) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the adaptations of educational environments to enhance the potential of individuals with physical and health disabilities;
  - (v) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the barriers to accessibility by individuals with physical and health disabilities;
  - (vi) Candidates are prepared to use proper positioning techniques and equipment to promote participation in academic and social environments;
  - (vii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate proper body mechanics to promote individual and teacher safety in transfer, lifting, positioning, and seating;
  - (viii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of continuum of non-symbolic to symbolic forms of communication;
  - (ix) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of valid and reliable assessment instruments for individuals who have poor motor skills and for those who are nonverbal;
  - (x) Candidates are prepared to teach response modes to establish accuracy in the assessment of individuals with physical and health disabilities;
  - (xi) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the adaptations and assistive technology necessary to accommodate the unique characteristics of individuals with physical and health disabilities;
  - (xii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the incorporation of augmentative and assistive communication into instruction and daily living activities;
  - (xiii) Candidates are prepared to use specialized instructional strategies for academic and functional tasks for individuals with physical and health disabilities;
  - (xiv) Candidates are prepared to use adaptations and assistive technology to provide access to and participation in the general education curriculum; and
  - (xv) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate techniques for teaching literacy skills to individuals who are nonverbal.
- (b) The program shall prepare professionals who understand and apply principles of teaching reading and writing and who meet the standards for Special Education (P-12) programs specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (f)).
- (c) The program shall require the completion of a content concentration in social science, science, math, language arts, or reading.
1. A content concentration shall consist of fifteen (15) semester hours of academic content that conforms with the requirements of the content concentrations for middle grades. (See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.19](#) MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM).
  2. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the reading concentration.
  3. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the language arts concentration.

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### **505-3-.60 Special Education Visual Impairments Program**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare teachers to teach students with visual impairments in grades P-12. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS and in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE.

#### **(2) Requirements.**

(a) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020).

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning, self-reflection, and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Databased Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction. Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;



(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth. Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;

(ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;

(iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and

(iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Special Education Vision Impairment published by the Council for Exception Children (2018):

(i) Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the development of the human visual system and areas of the brain involved in processing visual images;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the most prevalent causes of severe, uncorrectable visual impairment in children and youth ages birth to 22;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of terminology related to diseases and disorder of the human visual system, including cerebral/cortical visual impairment;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of implications of prevalent visual conditions;

(V) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of sensory development and its impact on development and learning when vision is impaired;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the impact and implications of sociocultural/psychosocial factors on social-emotional development;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to accurately read, interpret, and summarize eye reports and serve as liaison to families and other members of the education team to individual services;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to select and develop assessment and teaching strategies, accommodations and modifications that address age, visual impairment, family values and priorities, visual prognosis, and other individual characteristics;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to use nonvisual/alternate strategies to promote attachment, early communication/literacy, orientation and mobility, and independence to address the effects of visual impairment on families and the reciprocal impact on individuals' self-esteem; and

(X) Candidates are prepared to select, adapt, and use nonvisual/alternate instructional strategies to address co-occurring disabilities and other individual characteristics.

(ii) Learning Environments.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of physical and virtual environmental factors that impact the acquisition of spatial and positional concepts, access to and synthesis of data visualizations, and other concepts typically acquired through vision;

(II) Candidates are prepared to identify and implement physical and virtual environmental accommodations and modifications to facilitate optimal sensory use and multisensory access to, and active participation in, individual and group activities in general and expanded core curriculum environments;

(III) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with team members to design and implement environments that promote optimal sensory use, foundational orientation and mobility skills, independence, social engagement, and efficient storage of specialized materials;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to identify unique issues specific to visual impairment for accessing digital multimedia and virtually built environments;

(V) Candidates are prepared to use ergonomics and appropriate technology settings aligned with students' preferred learning media and low tech strategies to support ubiquitous computing to promote access to the general and expanded core curriculum;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to facilitate incidental learning experiences to address nonvisual access to physical and virtual environments;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to evaluate social skills and design behavior strategies for learners with visual impairments to maximize positive social engagement and interaction across environments;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to teach developmentally appropriate human guide, self-familiarization with new environments, protective, and alignment techniques for independent travel to promote safety across environments;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to teach orientation skills using environmental features, self-advocacy for optimal environmental accommodations and modifications, including requesting and refusing assistance as needed; and

(X) Candidates are prepared to teach nonvisual and alternate strategies for promoting digital citizenship and secure online practices.

(iii) Curricular Content Knowledge.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the relationship of individualized assessment, intervention planning/implementation, development of individualized education programs/individualized family service plans, progress monitoring, and placement specific to unique needs of students with visual impairment including cerebral/cortical visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of a wide range of instructional and assistive technologies specific to visual impairment;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, proofreading, and interlining alphabetic and fully contracted Unified English Braille;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate basic proficiency in reading and writing braille for mathematic and scientific notation and in using the abacus;

(V) Candidates are prepared to produce braille with brailier, slate and stylus, computer (including use of braille translation software), and braille production methods;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate basic proficiency in human guide, protective, alignment, and search techniques in orientation and mobility with developmentally appropriate modifications;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to identify specialized resources unique to visual impairment to address the specific communication needs of students with varied communication abilities, reading levels, and language proficiency;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to develop, implement, and continuously monitor learning objectives and goals for optimizing sensory efficiency, developing concepts, and accessing the general and expanded core curriculum across settings; and

(IX) Candidates are prepared to identify and adapt general education and visual impairment specific curricula for instruction of literacy, other academic areas, and the expanded core curriculum.

(iv) Assessment.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the challenges of assessing students with visual impairments, including cerebral/cortical visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the options for specialized assessment materials and equipment for unique sensory needs;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the role of specialized, individualized assessment data unique to visual impairment for pre-referral, referral, annual, and tri-annual processes;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the implications of short- and long-term use of accommodations and modifications unique to students with visual impairments, including cerebral/cortical visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities;

(V) Candidates are prepared to interpret medical reports and multiple sources of data, including background information and family history, to plan and implement nondiscriminatory assessments;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to use multiple sources of valid information/data, including data from formal/informal assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of intervention, instruction, specialized media, materials, equipment, and the physical environment;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to use valid assessment results and medical reports to determine eligibility for vision specific services, for students with and without specific visual diagnoses;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to use valid assessment data and knowledge of the potential impact of visual impairment on psychosocial functioning to identify when referral for services is needed;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to adapt assessments when tests are not validated on individuals with visual impairments to determine baseline performance;

(X) Candidates are prepared to identify assessment items and measures that are biased and make recommendations for non-visual or alternate accommodations and modifications;

(XI) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with team members and families to plan and implement assessment and interpret assessment results on issues specific to visual impairment;

(XII) Candidates are prepared to conduct individualized functional vision, learning media, assistive technology and other expanded core curriculum-related assessments;

(XIII) Candidates are prepared to interpret and/or assess cognitive, motor, social, and language concepts unique to individuals with visual impairments;

(XIV) Candidates are prepared to use multiple sources of data to determine appropriate learning and literacy media (braille, print, or dual) and assistive technology;

(XV) Candidates are prepared to interpret assessment results to determine individual needs to support acquisition of skills in the general and expanded core curriculum;

(XVI) Candidates are prepared to advocate for reasonable nonvisual and alternate accommodations and modifications on standardized assessments;

(XVII) Candidates are prepared to address limitations of standard scores and non-standard data when communicating visual impairment specific assessment data to educational teams and families;

(XVIII) Candidates are prepared to assess accessibility needs of individuals who are visually impaired who are English learners or from diverse backgrounds; and

(XIX) Candidates are prepared to use results of clinical low vision evaluation, functional vision, learning media, and assistive technology assessments to identify optimal assistive technology.

(v) Instructional Planning and Strategies.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate the proper use and care of braille and braille production devices and technology equipment, including maintenance of devices and software updates;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the importance of creating positive, productive learning environments that foster independence and student achievement, and that reduce the tendency of others to engender learned helplessness in learners with visual impairments;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of knowledge of evidence-based practices for teaching students with visual impairments, including cerebral/cortical visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities;

- (IV) Candidates are prepared to develop, coordinate, and implement appropriate programs for infants and young children with visual impairment, including those with cerebral/cortical visual impairment and co-occurring disabilities, and their families;
- (V) Candidates are prepared to obtain resources, including published curricula, for braille codes currently in use;
- (VI) Candidates are prepared to use digital resources, hardware, and software to produce and access materials in accessible media including the conversion of print materials into braille, tactile, and/or digital formats;
- (VII) Candidates are prepared to teach varied visual, nonvisual, and multi-sensory devices, programs, and software to launch, navigate, save, and retrieve information on devices and local systems and online;
- (VIII) Candidates are prepared to select and use various visual, nonvisual, multisensory, and adaptive methods to teach technology skills by integrating students' assessed needs into instructional methods for teaching sensory efficiency skills, use of learning media, individual keyboarding, reading, writing, editing, and listening skills;
- (IX) Candidates are prepared to plan and implement explicit instruction in assistive technology, including digital citizenship, that integrates students' ability to meet, manage, and advocate for their own needs;
- (X) Candidates are prepared to integrate basic principles of accessibility to select, create, adapt, and format text, images, and media to promote usability and accessibility to meet the individual needs of students with visual impairments;
- (XI) Candidates are prepared to provide systematic, explicit braille literacy instruction using embossed materials and digital technologies to meet individual needs;
- (XII) Candidates are prepared to teach the use of the abacus, accessible calculator, tactile graphics, adapted equipment, and appropriate technology for mathematics and science instruction to meet individual needs;
- (XIII) Candidates are prepared to teach students to access, interpret, and create increasingly complex printed and digital graphics in visual and/or tactile forms, including maps, charts, diagrams, and tables, based on individual needs;
- (XIV) Candidates are prepared to teach students to access, interpret, and create increasingly complex printed and digital graphics in visual and/or tactile forms, including maps, charts, diagrams, and tables, based on individual needs;
- (XV) Candidates are prepared to teach students with low vision to use optical, electronic, and non-optical devices to optimize visual efficiency and independently use dual learning media such as visual and auditory information, or auditory and tactile information;
- (XVI) Candidates are prepared to promote and reinforce sensorimotor and physical skills, including gross and fine motor skills, posture, balance, purposeful movement, and strength to meet individual needs unique to visual impairment;
- (XVII) Candidates are prepared to teach basic orientation, body image, spatial, temporal, positional, directional, and environmental concepts based on individual needs to promote motor skill development, orientation and mobility, and academic and social inclusion;
- (XVIII) Candidates are prepared to teach and reinforce human guide techniques to students with visual impairment, their peers, and others who interact with them;
- (XIX) Candidates are prepared to orient students to unfamiliar environments;
- (XX) Candidates are prepared to reinforce skills taught by orientation and mobility specialists to support the use of mobility devices and dog guides, for orientation and mobility;

(XXI) Candidates are prepared to teach independent living and organization skills using alternate and nonvisual strategies;

(XXII) Candidates are prepared to teach social communication skills related to appropriate body language, non-verbal communication, and social etiquette;

(XXIII) Candidates are prepared to teach development and monitoring of relationships and friendships, and knowledge of self, including human sexuality;

(XXIV) Candidates are prepared to teach skills usually acquired visually to develop and enhance participation in fitness/leisure/recreation activities, hobbies, and team and spectator sports to facilitate inclusion across settings;

(XXV) Candidates are prepared to teach students to recognize and report behaviors that they may not perceive visually that may threaten their personal safety and well-being;

(XXVI) Candidates are prepared to teach students their legal rights and responsibilities related to being a citizen with a visual impairment;

(XXVII) Candidates are prepared to prepare students with progressive visual conditions to transition to alternative skills;

(XXVIII) Candidates are prepared to collaboratively develop, implement, and continuously monitor communication goals, objectives, and systems for students with visual impairments and co-occurring disabilities;

(XXIX) Candidates are prepared to teach students to recognize and report behaviors that they may not perceive visually that may threaten their personal safety and well-being;

(XXX) Candidates are prepared to select, adapt, and use nonvisual/alternate instructional strategies to address co-occurring disabilities; and

(XXXI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate an understanding of the knowledge of a range of cost effective technological devices from low to high tech for the instructional needs specific to visual impairment.

(vi) Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding roles and responsibilities of teachers and support personnel in providing services for students with visual impairments in a range of settings;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of current knowledge of eligibility criteria for specialized services, funding, and materials sources specific to visual impairment;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the historical, political, and sociocultural forces unique to the education of students with visual impairments;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate awareness of the impact of nonverbal reactions and behaviors that are not accessible to students with visual impairments;

(V) Candidates are prepared to understand the role in determining and recommending appropriate type and amount of services based on evaluation of needs in all areas of the expanded core curriculum;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of current knowledge of laws that impact and protect individuals with visual impairments;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the roles of all members of educational/vision care teams;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to develop and maintain professional learning and practice by actively participating in professional organizations;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to articulate instructional and professional philosophies and ethical practices to address the specific needs of students with visual impairment across settings including the expanded core curriculum;

(X) Candidates are prepared to articulate and advocate for individual needs regarding placement, service delivery models, type and amount of service, and key components of services unique to visual impairment across ages and settings;

(XI) Candidates are prepared to advocate for reasonable nonvisual and alternate accommodations and modifications on standardized assessments;

(XII) Candidates are prepared to advocate for evidence-based educational policy related to visual impairment and low incidence disabilities;

(XIII) Candidates are prepared to articulate a plan for maintaining continuous professional development to remain current on all areas of the expanded core curriculum, with particular attention to assistive and instructional technology, most prevalent causes of and medical treatments for severe visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities; and

(XIV) Candidates are prepared to evaluate and discern credible and scholarly sources of information about visual impairments, including knowledge of valid and reliable research techniques.

(vii) Collaboration.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the role in conveying, to families and teams, information about the impact and implications of visual impairment on development and learning and access to the general and expanded core curriculum;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the role in working collaboratively with families and teams for referral for counseling, therapy, or other services to address the unique needs of visual impairment;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the role in increasing awareness of accessibility in physical and virtual environments and improving open access to information for families and the educational team;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate the importance of role models with visual impairment for a full range of individual learners across settings;

(V) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with educational team and families on service delivery issues unique to visual impairment;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with technology and curriculum development staff on accessibility needs;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to serve as liaison between medical care providers, families, and other members of the educational team;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with vision care professionals to facilitate access to the general and expanded core curriculum;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with families and orientation and mobility specialists to reinforce orientation and mobility skills and other expanded core curriculum skills;

(X) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with families and other team members to plan and implement transitions;

(XI) Candidates are prepared to instruct and supervise paraeducators, and provide information to families and the educational team in nonvisual strategies that promote independence and autonomy;

(XII) Candidates are prepared to instruct and supervise paraeducators and braille transcribers, and provide information to families and the educational team on the production of accessible media;

(XIII) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with families and the educational team to promote literacy development; and

(XIV) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with assistive technology professionals to identify and support customized tools to meet the accessibility needs of individuals with visual impairment.

(b) The program shall prepare professionals who understand and apply principles of teaching reading and writing and who meet the standards for Special Education (P-12) programs specified in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.03](#) FOUNDATIONS OF READING, LITERACY, AND LANGUAGE (paragraph (3) (f)).

(c) The program shall require the completion of a content concentration in social science, science, math, language arts, or reading.

1. A content concentration shall consist of fifteen (15) semester hours of academic content that conforms with the requirements of the content concentrations for middle grades. (See GaPSC Rule [505-3-.19](#) MIDDLE GRADES EDUCATION PROGRAM).

2. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the reading concentration.

3. One or more courses taken to meet the requirements of (b) (above) may be counted toward the fifteen semester hours required for the language arts concentration.

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### **505-3-.83 Autism Education Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare general and special education teachers to teach students P-12 with Autism. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Autism Endorsement have strengthened and enhanced competencies for teaching children with autism in the grade levels and/or subjects of their base certificates(s).

(3) **Requirements.**



(a) A GAPSC-approved educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 4.(ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020):

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with various social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, unique characteristics, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Data-based Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

**5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction.** Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

**6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth.** Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

**7. Collaborating with Team Members.** Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

- (i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;
- (ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;
- (iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and
- (iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Special Education Autism adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exception Children (2012).

(i) Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences.

- (I) The program shall prepare candidates who understand theories grounded in current research that prepare candidates to understand the etiology of Autism and how such theories can be used to develop differentiated learning and social opportunities.
- (II) Candidates are prepared to understand and demonstrate the following for individuals with autism spectrum disorder:
  - I. Medical aspects and implications for learning;
  - II. Core and associated characteristics;
  - III. Co-existing conditions and ranges that exist at a higher rate than in the general population;
  - IV. Sensory challenges;
  - V. Speech, language, and communication challenges;
  - VI. Adaptive behavior needs; and
  - VII. Effect of self-regulation on learning and behavior.

(ii) Learning Environments and Instructional Planning and Strategies.

- (I) Candidates are prepared to use person-centered approaches and collaborate with families, other educators, and other professionals to plan and implement age and ability appropriate differentiated instruction that enhance accessibility to the general education curriculum; and
- (II) Candidates are prepared to use person-centered approaches and collaborate with families, other educators, and other professionals to plan and implement differentiated instruction that enhances sense of belonging, peer relationships, and social communication. (Note: person-centered planning involves instruction based on learner characteristics, interests, and ongoing assessment, and should be embedded into all learning environments.)

(iii) Assessment.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate a basic understanding of frequently used procedures to identify eligibility criteria and monitor progress of learning and other goals of individuals with autism spectrum disorders;

(II) Candidates are prepared to describe how Functional Behavior Assessments and assessments of environmental conditions are used to develop databased interventions to support learning and communication of individuals with autism spectrum disorders;

(III) Candidates are prepared to identify research-based assessment tools and procedures to describe skills, areas of strength and interest that can be used to differentiate instruction to support learning and behavior;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to use preference assessment techniques to identify individual preferences that enhance learning;

(V) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with behavior specialists to conduct Functional Behavior Assessments that lead to the development of behavior support plans; and

(VI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate culturally sensitive practices that include collaboration with families in assessment of students with autism spectrum disorders.

(iv) Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.

(I) Candidates are prepared to understand definitions and issues related to the identification of individuals with autism spectrum disorders at different ages across the spectrum;

(II) Candidates are prepared to describe the history of autism spectrum disorder and how the history may impact the current understanding of autism and interventions/supports by parents, teachers, and other community members;

(III) Candidates are prepared to differentiate between research-based practices and pseudo-science, and can describe the importance of using effective practices based on research to those who may advocate for practices lacking empirical support;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to understand and can identify different perspectives held by individuals with developmental disabilities and autism spectrum disorder; and

(V) Candidates are prepared to understand and promote the concepts of self-determination, self-advocacy, and community and family support that impact the lives of individuals with autism spectrum disorder.

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### **505-3-.89 English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare individuals to teach English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) in grades P-12 and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Endorsement program are qualified to teach ESOL courses in grades P-12.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC approved professional educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 3. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2018 by the specialized professional association, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages, Inc.

1. Knowledge about Language. Candidates demonstrate knowledge of English language structures, English language use, and second language acquisition and development processes to help English Learners (ELs) acquire academic language and literacies specific to various content areas as indicated by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who understand and apply theories and research in language acquisition and development to support ELL English language and literacy learning and content-area achievement;

(ii) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of second language acquisition theory and research pertaining to pedagogy and developmental processes of language acquisition to set achievable expectations for, facilitate, and monitor ELs' language learning; and

(iii) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of English academic language functions (e.g., compare, describe, explain), content-specific language and discourse structures, and vocabulary to promote ELs' academic achievement across content areas.

2. Language and Culture. Candidates demonstrate and apply knowledge of the impact of dynamic academic, personal, familial, cultural, social, and sociopolitical contexts on the education and language acquisition of ELs as supported by research and theories. Candidates investigate the academic, cultural and personal characteristics of each EL, as well as family circumstances and literacy practices, to develop individualized, effective instructional and assessment practices for their ELs. Candidates recognize how educator identity, role, culture, race, gender, class and preconceptions impact the interpretation of ELs' strengths and needs as indicated by:

(i) Candidates demonstrate pedagogical language knowledge and critical language awareness that can help understand and challenge the normative discourses and the ways in which dynamic academic, personal, familial, cultural, and social contexts, including sociopolitical factors, impact the education of ELs;

(ii) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of research and theories of cultural and linguistic differences and fairness that promote critical literacy and critical pedagogies, to support academic achievement and English language acquisition;

(iii) Candidates devise and implement methods and strategies to understand each ELs' academic characteristics, including background knowledge, educational history, English Language Proficiency (ELP) and current performance data, to develop effective, individualized instructional and assessment practices;

(iv) Candidates devise and implement methods to learn about personal characteristics of the individual ELs (e.g., interests, motivations, strengths, needs) and their family (e.g., language use, literacy practices, circumstances) to develop effective instructional practices; and

(v) Candidates use their own and ELs' multiple identities (e.g., professional, cultural, linguistic, multilingual, transnational etc.) as pedagogical resources to empower ELs, by describing their own preconceptions, critical consciousness, and conscious knowledge of U.S. culture on their interpretation of the educational strengths and needs of ELs.

3. Planning and Implementing Instruction. Candidates plan supportive environments for ELs, design and implement standards-based instruction using evidence-based, EL-centered, interactive approaches. Candidates make instructional decisions by reflecting on individual EL outcomes and adjusting instruction as indicated by:

(i) Candidates plan for culturally and linguistically relevant, supportive environments that promote ELs' learning. Candidates design scaffolded instruction of language and literacies to support standards and curricular objectives for ELs' in the content areas;

(ii) Candidates instruct ELs using evidence-based, student-centered, developmentally appropriate interactive approaches;

(iii) Candidates adjust instructional decisions after critical reflection on individual ELs' learning outcomes in both language and content;

(iv) Candidates plan strategies to collaborate with other educators, school personnel, and families in order to support their ELs' learning of language and literacies in the content areas;

(v) Candidates use and adapt relevant materials and resources, including digital resources, to plan lessons for ELs, support communication with other educators, school personnel, and ELs and to foster student learning of language and literacies in the content areas; and

(vi) Candidates utilize WIDA Consortium English Language Development (ELD) standards and ELD assessment results aligned with the state-adopted content standards to effectively plan, develop, implement and communicate data-driven instruction for ELs.

4. Assessment and Evaluation. Candidates apply assessment principles to analyze and interpret multiple and varied assessments for ELs, including classroom-based, standardized, and language proficiency assessments. Candidates understand how to analyze and interpret data to make informed decisions that promote English language and content learning. Candidates understand the importance of communicating results to other educators, ELs, and ELs' families as indicated by the following:

(i) Candidates apply knowledge of validity, reliability, and assessment purposes to analyze and interpret student data from multiple sources, including norm-referenced, criterion-referenced, and authentic ongoing assessments. Candidates recognize preconceptions in language testing and make informed instructional decisions that support language learning and assessment;

(ii) Candidates demonstrate understanding of classroom-based formative, summative, and diagnostic assessments scaffolded for both English language and content assessment.

(iii) Candidates continuously determine language and content learning goals based on assessment data;

(iv) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of state-approved administrative considerations, accessibility features, and accommodations appropriate to ELs for standardized and other assessments; and

(v) Candidates demonstrate understanding of how English language proficiency assessment results are used for identification, placement, and reclassification and communicate these results to other educators, EL's families, and other stakeholders.

5. Professionalism and Leadership.

(i) Candidates demonstrate knowledge of effective collaboration strategies in order to plan ways to serve as a resource for EL instruction, support educators and school staff, and advocate for ELs;

(ii) Candidates apply knowledge of school, district, and state policies as well as state and federal legislation that impact ELs educational rights in order to advocate for ELs;

(iii) Candidates practice self-assessment and reflection, make adjustments for self-improvement, and plan for continuous professional development in the field of English language learning and teaching; and

(iv) Candidates engage in field experiences to apply their knowledge and further develop their understanding of language, sociocultural context, planning and implementing instruction for ELs, and assessment and evaluation of ELs to improve their professional practice.

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### 505-3-.90 Gifted In-Field Education Endorsement

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare individuals to teach gifted and talented students in the field(s) and at the grade levels of their base teacher certification and supplements requirements in Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Gifted In-Field Endorsement program are qualified to provide direct instruction to gifted students in the grade levels and/or field(s) of their base teaching certificate(s), or to serve as a resource teacher for indirect gifted education services in any content area in grades P-12.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved professional educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 3. (ix) of GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards for the preparation of teachers of students with gifts and talents adapted from the standards developed by the National Association for Gifted Children and the Council for Exceptional Children:

1. Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences. Beginning gifted education professionals understand the variations in learning and development in cognitive and affective areas between and among individuals with gifts and talents and apply this understanding to provide meaningful and challenging learning experiences for individuals with exceptionalities as evidenced by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who understand how language, culture, economic status, family background, and/or area of disability can influence the learning of individuals with gifts and talents; and

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who use their understanding of development and individual differences to respond to the needs of individuals with gifts and talents.

2. Learning Environments. Beginning gifted education professionals create safe, supportive, welcoming, and culturally responsive learning environments so that individuals with gifts and talents become effective learners and develop social and emotional well-being as evidenced by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who create safe, supportive, welcoming, and culturally responsive learning environments that engage individuals with gifts and talents in meaningful and rigorous learning activities and social interactions;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who use communication and motivational and instructional strategies to facilitate understanding of subject matter and to teach individuals with gifts and talents how to adapt to different environments and develop ethical leadership skills;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who adjust their communication to an individual's language proficiency and cultural and linguistic differences; and

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate understanding of the multiple environments that are part of a continuum of services for individuals with gifts and talents, including the advantages and disadvantages of various settings and teach students to adapt to these environments.



3. Curricular Content Knowledge. Beginning gifted education professionals use knowledge of general (core content) and specialized (interventions that are designed to address the unique needs of individuals with gifts and talents) to advance learning for individuals with gifts and talents as evidenced by:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who understand the role of central concepts, structures of the discipline, and tools of inquiry of the content areas they teach, and use their understanding to organize knowledge, integrate cross-disciplinary skills, and develop meaningful learning progressions within and across grade levels;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who design appropriate learning and performance modifications for individuals with gifts and talents that enhance creativity, acceleration, depth and complexity in academic subject matter and specialized domains;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who use assessments to select, adapt, and create materials to differentiate instructional strategies and general and specialized curricula to challenge individuals with gifts and talents; and

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who understand that individuals with gifts and talents demonstrate a wide range of advanced knowledge and performance levels and modify the general or specialized curriculum appropriately.

4. Assessment. Beginning gifted education professionals use multiple methods of assessment and data sources in making educational decisions about identification of individuals with gifts and talents and student learning as evidenced by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who understand that some groups of individuals with gifts and talents have been underrepresented in gifted education programs and select and use technically sound formal and informal assessments that minimize partiality in identifying students for gifted education programs and services;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who use knowledge of measurement principles and practices to differentiate assessments and interpret results to guide educational decisions for individuals with gifts and talents;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who collaborate with colleagues and families in using multiple types of assessment information to make identification and learning progress decisions and to minimize partiality in assessment and decision-making;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who use assessment results to develop long- and short-range goals and objectives that take into consideration an individual's abilities and needs, the learning environment, and other factors related to individual differences; and

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who engage individuals with gifts and talents in assessing the quality of their own learning and performance and in setting future goals and objectives.

5. Instructional Planning and Strategies. Beginning gifted education professionals select, adapt, and use a repertoire of evidence-based instructional strategies to advance the learning of individuals with gifts and talents as evidenced by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who know principles of evidence-based, differentiated, and accelerated practices and possess a repertoire of instructional strategies to enhance the critical and creative thinking, problem-solving, and performance skills of individuals with gifts and talents;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who apply appropriate technologies to support instructional assessment, planning, and delivery for individuals with gifts and talents;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who collaborate with families, professional colleagues, and other educators to select, adapt, and use evidence-based strategies that promote challenging learning opportunities in general and specialized curricula;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who emphasize the development, practice, and transfer of advanced knowledge and skills across environments throughout the lifespan leading to creative, productive careers in a multicultural society for individuals with gifts and talents; and

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who use instructional strategies that enhance the affective development of individuals with gifts and talents.

**6. Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.** Beginning gifted education professionals use foundational knowledge of the field and professional ethical principles and programming standards to inform gifted education practice, to engage in lifelong learning, and to advance the profession as evidenced by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who use professional ethical principles and specialized program standards to guide their practice;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who understand how foundational knowledge, perspectives, and historical and current issues influence professional practice and the education and treatment of individuals with gifts and talents both in school and society;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who model respect for individual differences, understanding that it is an integral part of society's institutions and impacts learning of individuals with gifts and talents in the delivery of gifted education services;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who are aware of their own professional learning needs, understand the significance of lifelong learning, and participate in professional activities and learning communities; and

(v) The program shall prepare candidates who advance the profession by engaging in activities such as advocacy and mentoring.

**7. Collaboration.** Beginning gifted education professionals collaborate with families, other educators, related-service providers, individuals with gifts and talents, and personnel from community agencies in culturally responsive ways to address the needs of individuals with gifts and talents across a range of learning experiences as evidenced by the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who apply elements of effective collaboration;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who serve as a collaborative resource to colleagues; and

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who use collaboration to promote the well-being of individuals with gifts and talents across a wide range of settings, experiences, and collaborators.

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## **505-3-.92 K-5 Mathematics Endorsement**

### **(1) Purpose.**

(a) This rule describes requirements and field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare mathematics specialists for teaching students in grades K-5 and supplements requirements in Rule [505-3-.01 REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION UNITS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS](#).

(b) This endorsement is designed to strengthen and enhance educator competency levels. Individuals teaching mathematics in grades K-5 who hold a valid, level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate and this endorsement will be eligible to earn salary incentives when funded by the General Assembly. The endorsement applies to educators teaching within grades K-5 but it does not modify the grade levels of the base certificate. For example, educators with the Middle Grades Mathematics (4-8) certificate and this K-5 endorsement are only in-field to teach mathematics in grades 4-8. They will be eligible for salary incentives only if they are assigned to teach mathematics in grades 4 or 5.

(c) Individuals with the following certificates will be eligible for pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics in the grade levels defined below:

1. Elementary Education (P-5) certificate holders will be eligible to earn pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics to children in grades K-5.

2. Middle Grades Mathematics (4-8) certificate holders will be eligible to earn pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics to children in grades 4-5.

3. Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (P-5) certificate holders will be eligible to earn pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics to children in grades K-5.

4. Educators holding the following certificates and a core academic content concentration in mathematics will be eligible to earn pay incentives if they are assigned to teach mathematics to children in grades K-5:

(i) Special Education General Curriculum (P-12)

(ii) Special Education Adapted Curriculum (P-12)

(iii) Special Education Behavior Disorders (P-12)

(iv) Special Education Learning Disabilities (P-12)

(v) Special Education Deaf Education (P-12)

(vi) Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities (P-12)

(vii) Special Education Visual Impairment (P-12)

(viii) Gifted Education (P-12)

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement program have strengthened and enhanced competency levels in mathematics content and instruction for teaching students in grades Kindergarten through five, based on the grade levels of their base certificate.

### **(3) Requirements.**

(a) To be eligible to enroll in this endorsement program, the educator must have:

1. A valid, level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, in one of the following fields:

(i) Elementary Education (P-5);

(ii) Middle Grades Mathematics (4-8);

(iii) Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (P-5); or

(iv) any of the following certificates combined with a core academic content concentration in mathematics:

(I) Special Education General Curriculum (P-12);

(II) Special Education Adapted Curriculum (P-12);

(III) Special Education Behavior Disorders (P-12);

(IV) Special Education Learning Disabilities (P-12);

(V) Special Education Deaf Education (P-12);

(VI) Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities (P-12);

(VII) Special Education Visual Impairment (P-12); or

(VIII) Gifted Certificate (P-12); and

2. A minimum of one year of teaching experience.

(b) The program may be offered only by a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider.

(c) The program shall be offered as a post-baccalaureate endorsement and may not be embedded in an initial preparation program.

(d) The program shall require candidates to complete an authentic residency. An authentic residency is defined as a supervised and coordinated series of real applications of knowledge and skills occurring in actual classroom settings that allow candidates to further develop and demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired in coursework.

Residency experiences shall require demonstration of the content knowledge and pedagogical skills delineated in program content standards. Authentic residency experiences shall occur in candidates' assigned classrooms, as well as in settings other than candidates' assigned classrooms to ensure experiences with a variety of students and with students in the grade levels of the candidate's base certificate. The authentic residency must include a portfolio component.

(e) Prior to the creation of this rule a certificate known as the Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement was available. Those holding the Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement issued prior to June 30, 2010, may keep the endorsement; however, it will not result in eligibility for salary incentives. The K-5 Mathematics Endorsement program shall include a process by which educators holding the Early Childhood Mathematics Endorsement may add the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement and thereby become eligible to earn salary incentives without repeating the full endorsement program. The process shall include but not be limited to the submission of a portfolio which will be assessed by the program provider. Based on the assessment of the portfolio, the program provider may prescribe coursework or performance-based assessments as necessary to ensure that all standards and requirements herein are met before notifying the GaPSC the candidate has met all requirements for the K-5 Mathematics Endorsement.

(f) The portfolio shall include but not be limited to: evidence of observations by supervisors, student work samples including analysis of student work, self-reflection and evidence of the effective use of technology to assist in student learning.

(g) The preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi shall require a minimum of three courses of which two courses shall be focused on the advancement of content knowledge and one course shall be focused on content-specific pedagogy and proven strategies that address the following standards:

1. The program shall prepare candidates who demonstrate conceptual understanding and procedural fluency regarding major concepts of mathematics appropriate for grades K-5. Candidates shall:

- (i) Demonstrate knowledge of the development, use and multiple representation of numbers and number systems;
- (ii) demonstrate number sense and knowledge of number systems, not limited to base ten;
- (iii) model the use of the four basic operations in multiple contexts;
- (iv) use a variety of mental computation techniques;
- (v) apply estimation strategies to quantities, measurements, and computation to determine the reasonableness of results;
- (vi) model, explain, and develop a variety of computational algorithms;
- (vii) apply the process of measurement to two- and three-dimensional objects using nonstandard, customary and geometric units;
- (viii) use geometric concepts and relationships to describe and model mathematical ideas and real world constructs;
- (ix) collect, organize, represent, analyze, and interpret data;
- (x) apply concepts of probability to real-world situations; and
- (xi) describe and represent mathematical relationships.

2. The program shall prepare candidates who have knowledge of historical developments in mathematics that includes the contributions of underrepresented groups and diverse cultures.

3. The program shall prepare candidates who use their knowledge of student differences to affirm and support full participation and continued study of mathematics by all students. These differences includes gender, ethnicity, socioeconomic background, language, special needs, and mathematical learning styles.

4. The program shall prepare candidates who use appropriate technology to support the learning of mathematics.

5. The program shall prepare candidates who use appropriate assessment methods to assess student learning and program effectiveness.

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who use formative and summative methods to determine students' understanding of mathematics and to monitor their own teaching effectiveness.

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who use formative assessment to monitor student learning and to adjust instructional strategies and activities.

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who use summative assessment to determine student achievement and to evaluate the mathematics program.

6. The program shall prepare candidates who can facilitate problem solving in grades K-5.

7. The program shall prepare candidates who use a variety of physical, visual, and digital materials for exploration and development of:

- (i) Preenumeration concepts;
- (ii) numbers (whole numbers, fractions, decimals, percents) and their relationships;
- (iii) four basic operations with positive and negative rational numbers;
- (iv) geometric concepts and spatial visualization;
- (v) measurement concepts and procedures;
- (vi) algebraic concepts;
- (vii) logical conjectures and conclusions using quantifiers such as "all", "some", and "none"; and
- (viii) concepts of probability and elementary data analysis.

8. The program shall prepare candidates who use a variety of print, electronic, and online resources.

9. The program shall prepare candidates who know when and how to use student groupings such as collaborative groups, cooperative learning, and peer teaching.

10. The program shall prepare candidates who use instructional strategies based on current research as well as national, state, and local standards relating to mathematics instruction.

11. The program shall prepare candidates who can work on an interdisciplinary team and in an interdisciplinary environment.

12. The program shall prepare candidates who participate actively in the professional community of mathematics educators.

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## **505-3-.93 K-5 Science Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.**

(a) This rule describes requirements and field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare science specialists for teaching students in grades K-5 and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) This endorsement program is designed to strengthen and enhance educator competency levels. This endorsement is designed to advance science content knowledge, provide professional growth, and promote changes in practice that impact student achievement.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the K-5 Science Endorsement program have strengthened and enhanced competency levels in science content and instruction for teaching students in grades Kindergarten through five, based on the grade levels of their base certificate.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) To be eligible to enroll in this endorsement program, the educator must have:

1. A valid, level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate in one of the following fields:

(i) Elementary Education (P-5);

(ii) Middle Grades Science (4-8);

(iii) Special Education General Curriculum/ Elementary Education (P-5); or

(iv) The following certificates combined with a core academic content concentration in Science:

(I) Special Education General Curriculum (P-12);

(II) Special Education Adapted Curriculum (P-12);

(III) Special Education Behavior Disorders (P-12);

(IV) Special Education Learning Disabilities (P-12);

(V) Special Education Deaf Education (P-12);

(VI) Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities (P-12);

(VII) Special Education Visual Impairment (P-12); or

(VIII) Gifted Certificate (P-12); and

2. A minimum of one year of teaching experience.

(b) The program may be offered only by a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider.

(c) The program shall be offered as a post-baccalaureate endorsement and may not be embedded in an initial preparation program.

(d) The program shall require candidates to complete an authentic residency. An authentic residency is defined as a supervised and coordinated series of real applications of knowledge and skills occurring in actual classroom settings that allow candidates to further develop and demonstrate the knowledge and skills acquired in coursework. Residency experiences shall require demonstration of the content knowledge and pedagogical skills delineated in program content standards. Authentic residency experiences shall occur in candidates' assigned classrooms, as well

as in settings other than candidates' assigned classrooms to ensure experiences with a variety of students and with students in the grade levels of the candidate's base certificate. The authentic residency must include a portfolio component.

(e) Prior to the creation of this rule a certificate known as the Early Childhood Science Endorsement was available. Those holding the Early Childhood Science Endorsement issued prior to June 30, 2010, may keep the endorsement; however, it will not result in eligibility for salary incentives. The K-5 Science Endorsement program shall include a process by which educators holding the Early Childhood Science Endorsement may add the K-5 Science Endorsement and thereby become eligible to earn salary incentives without repeating the full endorsement program. The process shall include but not be limited to the submission of a portfolio which will be assessed by the program provider. Based on the assessment of the portfolio, the program provider may prescribe coursework or performance-based assessments as necessary to ensure that all standards and requirements herein are met before recommending the candidate for the K-5 Science Endorsement.

(f) The portfolio shall include but not be limited to: evidence of observations by supervisors, student work samples, student work samples with analysis, self-reflection, and evidence of the effective use of technology to assist in student learning.

(g) The preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi shall require a minimum of three courses of which two courses shall be focused on the advancement of content knowledge and one course shall be focused on content-specific pedagogy and proven strategies that address the following standards:

1. The program shall prepare candidates who structure and interpret concepts, ideas and relationships in science at a level appropriate to K-5 students as indicated in the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who understand the major concepts and principles of the science disciplines (life, physical, and earth and space) and interdisciplinary science perspectives as defined by *A Framework for K-12 Science Education - Practices, Crosscutting Concepts, and Core Ideas 2012*.

(I) In relation to the life sciences, candidates shall understand

I. From Molecules to Organisms: Structures and Processes - How organisms live, grow, respond to their environment, and reproduce including:

A. Structure and Function - How the structures of organisms enable life's functions;

B. Growth and Development of Organisms - How organisms grow and develop;

C. Organization for Matter and Energy Flow in Organisms - How organisms obtain and use the matter and energy they need to live and grow; and

D. Information Processing - How organisms detect, process, and use information about the environment.

II. Ecosystems: Interactions, Energy, and Dynamics - How and why organisms interact with their environment and the effects of the interactions including:

A. Interdependent Relationships in Ecosystems - How organisms interact with the living and nonliving environments to obtain matter and energy;

B. Cycles of Matter and Energy Transfer in Ecosystems - How matter and energy move through an ecosystem;

C. Ecosystem Dynamics, Functioning, and Resilience - What happens to ecosystems when the environment changes; and

D. Social Interactions and Group Behavior - How organisms interact in groups so as to benefit individuals.



III. Heredity: Inheritance and Variation of Traits - How characteristics of one generation pass to the next and how individuals of the same species and even siblings have different characteristics including:

A. Inheritance of Traits - How the characteristics of one generation relate to the previous generation; and

B. Variation of Traits - How individuals of the same species vary in how they look, function, and behave.

IV. Biological Evolution: Unity and Diversity - How there can be so many similarities among organisms yet so many different kinds of plants, animals, and microorganisms and how biodiversity affects humans including:

A. Evidence of Common Ancestry and Diversity - What evidence shows that different species are related;

B. Natural Selection - How genetic variation among organisms affects survival and reproduction;

C. Adaptation - How the environment influences populations of organisms over multiple generations; and

D. Biodiversity and Humans - Biodiversity, how humans affect it, and how it affects humans;

(II) In relation to the physical sciences, candidates shall understand

I. Matter and Its Interactions - How one explains the structure, properties, and interactions of matter including:

A. Structure and Properties of Matter - How particles combine to form the variety of matter one observes; and

B. Chemical Reactions - How substances combine or change (react) to make new substances and how one characterizes and explains these reactions and makes predictions about them.

II. Motion and Stability: Forces and Interactions - How one explains and predicts interactions between objects and within systems of objects including:

A. Forces and Motion - How one predicts an object's continued motion, changes in motion, or stability;

B. Types of Interactions - What underlying forces explain the variety of interactions observed; and

C. Stability and Instability in Physical Systems - Why some physical systems are more stable than others.

III. Energy - How energy is transferred and conserved including:

A. Definitions of Energy;

B. Conservation of Energy in Energy Transfer - What is meant by conservation of energy and how energy is transferred between objects or systems;

C. Relationship Between Energy and Forces - How forces are related to energy; and

D. Energy in Chemical Processes and Everyday Life - How food and fuel provide energy and if energy is conserved, why people say it is produced or used;

IV. Waves and Their Application in Technologies for Information Transfer - How waves are used to transfer energy and information including:

A. Wave Properties - The characteristics, properties, and behaviors of waves;

B. Electromagnetic Radiation - What is light, how one explains the varied effects that involve light, and other forms of electromagnetic radiation; and

C. Information Technologies and Instrumentation - How instruments that transmit and detect waves are used to extend human senses.

(III) In relation to the Earth and space sciences, candidates shall understand

I. Earth's Place in the Universe Including:

A. The Universe and Its Stars;

B. Earth and the Solar System - The predictable patterns caused by Earth's movement in the solar system; and

C. The History of Planet Earth - How people reconstruct and date events in Earth's planetary history.

II. Earth's Systems - How and why Earth is constantly changing including:

A. Earth Materials and Systems - How Earth's major systems interact;

B. Plate Tectonics and Large-Scale System Interactions - Why the continents move, and what causes earthquakes and volcanoes;

C. The Roles of Water in Earth's Surface Processes - How the properties and movements of water shape Earth's surface and affect its systems;

D. Weather and Climate - What regulates weather and climate; and

E. Biogeology - How living organisms alter Earth's processes and structures.

III. Earth and Human Activity - How Earth's surface processes and human activities affect each other including:

A. Natural Resources - How humans depend on Earth's resources;

B. Natural Hazards - How natural hazards affect individuals and societies;

C. Human Impacts on Earth Systems - How humans change the planet; and

D. Global Climate Change - How people model and predict the effects of human activities on Earth's climate.

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who understand how the major crosscutting concepts and scientific and engineering practices, which include inquiry, are integrated with the scientific disciplinary core ideas to create a three dimensional learning experience as indicated in the following:

(I) Scientific and Engineering Practices including:

I. Asking questions (for science) and defining problems (for engineering):

A. Developing and using models;

B. Planning and carrying out investigations;

C. Analyzing and interpreting data;

D. Using mathematics and computational thinking;

E. Constructing explanations (for science) and designing solutions (for engineering);

F. Engaging in argument from evidence; and

G. Obtaining, evaluating, and communicating information.

II. Crosscutting Concepts including:

A. Patterns;

B. Cause and effect: Mechanism and explanation;

C. Scale, proportion, and quantity;

D. Systems and system models;

E. Energy and matter: Flows, cycles, and conservation;

F. Structure and function; and

G. Stability and change.

2. The program shall prepare candidates who are able to engage K-5 students regularly and effectively integrate core ideas, crosscutting concepts, and science and engineering practices and who understand the roles the three dimensions of the Framework play in the development of scientific knowledge as indicated in the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who understand scientific and engineering practices and their relationship to the development of scientific knowledge;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who engage K-5 students effectively in scientific and engineering practices appropriate for their grade level and abilities;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who understand how to engage K-5 students effectively in studies of the nature of science and conventions of scientific explanations; and

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who use appropriate technology to teach K-5 students science.

3. The program shall prepare candidates who relate science to the daily lives and interests of students, understand the relationships of science to society and the community, and use human and institutional resources to advance the science education of their students understanding as indicated in the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who relate science to the personal lives, needs, and interests of K-5 students;

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates who understand the values and needs of the community and their effect on science teaching and learning;

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates who use community, human, and institutional resources to advance science learning in the classroom and in the field;

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates who understand the nature of science.

4. The program shall prepare candidates who are able to engage a broad community of student learners through differentiated strategies as indicated in the following:

(i) The program shall prepare candidates who value and respect the experiences that all students bring from their backgrounds (e.g., homes or communities) and who tailor instruction by using culturally relevant pedagogy.

(ii) The program shall prepare candidates to support a varied population of students, to include economically disadvantaged, by connecting science education to students' sense of "place" by physical, historical, and/or sociocultural dimensions.

(iii) The program shall prepare candidates to positively impact the achievement and confidence of underrepresented groups, including females and other minority groups, by incorporating instructional strategies to increase their intentions to continue studies in science and curricula to improve their achievement and confidence in science.

(iv) The program shall prepare candidates to support students with limited English proficiency by using adequate literacy strategies for all students, language support strategies with ELLs, and discourse strategies with ELLs.

5. The program shall prepare candidates who use a variety of contemporary science formative and summative assessments to determine, guide, and inform science instruction and then use the results of these assessments to improve their practice and increase student achievement.

6. The program shall prepare candidates who create and maintain a psychologically, socially, and ethically safe and supportive learning environment and a science teaching environment that conforms to the National Science Teachers Association's National Science Safety Standards. To this end, the program will include instruction and training on the safe handling, distribution, disposal and storage of chemicals and other laboratory equipment and the safe and ethical treatment of animals in the classroom.

7. The program shall prepare candidates through authentic experiences who participate in the professional community and improve practices through their personal actions, education, and development.

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### **505-3-.95 Online Teaching Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare individuals to teach classes within online and blended learning environments and supplements requirements in Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **Definitions.**

(a) **Accessibility:** Ensuring the content, tools, and technologies used in online and blended learning are designed and developed so that learners with disabilities can use them.

(b) **Blended:** Learning that combines face-to-face and online learning experiences, ideally benefitting from the strengths of each.

(c) Content Management System (CMS): A software program used to create and modify digital content for online and blended learning environments.

(d) Culturally responsive pedagogy: Using students' cultural knowledge, prior experiences, and frames of reference to select and convey content, enrich classroom experiences, and keep students actively engaged in learning.

(e) Digital citizenship: Knowledge and willingness to communicate and act civilly, appropriately, and safely in online environments.

(f) Digital learning tools: Software programs, websites, or online resources used to facilitate learning.

(g) Digital pedagogy: The use of digital technologies when teaching and learning in online, blended, or face-to-face learning environments.

(h) Instructional design: A systematic process for designing instruction by determining the needs of the learners, defining the end goals and objectives of instruction, and designing and planning learning activities and assessments to ensure effective learning experiences.

(i) Learner-centered instructional strategies: An approach to learning that gives learners more agency and responsibility for their learning and puts learners' interests and needs first, in which students are actively learning and have greater input into what they learn, how they learn, and when they learn.

(j) Learning Management System (LMS): A web-based program that contains and curates all materials and digital activities for a class or other learning experience, from content and communication to assessments.

(k) Netiquette: Guidelines for civil and appropriate communication in the online environment.

(l) Personalized learning: An approach to learning that values learner differences and harnesses technology to allow the educator and learner to co-plan a unique educational experience that addresses the distinct learning needs, interests, goals, and background of each individual student.

(m) Universal Design for Learning (UDL): A framework for designing learning goals, materials, methods, and assessments that give learners multiple means of engagement, representation, action, and expression. UDL includes but is not limited to concerns related to accessibility, and focuses on supporting the success of ALL learners.

(3) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Online Teaching Endorsement program have strengthened and enhanced competency levels to teach online courses in the content areas and grade levels of their base certificate(s).

#### (4) **Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC approved educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 3. (ix) of GaPSC Educator Preparation Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published in 2019 by the Virtual Learning Leadership Alliance (VLLA) and Quality Matters (QM). These standards include portions of the National Standards for Quality Online Learning initially developed by The International Association for K-12 Online Learning (iNACOL).

1. Digital Proficiency. The online teacher supports learning and facilitates engagement with digital pedagogy in online and blended learning environments. The program shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Select and utilize a range of digital pedagogical tools for communication, productivity, collaboration, analysis, presentation, research, content delivery, interaction and assessment;
- (ii) Select and utilize a variety of content-specific and developmentally appropriate digital learning tools and resources to meet individualized learning needs;
- (iii) Use a variety of communication technologies (e.g., learning management systems [LMS], content management systems [CMS], email, phone, video, audio, instant messaging, social media) in a variety of contexts to enhance online learning; and
- (iv) Apply troubleshooting skills to address basic technical issues of online learners and access additional technical support as needed.

2. Instructional Design and Best Practices. The online teacher incorporates instructional design principles and best practices when designing and facilitating online and blended learning environments. The program shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Provide a syllabus with measurable objectives, grading criteria, expectations for interactions for both teacher and learners, and appropriate behavior criteria for learners;
- (ii) Utilize principles of universal design for learning (UDL) to design instruction and present content in a variety of ways using a digital learning platform;
- (iii) Incorporate sufficient support, directions, and guidelines to ensure navigation is logical, consistent, and efficient for online learners;
- (iv) Differentiate instruction so all learners can be successful in online learning environments;
- (v) Design or incorporate flexible, digital, interactive and collaborative learning experiences that engage students in the learning process and promote higher order thinking and creativity;
- (vi) Employ learner-centered instructional strategies incorporating authentic learning experiences;
- (vii) Continually review and update all content materials and resources for relevancy, appropriateness, functionality, and alignment with course assignments, assessments, and standards-based learning goals;
- (viii) Create and maintain a community of learners by communicating clear expectations for both teacher and learners, creating a relationship of trust, and establishing consistent and reliable classroom procedures;
- (ix) Facilitate active learning among learners by providing opportunities for regular and frequent teacher-learner interaction, learner-learner interaction, learner-content interaction, learner-interface interaction, teacher-parent interaction, and teacher-mentor interaction;
- (x) Lead synchronous online instructional sessions using best practices that support the learning goals and are meaningful, project-based, and inquiry-oriented; and
- (xi) Model frequent, effective and timely communications regarding learner progress with stakeholders through various formats (e.g., emails, phone calls, video conferences, social media) and maintain records of communications with students, parents, and other school personnel.

3. Assessment and Feedback. The online teacher designs and implements a variety of assessments and provides high-quality feedback in online learning and blended learning environments. The program shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Assess student readiness for content and method of delivery;

- (ii) Continually measure learner proficiency through a variety of valid and reliable formative and summative assessments;
- (iii) Design, select, and implement assignments, projects, and assessments that align with learning goals and promote research-based best practices (e.g., higher order thinking, problem-solving, authentic assessment);
- (iv) Provide a clear description of learning goals, assessment expectations, and evaluation criteria for each assignment, assessment, and project;
- (v) Provide timely, specific, constructive, and personalized feedback to learners about assignments, projects, tests, and questions;
- (vi) Provide a clear explanation of the expectations of teacher response time and feedback to students;
- (vii) Use student feedback data and assessments to inform instruction; and
- (viii) Create opportunities for peer review and learner self-assessment.

4. Data Analysis, Reflection, and Professional Growth. The online teacher engages in data analysis and reflection to increase student learning in online and blended learning environments and enhance professional growth. The program shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Use assessment data to plan instruction, modify instructional methods and content, monitor learner progress, and develop intervention and enrichment plans;
- (ii) Use learner analytics or other observational data (e.g., tracking data in electronic courses, Web logs, email, student postings, discussions) to monitor learner progress, engagement, and success;
- (iii) Use assessment data to personalize learning experiences and enable a learner customized pace and/or path through instruction, aligned with learner goals, needs and interests;
- (iv) Empower learners to establish learning goals, self-assess, and reflect on learning;
- (v) Engage in regular self-reflection and evaluation of teaching to improve and strengthen teaching effectiveness (e.g., LMS analytics, student surveys, teacher evaluations, teacher peer reviews);
- (vi) Demonstrate continual growth in knowledge and skills of digital pedagogy and current and emerging technologies, and apply them to improve productivity and professional practice; and
- (vii) Develop a professional learning network and stay abreast of issues, trends, research, and best practices on teaching and learning in online and blended learning environments.

5. Digital Citizenship. The online teacher models, guides, and encourages legal, ethical, and safe behavior in online and blended learning environments. The program shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Ensure academic integrity and the security of learner assessment data;
- (ii) Identify the risks of academic dishonesty for learners and create assessment opportunities that limit this risk;
- (iii) Model and facilitate the safe, legal, ethical, and credible uses of digital information and technologies;
- (iv) Create expectations for appropriate use of the internet and interaction among learners, including establishing netiquette requirements and enforcing the Acceptable Use Policy (AUP) and other similar guidelines/requirements; and

(v) Comply with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and communicate privacy guidelines to protect student privacy and maintain confidentiality of student information, including in the use of technology tools.

6. Differentiation and Accessibility. The online teacher recognizes the variety of student academic needs, ensures accessibility of online learning, and incorporates appropriate accommodations in online and blended learning environments. The program shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Address learner preference and abilities by creating multiple paths to meet learning goals and standards;
- (ii) Identify students who are struggling with various learning obstacles and apply appropriate strategies to support student learning;
- (iii) Ensure accessibility through compliance with legal mandates and other guidelines such as providing alternative text for images, synchronizing captions or including transcripts for video and audio files, formatting documents for screen readers, and choosing accessible digital tools and resources;
- (iv) Utilize culturally responsive pedagogy demonstrating respect for and responsiveness to the cultural backgrounds and differing perspectives learners bring to the online environment; and
- (v) Collaborate with appropriate school staff to make appropriate accommodations or modifications to meet the needs of all learners, to include the use of assistive technologies when appropriate.

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### **505-3-.98 Special Education Deaf Education Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare teachers to teach students who are deaf or hard of hearing in grades P-12. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Special Education Deaf Education Endorsement program are qualified to provide educational services for students with hearing impairments in grades P-12 and preschool students (ages three [3] to five [5]), subject to the following conditions:

- (a) The educator may work collaboratively with a content area teacher of record in all content subjects.
- (b) To serve as the teacher of record, the educator may teach only the content subjects of her/his base certificate field(s) and the Special Education academic content concentrations with designated cognitive levels identified on their certificate.



### (3) Requirements.

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program to candidates who hold a level four (4) or higher valid professional or induction certificate in any teaching field or in the service field of Speech and Language Pathology, or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation Special Education or Special Education/Elementary Education (P-5) program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 4. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020):

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, unique characteristics, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

**4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Databased Decision Making.**

Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

**5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction.** Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

**6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth.** Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;

(ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;

(iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and

(iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Deaf and Hard of Hearing (D/HH) published by the Council for Exception Children (2018).

(i) Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the effects of the interrelationship among age of identification, type and etiology, level of hearing, auditory development, and provision of services on the development of individuals who are D/HH;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of auditory development of individuals who are D/HH;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of visual and spoken languages and communication modes;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the impact of exceptionalities on the development of language and learning for individuals who are D/HH, including the ways in which exceptionalities may interact with varying hearing levels resulting in more complex needs;

(V) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the importance of advocating for equal access to language and communication in the individual's preferred mode across all educational settings;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to incorporate current theories of spoken and signed language development of individuals who are D/HH and components of communication competence into programming and planning for students;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to develop individualized programming and instruction in light of various aspects of hearing status;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to incorporate auditory development of individuals who are D/HH into programming and planning for students;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to implement evidence-based practices in early intervention services specifically related to overall development of children who are D/HH and family outcomes;

(X) Candidates are prepared to identify and support communication modes that provide equal access, based on the needs and preferences of individuals and their families;

(XI) Candidates are prepared to deliver individualized programming and planning informed by the presence of identified exceptionalities; and

(XII) Candidates are prepared to identify and support all Least Restricted Environment (LRE) options to facilitate Individualized Education Program (IEP) team decisions taking communication into account.

(ii) Learning Environments.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the influence of educational placement, family communication, language, cultural identity, socioeconomic status, home and community environment, and child maltreatment on development and learning;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate the value of peers and role models who are D/HH on family perceptions, decision making, and student outcomes;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate factors impacting visual and/or auditory learning;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to promote ongoing opportunities for interactions between individuals who are D/HH and their families with peers and role models who are D/HH;

(V) Candidates are prepared to assist with routines related to assistive technology used by individuals who are D/HH to enhance access to the environment;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to design or modify a language-rich learning environment that maximizes opportunities for visual and/or auditory learning and meets developmental and learning needs; and

(VII) Candidates are prepared to structure the learning environments to encourage developmentally appropriate self-advocacy and self-determination skills.

(iii) Curricular Content Knowledge.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the interrelationship between services and curricular sequencing and progressions;

(II) Candidates are prepared to integrate evidence based language and literacy instruction across all academic areas; and

(III) Candidates are prepared to differentiate and adapt curricula in response to the variety of populations across multiple educational settings.

(iv) Assessment.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the range of assessment types, from informal to standardized;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the appropriate formative, summative, and diagnostic assessment of expanded core curriculum, auditory skills, visual language skills, self-advocacy, self determination, functional listening, self-care skills, and student safety;

- (III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the relationship between assessment data, reporting, and programming and planning;
- (IV) Candidates are prepared to utilize appropriate terminology and interpret results across assessments;
- (V) Candidates are prepared to ensure equal access to communication and minimized partiality in assessment with regard to laws, policies, and ethical principles;
- (VI) Candidates are prepared to use and interpret technically sound assessments for individuals with D/HH;
- (VII) Candidates are prepared to administer appropriate formative, summative, and diagnostic assessments;
- (VIII) Candidates are prepared to identify or develop appropriate specialized assessments that allow for alternative forms of expression, and select appropriate accommodations and modifications;
- (IX) Candidates are prepared to collect and analyze a range of spoken, signed, written, or other language and communication samples; and
- (X) Candidates are prepared to utilize assessment data to develop reports and to inform programming and planning.

(v) Instructional Planning and Strategies.

- (I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate language/modes of communication used by individuals who are D/HH;
- (II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the strategies that promote curricular programming that is responsive to the variety of populations across multiple educational settings;
- (III) Candidates are prepared to tailor evidence-based instructional strategies and specialized technologies across a variety of service delivery models and instructional setting;
- (IV) Candidates are prepared to coordinate and collaborate to ensure appropriate instruction and planning;
- (V) Candidates are prepared to implement strategies for supporting audition;
- (VI) Candidates are prepared to implement strategies for conserving vision and hearing;
- (VII) Candidates are prepared to implement evidence-based strategies for developing language in individuals' preferred communication mode(s);
- (VIII) Candidates are prepared to promote optimal access to communication to facilitate supportive and welcoming experiences;
- (IX) Candidates are prepared to develop proficiency in the languages/modes of communication used by individuals who are D/HH;
- (X) Candidates are prepared to promote literacy and content area reading and writing through the individual's preferred communication mode(s);
- (XI) Candidates are prepared to apply first and second language teaching strategies;
- (XII) Candidates are prepared to ensure use of visual tools, organizers, and current assistive technology that enhances communication access that support programming and planning across a variety of service delivery models and instructional settings; and
- (XIII) Candidates are prepared to plan and implement transitions across service continua.

(vi) Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of laws, policies, and ethical principles guiding equal access to communication in individuals' preferred communication mode(s);

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the awareness of the educator's language competence in supporting individual outcomes;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the sociocultural, historical, and political considerations unique to Deaf culture and the field of education of individuals who are D/HH;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to advocate, using impartial ethical practices, based on the needs of the individual or family;

(V) Candidates are prepared to apply ethical decision making related to optimal access to communication in individuals' preferred communication mode(s) for all programming and planning;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to increase educator's competence in the individual's preferred communication mode(s);

(VII) Candidates are prepared to advocate for and implement programming and planning to provide equal communication access to individuals across all educational settings; and

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to use historical foundations and research evidence to inform educational programming and planning;

(vii) Collaboration.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the services, organizations, and networks that are relevant to individuals who are D/HH;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the policies, procedures, and resources for universal newborn hearing screening and early intervention;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the roles and responsibilities of support staff in programming and planning;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate collaborative behaviors within the boundaries of the professionals' scope of practice;

(V) Candidates are prepared to interpret relevant data and statistics related to hearing levels and their potential impact on outcomes;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to participate in professional networks relevant to the education of individuals who are D/HH;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to provide families with information in an impartial manner to make informed choices regarding communication modes, philosophies, and educational options; and

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to prepare and assist team members to work with D/HH team members across a variety of service delivery models and instructional environments.

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### **505-3-.99 Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving programs that prepare teachers to provide instruction or instructional support to P-12 students who have physical or health-related disabilities for all or part of a student's general or special curriculum needs as indicated in the Individual Education Plan (IEP). This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities Endorsement program are qualified to provide educational services for students with physical or health related disabilities in grades pre-school (P) through twelve (12) and for special education preschool students, aged three (3) to five (5), subject to the following conditions:

(a) The educator may work collaboratively with a content area teacher of record in all content subjects.

(b) To serve as the teacher of record, the educator may teach only the content subjects of her/his base certificate field(s) and the Special Education academic content concentrations with designated cognitive levels identified on their certificate.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 4. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children 2020:

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

**2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs.** Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, unique characteristics, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

**3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge.** Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

**4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Data-based Decision Making.** Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short- and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

**5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction.** Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.



(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth. Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;

(ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;

(iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and

(iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Special Education Physical and Health Disabilities published by the Council for Exception Children (2012).

- (i) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the implications of physical and health disabilities on development and learning;
- (ii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the functional effects of the type and severity of physical and health disabilities on individual performance;
- (iii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the psychosocial effects of physical and health disabilities;
- (iv) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the adaptations of educational environments to enhance the potential of individuals with physical and health disabilities;
- (v) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the barriers to accessibility by individuals with physical and health disabilities;
- (vi) Candidates are prepared to use proper positioning techniques and equipment to promote participation in academic and social environments;
- (vii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate proper body mechanics to promote individual and teacher safety in transfer, lifting, positioning, and seating;
- (viii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of continuum of non-symbolic to symbolic forms of communication;
- (ix) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of valid and reliable assessment instruments for individuals who have poor motor skills and for those who are nonverbal;
- (x) Candidates are prepared to teach response modes to establish accuracy in the assessment of individuals with physical and health disabilities;
- (xi) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the adaptations and assistive technology necessary to accommodate the unique characteristics of individuals with physical and health disabilities;
- (xii) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the incorporation of augmentative and assistive communication into instruction and daily living activities;
- (xiii) Candidates are prepared to use specialized instructional strategies for academic and functional tasks for individuals with physical and health disabilities;
- (xiv) Candidates are prepared to use adaptations and assistive technology to provide access to and participation in the general education curriculum; and
- (xv) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate techniques for teaching literacy skills to individuals who are nonverbal.

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### **505-3-.101 Special Education Transition Specialist Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare teachers to serve as transition specialists in grades 9-12. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Special Education Transition Specialist Endorsement Program are qualified to serve as a transition specialist in grades 9-12 who provides assistance in establishing post-school goals and objectives and facilitates the transition to work and community environments.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) GaPSC-approved educator preparation providers may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 4. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020):

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, unique characteristics, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Databased Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short- and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction. Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth. Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and

procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;

(ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;

(iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and

(iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Special Education Transition Specialist published by the Council for Exception Children (2012).

(i) Assessment.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the procedures and requirements for referring individuals to community service agencies;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the implications of individual characteristics with respect to post-school outcomes and support needs;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the formal and informal approaches for identifying students' interests and preferences related to educational experiences and post school goals (postsecondary education, employment, independent living), including person-centered planning assessments;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of how to match skills and interests of the individuals to skills and demands required by vocational and post-school settings;

(V) Candidates are prepared to interpret results of career and vocational assessment for individuals, families, and professionals;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to use a variety of formal and informal career, transition, and vocational assessment procedures;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to evaluate and modify transitional goals on an ongoing basis; and

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to assess and develop natural support systems to facilitate transition to post-school environments.

(ii) Programs, Services, and Outcomes.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of school and post-school services available to specific populations of individuals with exceptional learning needs;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the methods for providing community-based education for individuals with exceptional learning needs;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the methods for linking academic content to transition goals;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of strategies for involving families and individuals with exceptional learning needs in transition planning and evaluation;

(V) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of job seeking and job retention skills identified by employers as essential for successful employment;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of vocational education methods, models, and curricula;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the range of post-school options within specific outcome areas;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to identify and facilitate modifications within work and community environments;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to arrange and evaluate instructional activities in relation to post-school goals;

(X) Candidates are prepared to identify outcomes and instructional options specific to the community and the individual; and

(XI) Candidates are prepared to use support systems to facilitate self-advocacy in transition planning.

(iii) Research and Inquiry.

(I) Candidates are prepared to understand theoretical and applied models of transitions; and

(II) Candidates are prepared to understand research on relationships between individual outcomes and transition practices.

(iv) Leadership and Policy.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of transitional related laws and policies; and

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the history of national transition initiatives.

(v) Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the scope and role of the transition specialist;

- (II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the scope and role of agency personnel related to transition;
- (III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate awareness of organizations and publications relevant to the field of transition;
- (IV) Candidates are prepared to show positive regard for the capacity and operating constraints of community organizations involved in transition services;
- (V) Candidates are prepared to participate in activities of professional organizations in the field of transition;
- (VI) Candidates are prepared to ensure the inclusion on transition-related goals in the educational program plan; and
- (VII) Candidates are prepared to develop post-school goals and objectives, using interests and preferences of the individual.

(vi) Collaboration.

- (I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate awareness of methods to increase transition service delivery through interagency agreements and collaborative funding;
- (II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of transition planning strategies that facilitate input from team members;
- (III) Candidates are prepared to design and use procedures to evaluate and improve transition education and services in collaboration with team members;
- (IV) Candidates are prepared to provide information to families about transition education, services, support networks, and post-school options;
- (V) Candidates are prepared to involve team members in establishing transition policy;
- (VI) Candidates are prepared to provide transition-focused technical assistance and professional development in collaboration with team members;
- (VII) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with transition focused agencies;
- (VIII) Candidates are prepared to develop interagency strategies to collect, share, and use student assessment data;
- (IX) Candidates are prepared to use strategies for resolving differences in collaborative relationships and interagency agreements;
- (X) Candidates are prepared to assist teachers to identify educational program planning team members; and
- (XI) Candidates are prepared to assure individual, family, and agency participation in transition planning and implementation.

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### **505-3-.102 Special Education Visual Impairment Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare teachers to teach students with visual impairments in grades P-12. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Special Education Visual Impairment Endorsement are qualified to work with visually impaired students in grades P-12 and special education pre-school students (ages 3-5) under the following conditions:

(a) The educator may work collaboratively with a content area teacher of record in all content subjects.

(b) To serve as a teacher of record, the educator 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.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program to candidates who hold Special Education P-12 certification or Special Education General Curriculum/Elementary Education (P-5) certification or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation Special Education or Special Education/Elementary Education (P-5) program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 4. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the standards published by the Council for Exceptional Children (2020):

1. Engaging in Professional Learning and Practice within Ethical Guidelines. Candidates practice within ethical and legal guidelines; advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while considering their social, cultural, and linguistic differences; and engage in ongoing self-reflection to design and implement professional learning activities.

(i) Candidates practice within ethical guidelines and legal policies and procedures;

(ii) Candidates advocate for improved outcomes for individuals with exceptionalities and their families while addressing the unique needs of those with varying social, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds; and

(iii) Candidates design and implement professional learning activities based on ongoing analysis of student learning; self-reflection; and professional standards, research, and contemporary practices.

2. Understanding and Addressing Each Individual's Developmental and Learning Needs. Candidates use their understanding of human growth and development, the multiple influences on development, individual differences, unique characteristics, including exceptionalities, and families and communities to plan and implement supportive



and welcoming learning environments and experiences that provide individuals with exceptionalities high quality learning experiences reflective of each individual's strengths and needs.

(i) Candidates apply understanding of human growth and development to create developmentally appropriate and meaningful learning experiences that address individualized strengths and needs of students with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates use their knowledge and understanding of various factors that influence development and learning, including differences related to families, languages, cultures, and communities, and individual differences, including exceptionalities, to plan and implement learning experiences and environments.

3. Demonstrating Subject Matter Content and Specialized Curricular Knowledge. Candidates apply their understanding of the academic subject matter content of the general curriculum and specialized curricula to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for learners with exceptionalities.

(i) Candidates apply their understanding of academic subject matter content of the general curriculum to inform their programmatic and instructional decisions for individuals with exceptionalities; and

(ii) Candidates augment the general education curriculum to address skills and strategies that students with disabilities need to access the core curriculum and function successfully within a variety of contexts as well as the continuum of placement options to assure specially designed instruction is developed and implemented to achieve mastery of curricular standards and individualized goals and objectives.

4. Using Assessment to Understand the Learner and the Learning Environment for Databased Decision Making. Candidates assess students' learning, behavior, and the classroom environment in order to evaluate and support classroom and school-based problem-solving systems of intervention and instruction. Candidates evaluate students to determine their strengths and needs, contribute to students' eligibility determination, communicate students' progress, inform short and long-term instructional planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction using technology as appropriate.

(i) Candidates collaboratively develop, select, administer, analyze, and interpret multiple measures of student learning, behavior, and the classroom environment to evaluate and support classroom and school-based systems of intervention for students with and without exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates develop, select, administer, and interpret multiple, formal and informal, culturally and linguistically appropriate measures and procedures that are valid and reliable to contribute to eligibility determination for special education services; and

(iii) Candidates assess, collaboratively analyze, interpret, and communicate students' progress toward measurable outcomes using technology as appropriate, to inform both short- and long-term planning, and make ongoing adjustments to instruction.

5. Supporting Learning Using Effective Instruction. Candidates use knowledge of individuals' development, learning needs, and assessment data to inform decisions about effective instruction. Candidates use explicit instructional strategies and employ strategies to promote active engagement and increased motivation to individualize instruction to support each individual. Candidates use whole group instruction, flexible grouping, small group instruction, and individual instruction. Candidates teach individuals to use meta-/cognitive strategies to support and self-regulate learning.

(i) Candidates use findings from multiple assessments, including student self-assessment, that are responsive to cultural and linguistic differences and specialized as needed, to identify what students know and are able to do. They then interpret the assessment data to appropriately plan and guide instruction to meet rigorous academic and non-academic content and goals for each individual;

(ii) Candidates use effective strategies to promote active student engagement, increase student motivation, increase opportunities to respond, and enhance self-regulation of student learning;

(iii) Candidates use explicit, systematic instruction to teach content, strategies, and skills to make clear what a learner needs to do or think about while learning. Candidates use flexible grouping to support the use of instruction that is adapted to meet the needs of each individual and group; and

(iv) Candidates organize and manage focused, intensive small group instruction to meet the learning needs of each individual. Candidates plan and deliver specialized, individualized instruction that is used to meet the learning needs of each individual.

6. Supporting Social, Emotional, and Behavioral Growth. Candidates create and contribute to safe, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities through the use of effective routines and procedures and use a range of preventive and responsive practices to support social, emotional and educational well-being. They follow ethical and legal guidelines and work collaboratively with families and other professionals to conduct behavioral assessments for intervention and program development.

(i) Candidates use effective routines and procedures to create safe, caring, respectful, and productive learning environments for individuals with exceptionalities;

(ii) Candidates use a range of preventive and responsive practices documented as effective to support individuals' social, emotional, and educational well-being; and

(iii) Candidates systematically use data from a variety of sources to identify the purpose or function served by problem behavior to plan, implement, and evaluate behavioral interventions and social skills programs, including generalization to other environments.

7. Collaborating with Team Members. Candidates apply team processes and communication strategies to collaborate in a culturally responsive manner with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the school, other educational settings, and the community to plan programs and access services for individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

(i) Candidates utilize communication, group facilitation, and problem-solving strategies in a culturally responsive manner to lead effective meetings and share expertise and knowledge to build team capacity and jointly address students' instructional and behavioral needs;

(ii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with families, paraprofessionals, and other professionals within the educational setting to assess, plan, and implement effective programs and services that promote progress toward measurable outcomes for individuals with and without exceptionalities and their families;

(iii) Candidates collaborate, communicate, and coordinate with professionals and agencies within the community to identify and access services, resources, and supports to meet the identified needs of individuals with exceptionalities and their families; and

(iv) Candidates work with and mentor paraprofessionals in the paraprofessionals' role of supporting the education of individuals with exceptionalities and their families.

8. Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the Specialty Standards for Special Education Visual Impairment published by the Council for Exception Children (2012).

(i) Learner Development and Individual Learning Differences.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the development of the human visual system and areas of the brain involved in processing visual images;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the most prevalent causes of severe, uncorrectable visual impairment in children and youth ages birth to 22;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of terminology related to diseases and disorder of the human visual system, including cerebral/cortical visual impairment;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of implications of prevalent visual conditions;

(V) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of sensory development and its impact on development and learning when vision is impaired;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the impact and implications of sociocultural/psychosocial factors on social-emotional development;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to accurately read, interpret, and summarize eye reports and serve as liaison to families and other members of the education team to individual services;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to select and develop assessment and teaching strategies, accommodations and modifications that address age, visual impairment, family values and priorities, visual prognosis, and other individual characteristics;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to use nonvisual/alternate strategies to promote attachment, early communication/literacy, orientation and mobility, and independence to address the effects of visual impairment on families and the reciprocal impact on individuals' self-esteem; and

(X) Candidates are prepared to select, adapt, and use nonvisual/alternate instructional strategies to address co-occurring disabilities and other individual characteristics.

(ii) Learning Environments.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of physical and virtual environmental factors that impact the acquisition of spatial and positional concepts, access to and synthesis of data visualizations, and other concepts typically acquired through vision;

(II) Candidates are prepared to identify and implement physical and virtual environmental accommodations and modifications to facilitate optimal sensory use and multisensory access to, and active participation in, individual and group activities in general and expanded core curriculum environments;

(III) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with team members to design and implement environments that promote optimal sensory use, foundational orientation and mobility skills, independence, social engagement, and efficient storage of specialized materials;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to identify unique issues specific to visual impairment for accessing digital multimedia and virtually built environments;

(V) Candidates are prepared to use ergonomics and appropriate technology settings aligned with students' preferred learning media and low tech strategies to support ubiquitous computing to promote access to the general and expanded core curriculum;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to facilitate incidental learning experiences to address nonvisual access to physical and virtual environments;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to evaluate social skills and design behavior strategies for learners with visual impairments to maximize positive social engagement and interaction across environments;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to teach developmentally appropriate human guide, self-familiarization with new environments, protective, and alignment techniques for independent travel to promote safety across environments;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to teach orientation skills using environmental features, self-advocacy for optimal environmental accommodations and modifications, including requesting and refusing assistance as needed; and

(X) Candidates are prepared to teach nonvisual and alternate strategies for promoting digital citizenship and secure online practices.

(iii) Curricular Content Knowledge.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the relationship of individualized assessment, intervention planning/implementation, development of individualized education programs/individualized family service plans, progress monitoring, and placement specific to unique needs of students with visual impairment including cerebral/cortical visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the advantages and disadvantages of a wide range of instructional and assistive technologies specific to visual impairment;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate proficiency in reading, writing, proofreading, and interlining alphabetic and fully contracted Unified English Braille;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate basic proficiency in reading and writing braille for mathematic and scientific notation and in using the abacus;

(V) Candidates are prepared to produce braille with brailier, slate and stylus, computer (including use of braille translation software), and braille production methods;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate basic proficiency in human guide, protective, alignment, and search techniques in orientation and mobility with developmentally appropriate modifications;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to identify specialized resources unique to visual impairment to address the specific communication needs of students with varied communication abilities, reading levels, and language proficiency;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to develop, implement, and continuously monitor learning objectives and goals for optimizing sensory efficiency, developing concepts, and accessing the general and expanded core curriculum across settings; and

(IX) Candidates are prepared to identify and adapt general education and visual impairment specific curricula for instruction of literacy, other academic areas, and the expanded core curriculum.

(iv) Assessment.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the challenges of assessing students with visual impairments, including cerebral/cortical visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the options for specialized assessment materials and equipment for unique sensory needs;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the role of specialized, individualized assessment data unique to visual impairment for pre-referral, referral, annual, and tri-annual processes;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the implications of short and long terms use of accommodations and modifications unique to students with visual impairments, including cerebral/cortical visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities;

(V) Candidates are prepared to interpret medical reports and multiple sources of data, including background information and family history, to plan and implement nondiscriminatory assessments;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to use multiple sources of valid information/data, including data from formal/informal assessments to evaluate the effectiveness of intervention, instruction, specialized media, materials, equipment, and the physical environment;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to use valid assessment results and medical reports to determine eligibility for vision specific services, for students with and without specific visual diagnoses;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to use valid assessment data and knowledge of the potential impact of visual impairment on psychosocial functioning to identify when referral for services is needed;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to adapt assessments when tests are not validated on individuals with visual impairments to determine baseline performance;

(X) Candidates are prepared to identify assessment items and measures that are biased and make recommendations for non-visual or alternate accommodations and modifications;

(XI) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with team members and families to plan and implement assessment and interpret assessment results on issues specific to visual impairment;

(XII) Candidates are prepared to conduct individualized functional vision, learning media, assistive technology and other expanded core curriculum-related assessments;

(XIII) Candidates are prepared to interpret and/or assess cognitive, motor, social, and language concepts unique to individuals with visual impairments;

(XIV) Candidates are prepared to use multiple sources of data to determine appropriate learning and literacy media (braille, print, or dual) and assistive technology;

(XV) Candidates are prepared to interpret assessment results to determine individual needs to support acquisition of skills in the general and expanded core curriculum;

(XVI) Candidates are prepared to advocate for reasonable nonvisual and alternate accommodations and modifications on standardized assessments;

(XVII) Candidates are prepared to address limitations of standard scores and non-standard data when communicating visual impairment specific assessment data to educational teams and families;

(XVIII) Candidates are prepared to assess accessibility needs of individuals who are visually impaired who are English learners or from diverse backgrounds; and

(XIX) Candidates are prepared to use results of clinical low vision evaluation, functional vision, learning media, and assistive technology assessments to identify optimal assistive technology.

(v) Instructional Planning and Strategies.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate the proper use and care of braille and braille production devices and technology equipment, including maintenance of devices and software updates;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the importance of creating positive, productive learning environments that foster independence and student achievement, and that reduce the tendency of others to engender learned helplessness in learners with visual impairments; and

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of knowledge of evidence-based practices for teaching students with visual impairments, including cerebral/cortical visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities.

- (IV) Candidates are prepared to develop, coordinate, and implement appropriate programs for infants and young children with visual impairment, including those with cerebral/cortical visual impairment and co-occurring disabilities, and their families;
- (V) Candidates are prepared to obtain resources, including published curricula, for braille codes currently in use;
- (VI) Candidates are prepared to use digital resources, hardware, and software to produce and access materials in accessible media including the conversion of print materials into braille, tactile, and/or digital formats;
- (VII) Candidates are prepared to teach varied visual, nonvisual, and multi-sensory devices, programs, and software to launch, navigate, save, and retrieve information on devices and local systems and online;
- (VIII) Candidates are prepared to select and use various visual, nonvisual, multisensory, and adaptive methods to teach technology skills by integrating students' assessed needs into instructional methods for teaching sensory efficiency skills, use of learning media, individual keyboarding, reading, writing, editing, and listening skills;
- (IX) Candidates are prepared to plan and implement explicit instruction in assistive technology, including digital citizenship, that integrates students' ability to meet, manage, and advocate for their own needs;
- (X) Candidates are prepared to integrate basic principles of accessibility to select, create, adapt, and format text, images, and media to promote usability and accessibility to meet the individual needs of students with visual impairments;
- (XI) Candidates are prepared to provide systematic, explicit braille literacy instruction using embossed materials and digital technologies to meet individual needs;
- (XII) Candidates are prepared to teach the use of the abacus, accessible calculator, tactile graphics, adapted equipment, and appropriate technology for mathematics and science instruction to meet individual needs;
- (XIII) Candidates are prepared to teach students to access, interpret, and create increasingly complex printed and digital graphics in visual and/or tactile forms, including maps, charts, diagrams, and tables, based on individual needs;
- (XIV) Candidates are prepared to teach students to access, interpret, and create increasingly complex printed and digital graphics in visual and/or tactile forms, including maps, charts, diagrams, and tables, based on individual needs;
- (XV) Candidates are prepared to teach students with low vision to use optical, electronic, and non-optical devices to optimize visual efficiency and independently use dual learning media such as visual and auditory information, or auditory and tactile information;
- (XVI) Candidates are prepared to promote and reinforce sensorimotor and physical skills, including gross and fine motor skills, posture, balance, purposeful movement, and strength to meet individual needs unique to visual impairment;
- (XVII) Candidates are prepared to teach basic orientation, body image, spatial, temporal, positional, directional, and environmental concepts based on individual needs to promote motor skill development, orientation and mobility, and academic and social inclusion;
- (XVIII) Candidates are prepared to teach and reinforce human guide techniques to students with visual impairment, their peers, and others who interact with them;
- (XIX) Candidates are prepared to orient students to unfamiliar environments;
- (XX) Candidates are prepared to reinforce skills taught by orientation and mobility specialists to support the use of mobility devices and dog guides, for orientation and mobility;

(XXI) Candidates are prepared to teach independent living and organization skills using alternate and nonvisual strategies;

(XXII) Candidates are prepared to teach social communication skills related to appropriate body language, non-verbal communication, and social etiquette;

(XXIII) Candidates are prepared to teach development and monitoring of relationships and friendships, and knowledge of self, including human sexuality;

(XXIV) Candidates are prepared to teach skills usually acquired visually to develop and enhance participation in fitness/leisure/recreation activities, hobbies, and team and spectator sports to facilitate inclusion across settings;

(XXV) Candidates are prepared to teach students to recognize and report behaviors that they may not perceive visually that may threaten their personal safety and well-being;

(XXVI) Candidates are prepared to teach students their legal rights and responsibilities related to being a citizen with a visual impairment;

(XXVII) Candidates are prepared to prepare students with progressive visual conditions to transition to alternative skills;

(XXVIII) Candidates are prepared to collaboratively develop, implement, and continuously monitor communication goals, objectives, and systems for students with visual impairments and co-occurring disabilities;

(XXIX) Candidates are prepared to teach students to recognize and report behaviors that they may not perceive visually that may threaten their personal safety and well-being;

(XXX) Candidates are prepared to select, adapt, and use nonvisual/alternate instructional strategies to address co-occurring disabilities; and

(XXXI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate an understanding of the knowledge of a range of cost effective technological devices from low to high tech for the instructional needs specific to visual impairment.

(vi) Professional Learning and Ethical Practice.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of roles and responsibilities of teachers and support personnel in providing services for students with visual impairments in a range of settings;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of current knowledge of eligibility criteria for specialized services, funding, and materials sources specific to visual impairment;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the historical, political, and sociocultural forces unique to the education of students with visual impairments;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate awareness of the impact of nonverbal reactions and behaviors that are not accessible to students with visual impairments;

(V) Candidates are prepared to understand the role in determining and recommending appropriate type and amount of services based on evaluation of needs in all areas of the expanded core curriculum;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of current knowledge of laws that impact and protect individuals with visual impairments;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the roles of all members of educational/vision care teams;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to develop and maintain professional learning and practice by actively participating in professional organizations;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to articulate instructional and professional philosophies and ethical practices to address the specific needs of students with visual impairment across settings including the expanded core curriculum;

(X) Candidates are prepared to articulate and advocate for individual needs regarding placement, service delivery models, type and amount of service, and key components of services unique to visual impairment across ages and settings;

(XI) Candidates are prepared to advocate for reasonable nonvisual and alternate accommodations and modifications on standardized assessments;

(XII) Candidates are prepared to advocate for evidence-based educational policy related to visual impairment and low incidence disabilities;

(XIII) Candidates are prepared to articulate a plan for maintaining continuous professional development to remain current on all areas of the expanded core curriculum, with particular attention to assistive and instructional technology, most prevalent causes of and medical treatments for severe visual impairment, and co-occurring disabilities; and

(XIV) Candidates are prepared to evaluate and discern credible and scholarly sources of information about visual impairments, including knowledge of valid and reliable research techniques.

(vii) Collaboration.

(I) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the role in conveying, to families and teams, information about the impact and implications of visual impairment on development and learning and access to the general and expanded core curriculum;

(II) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the role in working collaboratively with families and teams for referral for counseling, therapy, or other services to address the unique needs of visual impairment;

(III) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate understanding of the role in increasing awareness of accessibility in physical and virtual environments and improving open access to information for families and the educational team;

(IV) Candidates are prepared to demonstrate the importance of role models with visual impairment for a full range of individual learners across settings;

(V) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with educational team and families on service delivery issues unique to visual impairment;

(VI) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with technology and curriculum development staff on accessibility needs;

(VII) Candidates are prepared to serve as liaison between medical care providers, families, and other members of the educational team;

(VIII) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with vision care professionals to facilitate access to the general and expanded core curriculum;

(IX) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with families and orientation and mobility specialists to reinforce orientation and mobility skills and other expanded core curriculum skills;

(X) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with families and other team members to plan and implement transitions;



(XI) Candidates are prepared to instruct and supervise paraeducators, and provide information to families and the educational team in nonvisual strategies that promote independence and autonomy;

(XII) Candidates are prepared to instruct and supervise paraeducators and braille transcribers, and provide information to families and the educational team on the production of accessible media;

(XIII) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with families and the educational team to promote literacy development; and

(XIV) Candidates are prepared to collaborate with assistive technology professionals to identify and support customized tools to meet the accessibility needs of individuals with visual impairment.

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### **505-3-.103 Multi-Tiered System of Supports Facilitator Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare individuals to serve as the multi-tiered system of supports (MTSS) facilitator for schools in Georgia that use a systematic process to address the needs of the whole child (P-12). This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Multi-Tiered System of Supports Facilitator Endorsement Program are qualified to perform the duties assigned to individuals in the MTSS Facilitator position.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) A valid, level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, leadership certificate, service certificate, or Life certificate is required for program admission.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards adapted from the essential components and fidelity rubrics from the Center for Response to Intervention (2014).

1. The Learner. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Are knowledgeable about the methodology of teaching and learning and stages of child development, including the importance of family, school, and peer contexts for understanding student academic performance and behavior and for intervention selection to address student difficulties;
- (ii) Are aware of individual differences in learning, including but not limited to the influence of culture, language, and disability, in response to instruction/intervention;
- (iii) Have knowledge of and communicate theories and practices of behavior and classroom management;
- (iv) Have knowledge on the management of intervention and instruction, and differentiated instructional practices;
- (v) Have knowledge of universal, targeted, and intensive levels of academic and behavioral interventions; and
- (vi) Have knowledge of how to promote and assess treatment fidelity and integrity of implementation.

2. Leadership. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Collaborate with leaders about the rights and/or needs of students, secure additional resources within the building or district that support student learning, and facilitate effective communication with targeted audiences;
- (ii) Foster a collaborative culture of responsibility, respect, and trust to support educator development and student learning;
- (iii) Are knowledgeable about school improvement and research proven best practice frameworks;
- (iv) Lead changes by modeling effective communication skills, building consensus, and utilizing data to generate solutions to issues of mutual importance;
- (v) Access, disaggregate, and analyze MTSS, and other data sources to inform school and system improvement planning and improve student learning;
- (vi) Help students to become self-advocates: understand their own learning and the need for self-directed learning skills; actively participate in the learning process; and know how to get assistance;
- (vii) Facilitate discussion to compare student needs with curriculum standards to determine intervention intensity; and
- (viii) Give and solicit continuous objective feedback and acknowledge credit due to others.

3. School-Family-Community Partnerships. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Communicate the MTSS Framework with parents through invitation, encouragement, and education, including explanation of their role and responsibilities;
- (ii) Utilize knowledge and understanding of the different backgrounds, ethnicities, cultures, and languages in the school community to promote effective communication and collaboration among colleagues, families, and the larger community;
- (iii) Facilitate and encourage use of culturally responsive strategies, assessments, and interventions to enrich the educational experiences of students and enable high levels of learning for all students; and
- (iv) Collaborate with all stakeholders to develop comprehensive supports to address the variety of educational needs of families and the community.

4. Professional Learning. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Engage the learning community (team, school, system, and community) to identify and systematically address professional job-embedded learning needs related to the effectiveness of MTSS;
- (ii) Demonstrate understanding of how adults learn and differentiate ongoing education opportunities for an extensive variety of learning needs;
- (iii) Collaborate with other professionals within and outside the system to share and engage in research, best practices, and pursue continuous improvement to achieve successful student outcomes;
- (iv) Partner with school/system leadership to prioritize, monitor, and coordinate resources for educator learning; and
- (v) Electronically manage documents, forms, data, and resources to effectively and securely share student information.

5. Legal and Regulatory Requirements. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Understand the judicial origin and legal intent of the MTSS framework;
- (ii) Know and apply the laws, policies, and ethical principles regarding classroom management;
- (iii) Know the rights and responsibilities of students, teachers, parents, and other professionals as it relates to implementation of MTSS; and
- (iv) Understand and communicate pertinent aspects of applicable statutes and rules including but not limited to:
  - (I) State Board of Education SST Rule [160-4-2-.32](#);
  - (II) Section 504 of 1973 Rehabilitation Act, P.L. 93-112;
  - (III) Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA/IDEIA);
  - (IV) Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) and confidentiality issues;
  - (V) Records retention schedule for SST records (where required by LUA);
  - (VI) Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA);
  - (VII) System Improvement Plan, School Improvement Plan;
  - (VIII) Georgia HB 605: The Improved Student Learning Environment and Discipline Act;
  - (IX) Georgia Code of Ethics for Educators; and
  - (X) State reporting requirements, as applicable.

6. Screening. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Assist in identifying screening tools for all areas (i.e., academics and behavior);
- (ii) Ensure that the screening tools are brief, valid and reliable, and that correlations between the instruments and valued outcomes are strong;
- (iii) Establish procedures to ensure universal screening for more than once a year and for implementation fidelity (i.e., all students are tested, scores are accurate, cut points/decisions are accurate);

- (iv) Utilize screening results, with at least two other data sources (e.g., classroom performance, curriculum-based assessment, state assessments performance, diagnostic assessment data, short-term progress monitoring) to determine the level of risk and to identify students who need further assessments;
- (v) Use results to identify the needs of all students and to inform the data-based decision making process (i.e., tiered supports); and
- (vi) Utilize a data system to store and access student data in a timely fashion.

7. Progress Monitoring. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Establish procedures to ensure progress monitoring occurs at recommended intervals based on tiered support;
- (ii) Assist in selecting progress monitoring tools that have sufficient forms for all areas (i.e., academics and behavior);
- (iii) Ensure that minimum acceptable growth is specified and benchmarks for minimum acceptable end-of-year performance are provided;
- (iv) Make sure that procedures are in place to ensure implementation fidelity (i.e., appropriate students are tested, scores are accurate, decision-making rules are applied consistently); and
- (v) Utilize results to inform the data-based decision making process.

8. Data-based Decision Making. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who can facilitate a data-driven, decision-making process and who:

- (i) Analyze data from universal screeners and progress monitoring to determine the needs of all students;
- (ii) Disaggregate and analyze data at different levels (school-wide, grade-level, classroom, student, etc.);
- (iii) Use data to plan and support effective instruction, and to determine and support movement between tiers;
- (iv) Determine the effectiveness of evidence-based practices and interventions based on frequent progress monitoring data;
- (v) Utilize data to determine enrichment opportunities for students who need acceleration and to determine which students (and educators) need extra support;
- (vi) Assist in facilitating school-based data teams focused on student achievement;
- (vii) Use a variety of formative and summative data to drive instructional decisions;
- (viii) Ensure there are consistent learning experiences among students in the same grade and subject with different teachers (effective collaborative planning);
- (ix) Make data-driven professional learning decisions;
- (x) Ensure that discussions about students are data-driven (academic and behavior);
- (xi) Determine the fidelity of implementation of professional learning based on data;
- (xii) Assist in establishing clear decision rules (e.g., movement between levels or tiers, determination of appropriate instruction or interventions);

- (xiii) Choose realistic measurable instructional/behavioral goals for the student;
- (xiv) Develop an educational plan that specifies research/evidence-based interventions and practices, progress monitoring and fidelity of measures, and implementation steps;
- (xv) Implement a plan with fidelity, assess student progress frequently, and provide ongoing feedback to parents/guardians, students, and staff as appropriate; and
- (xvi) Periodically evaluate an educational plan, adjust the plan, transition to a different tier, or close the case, as appropriate.

9. Instruction. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Use data and information about the student to access and identify research/evidence based practices and interventions to appropriately address the learner's instructional needs;
- (ii) Prioritize and evaluate instructional alternatives/solutions and plan instruction;
- (iii) Manage multiple components of effective teams, including communicating and defining roles and responsibilities of team members; developing procedures; identifying resources (personnel, materials, time); organizing documentation; record keeping; applying brainstorming strategies; utilizing conflict resolution techniques; evaluating procedures; and setting goals;
- (iv) Communicate clearly and effectively in oral, written, and non-verbal forms; apply listening and responding skills (e.g., acknowledging, paraphrasing, reflecting, clarifying; elaborating, summarizing); and interview effectively to elicit/share information and explore problems;
- (v) Draw upon expertise of staff, parents, and invited specialists for collaborative consultation, information, and support, creating an supportive and welcoming culture where ideas are welcomed in developing solutions;
- (vi) Utilize the team process to communicate with team members, school personnel, families, and others as appropriate through various technological devices;
- (vii) Advocate for specific student learning needs and recognize trends to direct instructional planning in the classroom and school wide; and
- (viii) Access, disaggregate, and analyze MTSS, and other data sources to inform school and system improvement planning and improve student learning.

10. Multi-level Prevention System. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

- (i) Demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of an effective multi-level prevention system as an integral component of Georgia's Systems of Continuous Improvement Framework focusing on the systems and structures (the "what") that must be in place for sustained improvement in student outcomes;
- (ii) Articulate the essential components of Georgia's Tiered System of Supports for students: Screening, Progress Monitoring, Multi-Level Prevention System, Data-Based Decision Making, and Infrastructure;
- (iii) Identify and demonstrate knowledge of differentiated instruction, progress monitoring, screening, and specialized instruction as it applies to multi-level prevention systems to maximize student achievement and behavior outcomes;
- (iv) Identify and support implementation of the three tiers of instruction:

(I) Primary level:

I. Demonstrate knowledge of cut scores and target scores for identification using universal screeners and progress monitoring tools;

II. Identify targeted students through established criteria;

III. Articulate and support implementation of the necessary dimensions of effective core curriculum instruction at the primary level; and

IV. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based curriculum, evidence-based practices, and high-leverage practices.

(II) Secondary level:

I. Identify targeted students through established criteria;

II. Articulate and support implementation of the necessary dimensions of instruction at the primary level;

III. Select, implement, and monitor fidelity of interventions at the secondary level;

IV. Demonstrate knowledge of required levels of evidence, content, frequency, and duration of instruction necessary at the secondary level;

V. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based curriculum, evidence-based practices, and high-leverage practices at the secondary level;

VI. Demonstrate knowledge of cut scores and target scores for identification using universal screeners and progress monitoring tools; and

VII. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate settings, group size, and schedule (frequency and duration) for selected interventions at the secondary level.

(III) Tertiary level:

I. Identify the targeted students through established criteria;

II. Articulate and support implementation of the necessary dimensions of instruction at the primary level;

III. Select, implement, and monitor fidelity of interventions at the tertiary level;

IV. Demonstrate knowledge of required levels of evidence, content, frequency, and duration of instruction necessary at the tertiary level;

V. Demonstrate knowledge of research-based curriculum, evidence-based practices, and high-leverage practices;

VI. Demonstrate knowledge of cut scores and target scores for identification using universal screeners and progress monitoring tools;

VII. Demonstrate knowledge of appropriate settings, group size, and schedule (frequency and duration) for selected interventions at the secondary level;

VIII. Design instructional interventions, strategies, and practices based upon assessment, data analysis, and teacher input;

IX. Redesign, maintain, or discontinue instructional interventions, strategies, and practices based upon ongoing assessment data from progress monitoring;

X. Develop and implement processes and procedures for assessing the effectiveness of the MTSS framework; and

XI. Document individual student instructional intervention plans, along with progress monitoring, redesign, maintenance, or completion of plan.

11. Technology. The program shall prepare facilitators of multi-tiered system of supports who:

(i) Identify and use various technologies to gather, monitor progress, and analyze data in order to use information to improve student learning and align education practices with school improvement goals.

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## **505-3-.104 Teacher Leader Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare individuals to serve in teacher leader roles in grades P-12 and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Teacher Leader Endorsement have strengthened and enhanced competencies to:

(a) Facilitate the design and implementation of sustained, intensive, and job-embedded professional learning based on identified student and teacher needs;

(b) Work with others to promote the development of a school culture that fosters excellence in teaching and learning and focuses on continuous improvement creating a sense of belonging and building a collaborative work environment;

(c) Demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of curriculum and apply this knowledge to the alignment of curriculum, instruction, and assessment to standards;

(d) Model best practices in pedagogy and serve as a mentor and coach for other educators;

(e) Work with others to design and implement assessment practices and analyze data for monitoring and improving teaching and learning;

(f) Access and conduct research, and apply research findings to improve teaching and learning; and

(g) Demonstrate the ability to collaborate with all stakeholders to improve student learning and foster/influence change.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) A valid, level 4 or higher Induction, Professional, Advanced Professional, or Lead Professional teaching certificate, service certificate, leadership certificate, or Life certificate, and at least one year of successful classroom teaching experience is required for program admission.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards:

1. Candidates who complete the program are teacher leaders who will facilitate the design and implementation of sustained, intensive, and job-embedded professional learning based on identified student and teacher needs. The teacher leader:

(i) Applies knowledge and strategies of adult learning theories across teacher leader practices;

(ii) Models lifelong learning for students, colleagues, and community stakeholders by being reflective, by engaging in professional development, advocating for the profession, and staying current and knowledgeable of policy, trends, and practices in education;

(iii) Works with others to build viable professional learning communities designed to support the collaborative work of schools;

(iv) Diagnoses staff needs, works with administrators to implement strategies to address needs, and provides ongoing support;

(v) Advances the professional skills of colleagues by demonstrating and applying expertise in observational skills and in providing quality feedback in order to support reflective practice;

(vi) Stays current with research on the organizational conditions and features of professional learning which are necessary for designing and implementing on-going professional learning experiences that are based on identified teacher and student needs;

(vii) Involves colleagues in development and implementation of a coherent professional learning plan based on school goals;

(viii) Teaches and models changes in teacher practices that are necessary for improvement in student learning;

(ix) Applies the knowledge and skills of effective mentoring and coaching to provide support for teacher learning and practice;

(x) Continually assesses the effectiveness of professional learning activities and makes adjustments as needed; and

(xi) Designs professional development aligned to state and national professional learning standards.

2. Candidates who complete the program are teacher leaders who work with others to promote the development of a school culture that fosters excellence in teaching and learning and focuses on continuous improvement, creating a sense of belonging, and building a collaborative work environment. The teacher leader:

(i) Works with others to create an environment where colleagues and students take learning risks, where fear of initial failure is minimized and mistakes are openly discussed;

(ii) Uses effective conflict management, team building, and consensus-building skills in a variety of contexts to build a culture of collaboration, fairness, trust and high expectations;

(iii) Works with others to create an environment that encourages needed change using a research-based change model;



- (iv) Leads analysis of the school's culture and builds understanding of the impact of organizational culture in teaching and learning;
- (v) Engages colleagues in creating a culture supportive of a collaborative learning community that embraces a shared vision of mission and desired results;
- (vi) Considers the ethical and legal implications of decisions made individually and collectively;
- (vii) Is informed on emerging trends and initiatives, and as a result helps the school or school district refine, redefine, or sharpen its vision;
- (viii) Facilitates the development of an interdependent culture of improvement and accountability grounded in the belief that collective responsibility and commitment to the team are fundamental to the school's success;
- (ix) Clarifies issues to sharpen the focus on the elements of student, adult, and organizational learning that are most important to the school's success; and
- (x) Works with others to build a culture that personalizes the work and learning of colleagues and students.

3. Candidates who complete the program are teacher leaders who demonstrate a comprehensive understanding of curriculum and apply this knowledge to the alignment of curriculum, instruction, and assessment to standards. The teacher leader:

- (i) Possess an in-depth knowledge of his/her discipline, and is knowledgeable about the structure of the curriculum;
- (ii) Understands how the program of studies from various disciplines and grade levels are related and sequenced in order to design and deliver meaningful and relevant professional learning and instructional strategies;
- (iii) Uses a variety of processes to engage and focus teachers in cooperative planning to improve teaching and learning;
- (iv) Uses protocols such as Standards in Practice to audit curriculum and classroom work to assure high expectations for all students;
- (v) Demonstrates deep understanding of the curriculum and is able to use a variety of protocols and organizing frameworks to engage in discussions about what students should know, understand, and do in each instructional unit based on those standards;
- (vi) Identifies content specific resources that are important in the curriculum implementation process; and
- (vii) Leads others in prioritizing, mapping, and monitoring the implementation of the curriculum.

4. Candidates who complete the program are teacher leaders who model best practices in pedagogy and serve as a mentor and coach for other educators. The teacher leader:

- (i) Models and articulates exemplary instructional practices and strategies based on current research;
- (ii) Models the effective application of curriculum standards, instructional choices, and student learning monitoring;
- (iii) Guides and assists teachers in designing and planning quality and meaningful student work and learning experiences;
- (iv) Assists teachers in developing higher order questions that promote thoughtful discourse and critical thinking in the classroom;

(v) Guides teachers in the in-depth understanding of lesson planning and delivery of content in clear and meaningful ways; and

(vi) Integrates technology to support classroom instruction and student learning.

5. Candidates who complete the program are teacher leaders who work with others to design and implement assessment practices and analyze data for monitoring and improving teaching and learning. The teacher leader:

(i) Guides teachers in the selection of appropriate assessment instruments and practical assessment strategies to improve instruction and monitor student learning;

(ii) Assists teachers in identifying resources and providing appropriate support services for specific student needs;

(iii) Assists teachers in using formative and summative data to assess student progress toward and attainment of expected outcomes;

(iv) Facilitates teachers in the collection, analysis, use, and interpretation of varied assessment data;

(v) Facilitates the use of multiple sources of evidence to monitor and evaluate teaching and learning; and

(vi) Uses technology and research to demonstrate the correct use of assessment instruments and appropriate tools and techniques of data analysis.

6. Candidates who complete the program are teacher leaders who access and conduct research, and apply research findings to improve teaching and learning. The teacher leader:

(i) Guides colleagues to relevant research to find the appropriate method and solutions to instructional problems and challenges;

(ii) Conducts and engages others in action research to improve educational outcomes and to help address critical educational issues;

(iii) Follows ethical procedures when conducting research;

(iv) Reads and stays informed of current educational research, trends, and innovations; and shares current research with the school community;

(v) Analyzes numerous and various forms of research before making decisions; and

(vi) Initiates new or different ideas and approaches based on informed decision-making.

7. Candidates who complete the program are teacher leaders who demonstrate the ability to collaborate with all stakeholders to improve student learning and foster/influence change. The teacher leader:

(i) Facilitates group processes and builds alliances necessary for school improvement;

(ii) Exhibits strong interpersonal skills that establish and maintain effective working relationships;

(iii) Develops and sustains trusting, productive, and supportive relationships with all stakeholders;

(iv) Promotes an atmosphere of collaboration through the effective use of problem solving processes and protocols;

(v) Supports colleagues in the development and improvement of interpersonal skills;

(vi) Promotes effective communication and collaboration with varying groups of people;

- (vii) Articulates and advocates to various audiences the rationale and processes of school improvement;
- (viii) Facilitates open dialogue of ideas and information that support student achievement goals and the change of teaching and learning practices; and
- (ix) Identifies and utilizes resources to promote school and community relations.

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### **505-3-.107 Dual Immersion Elementary Education (P-5) Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare teachers certified in P-12 Foreign Language Education to teach content to students in a dual immersion classroom. This rule supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Dual Immersion Elementary Education (P-5) Endorsement are qualified to teach Elementary Education courses (grades P-5) only in a dual immersion setting in which content is delivered in a foreign language in which the educator holds certification. Holding this endorsement does not allow an educator to be in-field to teach any Elementary Education courses outside of a dual immersion setting.

#### **(3) Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC approved professional educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation Foreign Language program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 3. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) Candidates admitted to the program must hold certification in P-12 Foreign Language education.

(c) To receive approval for a Dual Immersion Elementary Education (P-5) Endorsement a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards published by the National Association for the Education of Young Children (2012), Association for Childhood Education International (2007), and the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing "Approved Bilingual Program Standards" as follows:

1. Using Developmentally Effective Approaches. Candidates prepared in Dual Immersion Elementary Education (P-5) programs understand that teaching and learning with children is a complex enterprise, and its details vary depending on children's ages, characteristics, and the setting within which teaching and learning occur. They understand and use positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation for their work with children and families. Candidates know, understand, and use a wide array of developmentally appropriate approaches,

instructional strategies, and tools to connect with children and families and positively influence each child's development and learning. The indicators are as follows:

- (i) Using developmental knowledge to establish a classroom environment that is healthy, respectful, and grounded in positive relationships and supportive interactions as the foundation of their work with children;
- (ii) Knowing and using effective research based strategies and tools for pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children including the appropriate use of technology;
- (iii) Using a broad repertoire of developmentally appropriate research-based teaching/learning approaches (play, small group projects, open-ended questioning, group discussion, problem solving, cooperative learning, reflection, and inquiry experiences) to help pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children develop intellectual curiosity, solve problems, and make decisions;
- (iv) Reflecting on own practice to promote positive outcomes for each child;
- (v) Understanding the interrelatedness among the four domains of language (listening, speaking, reading, and writing) and to know language forms and functions; and
- (vi) Employing a variety of instructional and assessment strategies, appropriate to student language proficiency levels, that foster higher-order thinking skills.

**2. Using Content Knowledge to Build Meaningful Curriculum.** Candidates prepared in Dual Immersion Elementary Education (P-5) programs use their knowledge of academic disciplines to design, implement, and evaluate experiences that promote positive development and learning for each and every child. Candidates understand the importance of developmental domains and academic (or content) disciplines in elementary curriculum. They know the essential concepts, inquiry tools, and structure of content areas, including academic subjects, and can identify resources to deepen their understanding. Candidates use their own knowledge and other resources to design, implement, and evaluate meaningful, challenging curriculum that promotes comprehensive development and learning outcomes for every child. The indicators are as follows:

- (i) Understanding and integrating multicultural content knowledge and resources in academic disciplines: language and literacy; mathematics, science, social studies, the arts--music, creative movement, dance, drama, visual arts; physical activity, physical education and health and safety across the curriculum;
- (ii) Knowing and using the central concepts, inquiry tools, and structures of content areas or academic disciplines;
- (iii) Using content knowledge, appropriate content standards, and other resources to design implement and evaluate developmentally meaningful, culturally responsive, and challenging curriculum for each child;
- (iv) Recognizing and utilizing opportunities for appropriate curriculum integration;
- (v) Planning, developing, implementing and assessing standards-aligned content instruction in the primary and target language differentiating by students' levels of language proficiency;
- (vi) Evaluating, selecting, using and adapting state-board adopted and state-board approved materials, as well as other supplemental instructional materials; and
- (vii) Demonstrating the ability to use a variety of criteria for selection of culturally responsive instructional materials, to assess the suitability and appropriateness for local context and to augment resources when they are not suitable or available.
- (viii) Content specific indicators: The program shall prepare elementary professionals to meet the following indicators based on content standards promoted by the Association for Childhood Education International (2007):

(I) Reading, Writing and Oral Language: Demonstrating a knowledge of teaching reading and writing in the target language and English;

(II) Language Arts: Demonstrating reading, language and child development, to teach reading, writing, speaking, viewing, listening, and thinking skills and to help students successfully apply their developing skills to many different situations, materials, and ideas;

(III) Science: Demonstrating the use of fundamental concepts of physical, life, and earth/space sciences. Candidates can design and implement age-appropriate inquiry lessons to teach science, to build student understanding for personal and social applications, and to convey the nature of science;

(IV) Mathematics: Demonstrating the major concepts and procedures that define number and operations, algebra, geometry, measurement, and data analysis. In doing so they consistently engage problem solving, reasoning and proof, communication, connections, and representation;

(V) Social studies: Demonstrating the major concepts and modes of inquiry from the social studies, the integrated study of history, geography, the social sciences, and other related areas, to promote elementary students' abilities to make informed decisions as citizens of a culturally diverse democratic society and interdependent world;

(VI) The arts: Demonstrating the content, functions, and achievements of the performing arts (dance, music, theater) and the visual arts as primary media for communication, inquiry, and engagement among elementary students;

(VII) Health education: Demonstrating the major concepts in the subject matter of health education to create opportunities for student development and practice of skills that contribute to good health; and

(VIII) Physical education: Demonstrating human movement and physical activity as central elements to foster active, healthy life styles and enhanced quality of life for elementary students.

3. Observing, Documenting, and Assessing to Support Children and Families. Candidates prepared in Dual Immersion Elementary Education (P-5) programs understand that child observation, documentation, and other forms of assessment are central to the practice of all elementary professionals. They know about and understand the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment. They know about and use systematic observations, documentation, and other effective assessment strategies in a responsible way, in partnership with families and other professionals, to positively influence the development of every child. The indicators are as follows:

(i) Understanding the goals, benefits, and uses of assessment including its interpretation and use in development of appropriate goals and differentiated teaching strategies for pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children;

(ii) Systematically collecting and analyzing relevant data (via observation, documentation, and other appropriate assessment tools and approaches including the use of technology) to monitor student progress and to inform instruction;

(iii) Understanding and practicing responsible assessment to promote positive outcomes for each child, including the use of assistive technology for children with disabilities;

(iv) Engaging in productive effective assessment partnerships with families and with professional colleagues to build effective learning environments; and

(v) Using a variety of formal and informal assessments of content and language proficiency in a dual immersion program.

4. Becoming a Dual Immersion Professional. Candidates prepared in Dual Immersion Elementary Education (P-5) programs identify and conduct themselves as members of the profession. They know and use ethical guidelines and other professional standards related to practice. They are continuous, collaborative learners who demonstrate knowledgeable, reflective and critical perspectives on their work, making informed decisions that integrate

knowledge from a variety of sources. They are informed advocates for sound educational practices and policies. The indicators are as follows:

- (i) Understanding the base of knowledge of the history, policies, programs, and research on the effectiveness of dual immersion education and biliteracy in the United States;
- (ii) Applying knowledge of the research on the cognitive effects of bilingualism and biliteracy as developmental processes in instructional practice and the dimensions of learning in dual language education program models;
- (iii) Understanding the benefits of multilingualism and multi-literacy in a global society;
- (iv) Recognizing the knowledge of contrastive linguistics; specifically, the transferability of knowledge and skills between primary and target language with the understanding that the level of transferability is affected by the level of compatibility and may vary among languages;
- (v) Demonstrating knowledge of the country/countries of origin, including geographic barriers, demographic and linguistic patterns, and the ways in which these affect trends of migration, immigration and settlement in Georgia and the United States; and
- (vi) Promoting authentic family participation that includes learning about school systems, assuming leadership roles and affecting policy.

**5. Building Family and Community Relationships.** Candidates prepared in Dual Immersion Elementary Education (P-5) programs understand that successful elementary education depends upon partnerships with children's families and communities. They know about, understand, and value the importance and complex characteristics of children's families and communities. They use this understanding to create respectful, reciprocal relationships that support and empower families, and to involve all families in their children's development and learning. The indicators are as follows:

- (i) Knowing about and understanding a wide range of different family structures and community characteristics;
- (ii) Supporting and engaging families and communities through respectful, reciprocal relationships;
- (iii) Involving families and communities in children's development and learning;
- (iv) Promoting candidates' understanding of the family as a primary language and cultural resource, regardless of the home language;
- (v) Understanding that students' motivation, participation and achievement are influenced by an intercultural classroom climate and school community; and
- (vi) Developing dual immersion candidates' understanding and knowledge of intercultural communication and interaction that is linguistically and culturally responsive.

**6. Dual Immersion Field Experiences.** Field experiences for dual immersion are planned and sequenced so that candidates develop the knowledge, skills and professional dispositions necessary to promote the development and learning of pre-Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade children in a dual immersion classroom. Candidates shall:

- (i) Observe and participate under the supervision of qualified professionals in dual immersion settings in which children are served (such as public and private centers, schools, and community agencies);
- (ii) Work effectively over time with dual language learners of different ages (preschoolers, or school-age), with children with varying abilities, and with children reflecting culturally and linguistically different family systems; and
- (iii) Analyze and evaluate the dual immersion field experience, including supervised experience in working with families, and supervised experience in working with interdisciplinary teams of professionals.

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### **505-3-.108 Personalized Learning Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare individuals to model personalized learning in the field and at the grade level of their base certification and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **Definitions.**

- (a) **Asset-Based Language:** language or speech that expresses value for individual differences, and focuses on the strengths and potential of peers and other educators rather than emphasize differences as deficits.
- (b) **Competency of Focus:** an individual competency which the learner and the Learning Coach have prioritized for immediate focus.
- (c) **Digital Content Ecosystem:** Any dynamic and changing collection of instructional content accessed by either a teacher or a learner using a digital system.
- (d) **Educator as Instructional Designer:** the designer of instructional curricula within his/her content area of expertise.
- (e) **Educator as Learning Coach:** the learner's co-planner and guide within the learning environment.
- (f) **Executive Function:** an umbrella term for the complex cognitive processes that serve ongoing, goal-directed behaviors.
- (g) **Growth and Mastery Mindset:** a perspective or attitude toward learning that views it as an ongoing progression of continuous growth and improvement towards new understanding and mastery of interdependent competencies, and not an end point of either success or failure.
- (h) **Learner Agency:** when learners advocate for their own needs, preferences, and interests to plan and drive their learning.
- (i) **Personalized Learning:** an instructional approach that uses student voice to enact an individual path and pace through a collection of competencies.
- (j) **Responsive Instructional Design:** considers user feedback and data to make real-time, high impact adjustments to the learning environment, curricula, and resources.

(3) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Personalized Learning Endorsement have strengthened and enhanced competencies to utilize personalized learning practices in the field(s) and at the grade level(s) of their base certification.

(4) **Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC approved professional educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 3. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards for the preparation of teachers informed by the Educator Competencies for Personalized, Learner-Centered Teaching published in 2015 by the Council of Chief State School Officers:

1. Prioritized Executive Function. The candidate explicitly teaches students the skills of executive function (self-regulation, emotional responsibility, task completion, working memory, cognitive flexibility, time management, reflection, etc.), teaches practices of metacognition, and prepares the learning environment to promote learner agency. The candidate will:

(i) Prepare learners to take responsibility for their learning through the acquisition and practice of executive function;

(ii) design and transform curricula that supports learner acquisition and practice of executive function by considering the cognitive development of the learner; and

(iii) measure and report growth in learner executive function to coach learners towards independence.

2. Learner Agency. The candidate teaches and encourages learners to advocate for their needs, preferences, and interests to plan and drive their learning. The candidate will:

(i) Support learners in identifying and advocating for their preferred modalities, talents, and interests when co-planning experiences that support mastery;

(ii) create a flexible or innovative learning environment that supports learner agency; and

(iii) ensure learning experiences reflect preferred modalities, talents, and interests when co-planning experiences that support mastery.

3. Asset-Based Dispositions. The candidate uses asset-based language and classroom practices to serve all learners. The candidate will:

(i) Encourage all learners to value his/her own individualities and to view the individualities and differences of peers and other educators as assets rather than deficits;

(ii) practice responsive pedagogy and curriculum design in a way that promotes learner differences as assets rather than deficits; and

(iii) value the differing learner characteristics of all students and demonstrates a belief that all students can learn any competency given adequate resources and time through asset-based language.

4. Growth and Mastery Mindset. The candidate defines learning as an ongoing progression by embracing a growth and mastery mindset, rejecting the binary of success and failure. The candidate will:



(i) Prepare learners to monitor their own pace and progress and persevere towards mastery, embracing mistakes as learning opportunities;

(ii) identify causes of learner struggles, prescribe solutions, and co-plan with learners to set short and long-term goals for growth; and

(iii) design and implement adaptive tools, strategies and learning experiences to support growth towards mastery for all learners.

5. Authentic and Adaptive Assessment. The candidate co-plans with the learner to collect evidence of mastery using varied and data-rich performances that are on-going, authentic, flexible, and relevant. The candidate will:

(i) Prepare learners to self-assess by identifying, documenting, and defending formal and informal learning experiences to build an assessed portfolio as evidence of mastery;

(ii) consider multiple means of demonstration when co-designing assessments aligned to competencies; and

(iii) assess learner experiences (formal and informal) in diagnostic, formative and summative ways as they align to mastery using authentic and adaptive assessments.

6. Flexible Educational Resources. The candidate provides the learner access to flexible resources when co-planning unique ways to master competencies. These include, but are not limited to the resources available in the digital content ecosystem. The candidate will:

(i) Provide opportunity for learners to seek or select content from a curated menu of educational resources that address the competencies;

(ii) employ engaging pedagogies and research-based best practices of instructional design to curate, mine, create, and organize high impact educational resources and make them accessible to learners; and

(iii) monitor and observe the effectiveness of educational resources in real-time and suggest or seek alternatives as needed.

7. Individualized Path. The candidate prepares learners to be aware of competency-based learning progressions and to make informed choices in co-planning a unique pathway and pace towards mastery of the curriculum. The candidate will:

(i) Co-plan and co-design with the learner a challenging learning pathway towards mastery while considering the interdependencies within and across content(s);

(ii) use data of previously assessed competencies to coach and co-plan current and future learning paths; and

(iii) facilitate and coach the learner towards independence in mastering the content.

8. Dynamic Communication. The candidate facilitates communication that flows multi-directionally from all stakeholders to meet learner needs in a variety of flexible formats. The candidate will:

(i) Coach learners to initiate communication with all stakeholders as s/he advocates for her/himself and others;

(ii) communicate curricula to ensure resources are leveraged for best outcomes; and

(iii) model and nurture effective communication strategies to build relationships with all stakeholders.

9. Expanded Collaboration. The candidate values learners as equal contributors in the planning process. The candidate will:

- (i) Coach learners to effectively collaborate in all interactions (group work, instructional conversations, sharing ideas, critical feedback, roles, peer feedback, etc.);
- (ii) collaborate using tools and strategies to acquire real-time feedback and data from all stakeholders to inform curriculum design and improvement;
- (iii) build relationships with all stakeholders that foster success, and
- (iv) commit to timely personal interaction (co-plan, monitor progress, provide feedback, reflect and celebrate, etc.) with all learners.

10. Life-Long Professional Learning. The candidate perceives his/her own learning as a life-long pursuit. The candidate will:

- (i) Value and participate in professional learning communities and networks for ongoing growth in personalized learning;
- (ii) keep abreast of innovative strategies and technologies that hold potential to support personalized learning; and
- (iii) seek and create opportunities as a teacher leader, mentor, coach or content expert within the school, district or state to promote personalized learning.

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## **505-3-.110 Urban Education Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare individuals to teach in an urban setting in the field and at the grade level of their base certification and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Urban Education Endorsement have strengthened and enhanced competency to teach in an urban setting in the field(s) and at the grade level(s) of their base certification.

(3) **Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved professional educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 3. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards for the preparation of educators:

1. Context of Urban Education. The program shall prepare candidates who are able to:

- (i) Demonstrate an understanding of the dynamic context of urban schools and classrooms (e.g., classroom management, motivation, supportive and welcoming classrooms, and cultural relevance) as different from other contexts, and apply that understanding in their instructional practices;
- (ii) Situate urban schools in their broader historical, social, political and economic contexts and demonstrate a deeper understanding of the ways in which these factors shape communities and learning environments; and
- (iii) Demonstrate an understanding of the intersectionality of race, ethnicity, gender, class, language, ability, sexual orientation, and culture and the potential impact of these characteristics on students' educational experiences, and apply that understanding in their instructional practices.

2. Culturally Relevant Pedagogy, Curriculum, and Leadership. The program shall prepare candidates who are able to:

- (i) Demonstrate an understanding of the definition of culturally relevant pedagogy and leadership;
- (ii) Critically evaluate, develop, and implement culturally relevant and linguistically responsive curriculum;
- (iii) Demonstrate an understanding of evidenced-based models of culturally relevant teaching, learning and assessment practices;
- (iv) Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of students' differing identities (race, ethnicity, gender, class, language, ability, sexual orientation, and culture), cultural backgrounds and experiences on teaching, learning, assessment practices, and academic success, and use this understanding to inform, plan, and implement culturally relevant teaching, learning, assessment, and classroom management practices; and
- (v) Research, evaluate and apply leadership and advocacy strategies that support a culturally relevant learning environment.

3. Urban Learner and Learning in the 21st Century. The program shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Recognize the cultural capital of urban students and validate them as assets (funds of knowledge) to inform instructional practices and dispositions;
- (ii) Explore and experience the contexts in which students from urban communities live and form identities; and
- (iii) Investigate cultural trends and advancements in technologies that impact the learning of students from urban communities.

4. Communication, Engagement, and Partnerships with Families Schools and Communities. The program shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Demonstrate an understanding of the importance of school partnerships between families, home and communities;
- (ii) Demonstrate the cultural competence to establish, elicit, and maintain clear two-way communication between school, families, home and communities;
- (iii) Become culturally self-aware by increasing knowledge and understanding of their beliefs and values in order to engage communities and support families; and

(iv) Demonstrate an understanding of how to engage and establish authentic partnerships between families, schools, and communities to support student learning and well-being.

5. The Impact of Educator Culture, Perspectives, and Preconceptions. The program shall prepare candidates who:

(i) Demonstrate their understandings of how cultural norms and preconceptions impact their perspectives of urban education;

(ii) Demonstrate an understanding of how to assess personal preconceptions; and

(iii) Reflect on how personal knowledge of conscious and unconscious preconceptions can be used to create supportive, welcoming, and responsive educational opportunities aimed at meeting the unique learning needs of each student.

6. The Impact of Systems, Structures and Policies on Urban Education. The program shall prepare candidates who:

(i) Demonstrate an understanding of how issues of race, gender, class, identity, privilege, and power impact students living in urban communities, and apply that understanding in their instructional practices;

(ii) Demonstrate an understanding of the evolution of law and policies and its impact on urban education with an emphasis on institutional, structural, and environmental racism and classism, and apply that understanding in their instructional practices;

(iii) Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of racism and classism on the institutional, structural, and environmental (e.g., facilities, housing, zoning, resources, technology, etc.) inequalities in urban education, and apply that understanding in their instructional practices;

(iv) Demonstrate a deep understanding of the achievement and opportunity challenges facing students, families, teachers, and leaders working and living in urban communities, and apply that understanding in their instructional practices;

(v) Demonstrate an understanding of the implications of student discipline policies and practices on student retention, dropout rates, and the school to prison pipeline; and

(vi) Critically analyze the implications of school, district and/or state policies and practices on the overrepresentation of students in special education who differ culturally, racially, and linguistically.

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### **505-3-.112 Dyslexia Endorsement**

(1) **Purpose.** This rule states field-specific content standards for approving endorsement programs that prepare individuals to recognize the characteristics of dyslexia and support students with dyslexia in the field and at the grade levels of their base certification and supplements requirements in GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS

AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(2) **Definitions.**

- (a) Articulatory: Motor movements that are involved in the production of speech sounds.
  - (b) Curriculum-Based Measures (CBMs): A set of individually administered, standardized procedures designed to assess basic skills in reading, mathematics, writing, and spelling.
  - (c) Dyslexia: A specific learning disability that is neurobiological in origin. It is characterized by difficulties with accurate and/or fluent word recognition and by poor spelling and decoding abilities. These difficulties typically result from a deficit in the phonological component of language that is often unexpected in relation to other cognitive abilities and the provision of effective classroom instruction. Secondary consequences may include problems in reading comprehension and reduced reading experience that can impede growth of vocabulary and background knowledge.
  - (d) Expressive Language: Ability to speak and understand language. It encompasses verbal and nonverbal communication skills and how an individual uses language. Expressive language skills include facial expressions, gestures, intentionality, vocabulary, semantics (word/sentence meaning), morphology, and syntax (grammar rules).
  - (e) Morphology: The study of how the aspects of language structure are related to the ways words are formed from prefixes, roots, and suffixes, and how words are related to each other to understand meanings of words and word combination.
  - (f) Multisensory and Multimodal Language-learning Techniques: Use of two or more sensory pathways (auditory, visual, kinesthetic, and tactile).
  - (g) Orthographic: The ability to perceive and manipulate aspects of a writing system and the visual aspects of reading and spelling, such as letter, letter patterns, and words.
  - (h) Phonics: The understanding and use of the alphabetic principle, that there is a predictable relationship between phonemes (the sounds in spoken language) and graphemes (the letters that represent those sounds) in written language and that this information is used to decode and spell words.
  - (i) Phonemic Awareness: The most complex of phonological awareness skills. It is the ability to notice, think about, and work with the individual phonemes (sounds) in spoken words. The ability to recognize that a spoken word consists of a sequence of individual sounds and the ability to manipulate individual sounds.
  - (j) Phonological Awareness: Encompasses a broad spectrum of processes that comprise a range of understandings related to large chunks of speech (e.g., words within sentences, syllables within words), as well as phonemes (sounds) within words.
  - (k) Phonological Sensitivity: Phonemic and phonological awareness difficulties.
  - (l) Receptive Language: Ability to understand words and language. Involves attention, listening, and processing the message to gain information. Areas of receptive language skills include attention, receptive vocabulary, following directions, and understanding questions.
  - (m) Semantic: Ability to understand meanings of words and word combination.
  - (n) Syntactic: Ability to arrange words in sentences.
- (3) **In-Field Statement.** Completers of the Dyslexia Endorsement have strengthened and enhanced competency for recognizing the characteristics of dyslexia and for supporting students with dyslexia in the field(s) and at the grade levels of their base certificate(s).

#### **(4) Requirements.**

(a) A GaPSC-approved professional educator preparation provider may seek state approval to offer this field as either a stand-alone endorsement program or as an endorsement program embedded in a GaPSC-approved initial preparation program or an advanced (degree-only) preparation program. In addition to meeting all applicable approval requirements and standards, embedded endorsement programs must meet requirements specified in paragraph (e) 3. (ix) of GaPSC Rule [505-3-.01](#) REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS FOR APPROVING EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROVIDERS AND EDUCATOR PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

(b) To receive approval, a GaPSC-approved educator preparation provider shall offer a preparation program described in program planning forms, catalogs, and syllabi addressing the following standards for the preparation of teachers adapted from the International Dyslexia Association (2018).

##### **1. Foundations of Literacy Acquisition.** Programs shall prepare candidates who are able to:

- (i) Understand the five (5) language processing requirements of proficient reading and writing: phonological, orthographic, semantic, syntactic, and discourse;
- (ii) Understand that learning to read, for most people, requires explicit instruction;
- (iii) Understand the reciprocal relationships among phonemic awareness, decoding, word recognition, spelling, and vocabulary knowledge;
- (iv) Identify and explain aspects of cognition and behavior that affect reading and writing development;
- (v) Identify (and explain how) environmental, cultural, and social factors contribute to literacy development;
- (vi) Explain major research findings regarding the contribution of linguistic and cognitive factors to the prediction of literacy outcomes;
- (vii) Understand the most common intrinsic differences between good and poor readers (i.e., linguistic, cognitive, and neurobiological);
- (viii) Know phases in the typical developmental progression of oral language, phonemic awareness, decoding skills, printed word recognition, spelling, reading fluency, reading comprehension, and written expression; and
- (ix) Understand the changing relations among the major components of literacy development in accounting for reading achievement.

##### **2. Knowledge of Varied Reading Profiles, Including Dyslexia.** Programs shall prepare candidates who are able to:

- (i) Recognize the tenets of the (2003) International Dyslexia Association definition of dyslexia, or any accepted revisions thereof;
- (ii) Know fundamental provisions of federal and state laws that pertain to learning disabilities, including dyslexia and other reading and language disability subtypes;
- (iii) Identify the distinguishing characteristics of dyslexia and other language difficulties including expressive and receptive language;
- (iv) Understand how reading disabilities vary in presentation and degree; and
- (v) Understand how and why symptoms of reading difficulty are likely to change over time in response to development and instruction.

3. Assessments. Programs shall prepare candidates who are able to:

- (i) Understand the differences among and purposes for screening, progress monitoring, and diagnostic and outcome assessments;
- (ii) Understand basic principles of test construction and formats (e.g., reliability, validity, criterion, normed);
- (iii) Interpret basic statistics commonly utilized in formal and informal assessments;
- (iv) Know and utilize in practice well-validated screen tests designed to identify students at risk for reading difficulties;
- (v) Understand and apply the principles of progress monitoring and reporting with Curriculum-Based Measures (CBMs) including graphing techniques;
- (vi) Know and utilize in practice informal diagnostic surveys of phonological and phonemic awareness, decoding skills, oral reading fluency, comprehension, spelling and writing;
- (vii) Know how to read and interpret the most common diagnostic tests used by psychologists, speech-language pathologists, and education evaluators;
- (viii) Integrate, summarize, and communicate (orally and in writing) the meanings of educational assessment data for sharing; and
- (ix) Understand the developmental aspects of reading abilities and how they impact the purpose of assessment, the areas of literacy that should be focused upon, and the interpretation of assessment results.

4. Structured Literacy Instruction. Programs shall prepare candidates who demonstrate an understanding of:

- (i) The essential principles and practices of structured literacy instruction, as indicated by the following:
  - (I) Understand and apply in practice the general principles and practices of structured language and literacy teaching, including explicit, systematic, cumulative, and teacher-directed;
  - (II) Understand and apply in practice the rationales for multisensory and multimodal language-learning techniques; and
  - (III) Understand the rationale for and adapt instruction to accommodate individual differences in cognitive, linguistic, sociocultural, and behavioral aspects of learning.
- (ii) Phonological and phonemic awareness, as indicated by the following:
  - (I) Understand the rationale for and identify, pronounce, classify, and compare all the consonant phonemes and all vowel phonemes of English;
  - (II) Understand and apply in practice considerations for levels of phonological sensitivity;
  - (III) Understand and apply in practice considerations for phonemic awareness difficulties;
  - (IV) Know and apply in practice consideration for the progression of phonemic awareness skill development, across age and grade;
  - (V) Know and apply in practice considerations for the general and specific goals of phonemic awareness instruction;
  - (VI) Know and apply in practice considerations for the principles of phonemic awareness instruction: brief, multisensory, conceptual, articulatory and auditory verbal; and

(VII) Know and apply in practice considerations for the utility of print and online resources for obtaining information about languages other than English.

(iii) Phonics and word recognition, as indicated by the following:

(I) Know and apply in practice considerations for the structure of English orthography and the patterns and rules that inform the teaching of single- and multisyllabic regular word reading;

(II) Know and apply in practice considerations for systematically, cumulatively, and explicitly teaching basic decoding and spelling skills;

(III) Know and apply in practice considerations for organizing word recognition and spelling lessons by following a structured phonics lesson plan;

(IV) Know and apply in practice considerations for using multisensory routines to enhance student engagement and memory;

(V) Know and apply in practice considerations for adapting instruction for students with weaknesses in working memory, attention, executive function, or processing speed;

(VI) Know and apply in practice considerations for teaching irregular words in small increments using special techniques;

(VII) Know and apply in practice considerations for systematically teaching the decoding of multisyllabic words; and

(VIII) Know and apply in practice considerations for the different types and purposes of texts.

(iv) Automatic, fluent reading of text as indicated by the following:

(I) Know and apply in practice considerations for the role of fluent word-level skills in automatic word reading, oral reading fluency, reading comprehension, and motivation to read;

(II) Know and apply in practice considerations for varied techniques and methods for building reading fluency;

(III) Know and apply in practice considerations for text reading fluency as an achievement of normal reading development that can be advanced through informed instruction and progress-monitoring practices; and

(IV) Know and apply in practice considerations for appropriate uses of assistive technology for students with serious limitations in reading fluency.

(v) Vocabulary, as indicated by the following:

(I) Know and apply in practice considerations for the role of vocabulary development and vocabulary knowledge in oral and written language comprehension;

(II) Know and apply in practice considerations for the sources of wide differences in students' vocabularies;

(III) Know and apply in practice considerations for the role and characteristics of indirect (contextual) methods of vocabulary instruction; and

(IV) Know and apply in practice considerations for the role and characteristics of direct, explicit methods of vocabulary instruction.

(vi) Listening and reading comprehension, as indicated by the following:



- (I) Know and apply in practice considerations for factors that contribute to deep comprehension;
- (II) Know and apply in practice considerations for instructional routines appropriate for each major genre: informational text, narrative text, and argumentation;
- (III) Know and apply in practice considerations for the role of sentence comprehension in listening and reading comprehension;
- (IV) Know and apply in practice considerations for the use of explicit comprehension strategy instruction, as supported by research; and
- (V) Know and apply in practice considerations for the teacher's role as an active mediator of text-comprehension processes.
- (vii) Written expression, as indicated by the following:
  - (I) Understand the major skill domains that contribute to written expression;
  - (II) Know and apply in practice considerations for research-based principles for teaching letter formation, both manuscript and cursive;
  - (III) Know and apply in practice considerations for research-based principles for teaching written spelling and punctuation;
  - (IV) Know and apply in practice considerations for the developmental phases of the writing process; and
  - (V) Know and apply in practice considerations for the appropriate uses of assistive technology in written expression.

**5. Professional Dispositions and Practices.** Programs shall prepare candidates who:

- (i) Establish and maintain collaborative relationships with relevant professionals (e.g., speech-language pathologist, school psychologist, curriculum specialist) providing intervention to individuals with dyslexia;
- (ii) Strive to do no harm and to act in the best interests of struggling readers and readers with dyslexia and related language based learning disabilities;
- (iii) Maintain the public trust by providing accurate information about currently accepted and evidence-based best practices in the field;
- (iv) Avoid misrepresentation of the efficacy of educational or other treatments or the proof for or against those treatments;
- (v) Respect objectivity by reporting assessment and treatment results accurately, and truthfully;
- (vi) Support responsive treatment of individuals with dyslexia and related language-based learning disabilities;
- (vii) Respect confidentiality of students or clients; and
- (viii) Respect the intellectual property of others.

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# Department 591. RULES OF BRIGHT FROM THE START GEORGIA DEPARTMENT OF EARLY CARE AND LEARNING

## Chapter 591-1.

### Subject 591-1-1. CHILD CARE LEARNING CENTERS

#### 591-1-1-.07 [Effective 9/18/2023] Children's Health

(1) Exclusion of Sick Children. A child shall not be accepted nor allowed to remain at the Center if the child has the equivalent of a one hundred one (101) degrees Fahrenheit or higher oral temperature and another contagious symptom, such as but not limited to, a rash, diarrhea or a sore throat. When a child shows symptoms of illness during the day, the child shall be moved to a quiet area away from other children where the child shall be supervised and provided the necessary attention until such time as the child leaves the Center or is able to return to the child's group.

(2) Parental Notification. Parents must be notified of incidents, illnesses, or injuries as follows:

Notification	When
Immediately notify Parent(s) and obtain specific instructions until child can be picked up or returned to group.	When professional medical attention is required, or When child experiences symptoms of moderate discomfort such as elevated temperature, vomiting or diarrhea, or When child is involved in an incident that puts their health and/or safety at risk (e.g., missing from program, left on vehicle, escaped from building/playground, etc.)
Notify Parent(s) by the end of the day.	When professional medical attention is not required, or When child experiences symptoms of less than moderate discomfort, or When child experiences an adverse reaction to prescribed medication which does not constitute moderate discomfort.

(3) Communicable Diseases. The Department's current communicable disease chart of recommendations for exclusion of sick children from the Center and their readmission shall be followed. Parents of all children enrolled shall be notified in writing of the occurrence of any of the illnesses on the most current version of the communicable disease chart, as found on the Department's website, or any cases or suspected cases of viruses or illnesses (COVID-19, etc.) identified during a public health emergency, within twenty-four (24) hours after the Center becomes aware of the illness or the next working day.

(4) Medical Emergencies. A Center shall have a written plan which outlines how emergency medical services will be obtained, including place(s) the child will be taken for emergency care. When a medical emergency arises involving a child, the Center Staff shall seek prompt emergency medical treatment and provide any certified or licensed emergency medical persons with immediate access to the child.

(5) Hazardous Items. Children shall not be permitted to wear around their necks or attach to their clothing pacifiers or other hazardous items.

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### **591-1-1-.16 [Effective 9/18/2023] Governing Body and Licenses**

Each Center shall have a clearly identified governing body which shall be empowered and responsible for determining all policies and procedures and ensuring compliance with these rules and regulations. The chairperson or chief executive officer of the governing body shall complete a statement of responsibility on behalf of the governing body acknowledging the same in connection with any application for License or Permit on a form provided by the Department. If the Center is individually owned, then the owner(s) will complete the statement of responsibility.

(a) Application for License. Prior to filing for licensure, an applicant shall attend an orientation of no more than 16 hours that has been approved by the Department. This orientation shall, at a minimum, provide instruction on the application process and give an overview of the Department's regulations that relate to the operation of early child care learning centers.

1. Orientation. An existing License Holder applying for another Child Care Learning Center License is not required to attend another orientation within two years following the successful completion of a prior orientation.

2. An applicant applying for multiple Child Care Learning Center Licenses at one time is only required to attend one orientation.

(b) Director's Training. Prior to the issuance of an initial License, the Director of a Center responsible for its day-to-day operations shall have completed a 40-hour director's training course that has been approved by the Department. At a minimum, the subject matter taught at a Director's training course shall cover the areas of administrator competencies that serve as a framework for professional development, which include, but are not limited to, early learning standards, business management, communication, developmentally appropriate practices, professional and leadership development, and advocacy for the Center, Parents, children and Staff.

(c) No person shall operate a Center without a License or Permit. A separate License or Permit is required for each address or location at which a Center is proposed to be operated even when all of the proposed Centers are owned by the same person or entity. A separate License or Permit is also required for each Center operated at a single location by the same governing body.

1. Temporary License. The Department may at its discretion issue a temporary License if the health and safety of the children to be served by the Center will not be endangered. A temporary License will be valid for a specified period not to exceed one (1) year and may be issued when the Center is not in full compliance with these rules but has demonstrated satisfactory evidence that it is making progress toward meeting these rules and has submitted an acceptable Plan of Correction.

2. Restricted License. The Department may at its discretion issue a restricted License in lieu of a temporary or regular License. The restricted License may be granted either in connection with the initial application process for a License or Permit or as a result of a subsequent determination made by the Department concerning compliance with these rules. The restriction shall appear on the face of the License and shall restrict a Center from providing care or

services which are beyond the capability of the License Holder to provide. The restriction may also limit the number and/or age of the children served by the Center.

3. Regular License. A License will be issued upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Department that the Center is in compliance with applicable statutes and these rules. The License is valid for one year unless voluntarily surrendered by the holder, reduced to a restricted or temporary License or suspended or revoked by the Department.

4. Qualification Requirement. In order to obtain or retain a License or Permit, the Director of the Center and its Employees must be qualified as defined in these rules to administer or work in a Center. The Department may presume that the Director and Employees are qualified subject to a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination. However, the Department may require additional reasonable verification of the qualifications of the Director and Employees either at the time of application for a License or Permit or at any time during the License or Permit period whenever the Department has reason to believe that a Director or Center Employee is not qualified under these rules to administer or work in a Child Care Learning Center. Reasonable verification which may be required by the Department may include, but need not be limited to, any or all of the following: statement(s) from an attending physician or other health care professionals attesting to the mental and/or physical health of the applicant and/or staff member; letters of reference from designated persons in the community where the applicant and/or staff member intends to work or is working; certified copies of court orders and additional criminal records checks.

(d) License or Permit is Non-transferable. A License or Permit to operate a Child Care Learning Center is not transferable in any way. Each License and Permit shall be returned to the Department immediately upon the expiration, suspension, revocation, restriction of the License or Permit or closure or termination of the operation.

(e) License Fees. Every License or Commission issued by the Department to operate a Child Care Learning Center shall be subject to an annual fee. Such annual fee shall be determined by the following:

1. Capacity of one to 25 children.....\$50.00
2. Capacity of 26 to 50 children....\$100.00
3. Capacity of 51 to 100 children.....\$150.00
4. Capacity of 101 to 200 children...\$200.00
5. Capacity of more than 200 children...\$250.00

If such annual fee is not paid by the date set forth by the Department, the Department may issue a late fee of up to \$250.00 within 30 days of the due date. If such annual fee and any imposed late fees are not paid within 30 days of the due date, the Department shall revoke the License or Commission.

(f) Amended License. If there is a change in the name of the program or Center, changes in the ages of the children to be served, an increase in the regular hours of operation such that the Center would be providing evening or night-time care in addition to day-time care, changes in the services provided, additions to or changes in the use of the building by the licensed Center, an application for an amended License shall be submitted at least thirty (30) days prior to the change, except in the case of an emergency. If an emergency situation arises which makes it impossible to give thirty (30) days' notice, the management of the Center shall notify the Department by telephone and shall submit an application for an amended License as soon as management becomes aware of the change that will be necessitated by the emergency situation. In no case, however, shall a new owner operate the Center without first securing a new License or Permit from the Department.

(g) False or Misleading Information. The application for a License or Permit, including the Records Check Application, must be truthfully and fully completed. In the event that the Department has reason to believe that the application has not been completed truthfully, it may require additional verification of the facts alleged. The Department may refuse to issue or revoke a License or Permit where false statements have been made in connection with the application or any other documents submitted to the Department.

(h) E-mail Contact Information. Each Center issued or applying for a License or Permit in the state of Georgia shall provide the Department e-mail contact information ("Contact Information") so that this agency may contact the Center and send information to the Center via e-mail. It shall be the Center's responsibility to maintain correct contact information, to update the Department if contact information changes, and to respond timely to information requests from the Department transmitted to the provided e-mail address. Delivery of any such information, including but not limited to directives, bulletins, data requests, notices of proposed amendments to rules and regulations, and any other matters affecting Centers, to said e-mail address shall be considered valid so long as the Department does not receive a failure to deliver message.

(i) Permit. The Department may issue a Permit for a program to operate without a License for a limited term in situations, such as but not limited to, a change of ownership.

1. An application for a Permit to operate a Child Care Learning Center shall be submitted to the Department on the forms provided by the Department.

2. A Permit Applicant or Permit Holder must provide evidence of a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination for the Director and every Employee and a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination for every Provisional Employee of the program.

3. A Permit Applicant or Permit Holder may continue to employ an individual from the prior ownership, if applicable. During the Permitting process, such individual may be present at the Center while any child is present for care based on the prior satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination so long as that determination is valid and current, no more than 5 years old and the individual has not had a lapse of employment from the child care industry that lasted for 180 days (6 months) or longer.

4. The Permit Applicant or Permit Holder shall not allow any individual to reside at the Center or be present at the Center while any child is present for care if the Center knows or reasonably should know that the individual has a Criminal Record, an unsatisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination or an unsatisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination.

5. Each Director and Employee must receive a satisfactory Comprehensive Records Check Determination and each Provisional Employee must receive a satisfactory Fingerprint Records Check Determination issued by the Department before that individual can be present at the Center while any Child is present for care or reside in the Center and prior to issuance of a License.

6. Issuance of a Permit. A Permit will be issued, upon presentation of evidence satisfactory to the Department that a Center is in compliance with applicable statutes and these rules. The Permit shall be valid for 21 calendar days unless voluntarily surrendered by the Holder or suspended or revoked by the Department.

7. Renewal of a Permit. A Permit may be renewed only if every resident and member of the Center's Staff has both submitted a Records Check Application to the Department and submitted to a fingerprint scan within 21 calendar days of the issuance of the initial Permit.

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### **591-1-1-.36 [Effective 9/18/2023] Transportation**

(1) **Transportation Requirements.** The transportation requirements that follow apply to all transportation provided by the Center, including transportation provided by any person on behalf of the Center, regardless of whether the person is employed by the License Center and regardless of whether a fee is charged for this service. Non-routine transportation, such as a Parent requesting that their child be picked up at school due to the Parents' work schedule or other conflicts, is also covered by these requirements, regardless of whether a fee is charged for this service or not. (Possible scenarios include, but are not limited to: contract services hired by the Center to provide transportation or another licensed facility providing transportation on the Center's behalf.)

(2) **Emergency Transportation.** A Center shall have available at all times both a licensed driver and a vehicle that meets the safety requirements contained in these rules or must have a plan approved by the Department for alternative emergency transportation.

(3) **Transportation Training.** Child Care Learning Centers that provide any type of transportation shall obtain two (2) clock hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training, biannually, for the Director and for each Staff person responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children. The training shall include, but is not limited to, a review of the transportation rules, a review of approved transportation forms and procedures, and instruction on the usage and completion of the forms and procedures. This training may be counted as part of the annual training requirements for Staff.

(a) The Director and each Staff person who is responsible for or who participates in the transportation of children shall complete two (2) clock hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training on or before June 30, 2015 and at least every two years thereafter.

(b) Effective July 1, 2015, the Director and each Staff person who will be responsible for or participate in the transportation of children shall have completed two (2) clock hours of state-approved or state-accepted transportation training prior to assuming any duties related to the transportation of children and at least every two years thereafter.

(4) **Vehicle Safety.** Vehicles used for transporting children shall be maintained as follows:

(a) **Annual Safety Check.** Each vehicle shall have a satisfactory annual safety check, completed by a trained individual, of at least: tires, headlights, horn, taillights, turn signals, brake lights, brakes, suspension, exhaust system, steering, windows, windshields and windshield wipers. A copy of a standard inspection report used by the Department or an equivalent shall be kept in the Center or on the vehicle and should include evidence of any repairs and/or replacements that were identified as needed on the inspection report.

(b) **Interior.** Interior of a transportation vehicle must be clean and in safe repair and free of hazardous items, objects and/or other non-essential items which could impede the children's access or egress from the vehicle or cause injury if the items were thrown about the vehicle as a result of a collision.

(c) **Fire Extinguisher.** Each vehicle shall be equipped with a fire extinguisher maintained in working order and kept inaccessible to children.



(d) Heater. Each vehicle must have a functioning heating system.

(e) Seats. Seats must be securely fastened to the body of the vehicle.

(f) Child Passenger Restraints

1. All children transported in a vehicle provided by or used by the Center shall be secured in a child passenger restraining system or seat safety belt in accordance with current state and federal laws and regulations. The child passenger restraining system and seat safety belts must be installed and used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions for such system and used in accordance with the manufacturer's directions with respect to restraining, seating or positioning the child being transported in the vehicle.

2. No vehicle used by the Center to transport children shall exceed the manufacturer's rated seating capacity for the vehicle. The Center shall maintain on file proof of the manufacturer's rated seating capacity for each vehicle used by the Center.

(g) Front Seat. There shall be no more than three (3) persons in the front seat of a transporting vehicle including the driver. Centers must follow applicable state and federal laws and regulations and the vehicle manufacturer's recommendations when children are allowed to sit in the front seat.

(h) Windows. No window, in a transporting vehicle, except that of the driver, shall be opened to more than fifty percent (50%) of its capacity at any time children are on board.

(5) Staffing Requirements for Transportation of Children

(a) Driver. Whenever the Center transports children for any reason, the driver of the vehicle shall be at least eighteen (18) years of age and possess a valid driver's license as required for the class of vehicle that the driver will be operating for the Center.

(b) Additional Staff. When the Center transports children for any reason, the following Staff:child ratios shall be maintained:

Driver + One (1) Staff Members [The additional Staff must be at least eighteen (18) years of age or older]	When transporting three (3) or more children under three years of age; When seven (7) or more children under five (5) years of age occupy vehicle; When eighteen (18) or more children five (5) years of age or older occupy the vehicle.
Driver + Two (2) Staff Members [One (1) of the additional Staff members must be at least eighteen (18) years of age]	When eight (8) or more children under three (3) years of age occupy the vehicle with other children; When more than twenty (20) children under five years of age occupy the vehicle with other children.

(c) Staffing Requirements When Transporting More Than Thirty-Six (36) Children.

1. When more than thirty-six (36) children under five (5) years of age occupy the vehicle, the Staff:child ratios as stated in Rules [591-1-1-.32\(1\)](#) and [591-1-1-.32\(2\)](#) shall be met.

2. When more than thirty-six (36) children five (5) years of age and older are transported with no children under the age of five (5) years, there shall be a minimum of two (2) Staff persons for the first thirty-six (36) children and there must be one additional Staff person for each additional twenty (20) children. This means a third Staff person would be required if transporting thirty-seven (37) to fifty-six (56) children five (5) years and older.

(6) Parental Authorization. For routine transportation provided by the Center or on behalf of the Center, the child's Parent(s) must provide written authorization for the transportation and specify routine pick-up location, routine pick-up time, routine delivery location, routine delivery time and the name of any person authorized to receive the child.

(7) Transportation Plan. For all transportation conducted by the Center or on behalf of the Center, the following requirements shall be met:

(a) Center and Passenger Information. Each vehicle used to transport children shall contain current information including the full names of all children to be transported and each child's pick-up location, pick-up time, delivery location, alternate delivery location if a Parent is not at home and name of person authorized to receive each child. In addition, the vehicle shall contain current information identifying the Center's name and telephone number and the name of the driver of the vehicle.

(b) Emergency Medical Information. An emergency medical information record must be maintained in the vehicle for each child being transported. The emergency medical information record for each child shall include a listing of the child's full name, date of birth, allergies, special medical needs and conditions, current prescribed medications that the child is required to take on a daily basis for a chronic condition, the name and phone number of the child's doctor, the local medical facility that the Center uses in the area where the Center is located and the telephone numbers where the Parent(s) can be reached.

(c) Passenger Transportation Checklists. A passenger transportation checklist, provided by or in a format approved by the Department, shall be used to account for each child during transportation. A separate passenger checklist shall be used for each vehicle.

1. The first and last name of each child transported shall be documented on the passenger transportation checklist. Each child shall be listed individually; a sibling group shall not be listed as a single entry, for example, an entry of "Smith children" would be unacceptable.

2. The driver or other designated person shall immediately document in writing, with a check or other mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist each time a child enters and exits the vehicle. The driver or other designated person shall document in writing with a different mark/symbol to account for each child listed on the passenger transportation checklist who was not present on the vehicle for any reason. An explanation shall be documented in writing whenever a child is transported to a field trip site but is not present on the return trip to the Center.

3. The driver or other designated Staff person shall also document in writing the dates and the departure/arrival times for all types of transportation on the passenger transportation checklist as follows: School Transportation - each time the vehicle departs from the Center, is loaded or unloaded at each school and when the vehicle returns to the Center. Home Transportation - each time the vehicle departs from the Center, arrives at the location where any child is picked up or dropped off and when the vehicle returns to the Center. Field Trip Transportation - each time the vehicle leaves the Center, arrives at a field trip destination, leaves a field trip destination, and returns to the Center.

4. The Staff person on the vehicle responsible for keeping the passenger transportation checklist shall give the completed passenger transportation checklist to the Director or the Director's designated Staff person at the Center as set forth below: immediately upon return to the Center at the completion of the trip once the vehicle has been checked or the next business day following the completion of the trip if the vehicle did not return to the Center at the end of the trip or if the Center was closed when the vehicle returned.

5. Passenger transportation checklists shall be maintained as Center records for one (1) year.

(d) Checking the Vehicle - To ensure that all children have been unloaded from transportation vehicles, regardless of whether the vehicle is equipped with a child safety alarm devices, the vehicle shall be thoroughly checked first by a designated Staff person who was present on the vehicle during the trip and then by a second designated Staff person, who may or may not have been present on the vehicle during the trip, to ensure that two checks of the vehicle have been completed.

1. The first check shall be conducted immediately upon unloading the last child at any location including, but not limited to, a field trip destination, arrival at the Center, and the last stop during transportation to home or school. The responsible person on the vehicle shall: physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle; and give the passenger transportation checklist(s) to the second designated Staff person.

2. The second designated Staff person shall conduct a check of the vehicle immediately upon the completion of the first check of the vehicle. The responsible person shall: physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle. There shall be continuous watchful oversight of the vehicle between the first check and second check.

3. If a second designated Staff person is not available to conduct a second check of the vehicle, the driver shall check the vehicle as follows: physically walk through the entire vehicle; visually inspect all seat surfaces, under all seats and in all compartments or recesses in the vehicle's interior; and sign the passenger transportation checklist(s), indicating all of the children have exited the vehicle, and then report by phone to the Director or designated Staff person that the check has been completed and no children remain on the vehicle. (Possible circumstances include, but are not limited to: the Center has closed when the driver returns with the vehicle; the driver is the only Staff person on the vehicle at the last destination during home, school or field trip transportation; the driver takes the vehicle home at the end of the day.) The time and verification of such telephone contact shall be immediately documented and signed on the passenger transportation checklist(s) by the driver.

(8) Travel Restriction. Unless accompanied by his or her Parent, no child shall be required to travel more than forty-five (45) minutes on each trip between the Center and destination point, excluding field trips.

(9) Center Responsibility. The Center is responsible for the child from the time and place the child is picked up until the child is delivered to his or her Parent(s) or the responsible person designated by his or her Parent(s). A child shall not be dropped off at any location if there is no one present authorized to receive the child.

(10) Supervision of Vehicles. A child shall never be left unattended in a vehicle.

(11) Prohibited Methods of Transportation. Children shall not be transported in vehicles, or parts thereof, which are not designed for the purpose of transporting people, such as but not limited to: truck beds, campers or any trailers attached-to a motor vehicle.

(12) Transporting vehicles shall be parked or stopped so that no child will have to cross the street in order to meet the vehicle or arrive at a destination.

(13) The motor shall be turned off, the brake set and the keys removed whenever the driver leaves the vehicle.

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