

# Professional Qualifications Requirements Reference Guide

**All LEA educators must hold a clearance certificate (2011)**

<p><b>Paraprofessionals</b>                  ESSA Sec.1111(g)(2)(M); GaPSC Certification Rule 505-2-.18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Federal Requirements</li> <li>• Certification or Equivalent: 2 Yr Degree, 60 Semester Hours, GACE Paraprofessional Test</li> </ul>
<p><b>Regular Education Teachers (Including Gifted and ESOL)</b>                  O.C.G.A. §§ 20-2-80, 20-2-200, 20-2-2065</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>LEAs That Do Not Waive Certification Follow GaPSC Requirements</u></li> <li>• <u>LEAs Waive Certification</u></li> <li>• LEA PQ Requirements</li> </ul>
<p><b>EIP Teachers (In-Field Purposes)</b>                  SB 59 July 1, 2021</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GaPSC Certification Requirements</li> </ul>
<p><b>Sp. Ed. Teachers –Not Issuing Grades</b>                  O.C.G.A. §20-2-200, SBOE Rules 160-4-9-.05, 160-5-1-.33</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• GaPSC Sp.Ed. Certification Requirements</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Substitute Teachers</b>                  O.C.G.A. §20-2-216</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Hold GaPSC Certification or Best Candidate</li> </ul>