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| **Paraprofessionals**  
ESSA Sec.1111(g)(2)(M); GaPSC Certification Rule 505-2-.18 |  
- Federal Requirements  
- Certification or Equivalent: 2 Yr Degree, 60 Semester Hours, GACE Paraprofessional Test |
| **Regular Education Teachers**  
(Including Gifted and ESOL)  
- LEAs That Do Not Waive Certification  
  Follow GaPSC Requirements  
- LEAs Waive Certification  
- LEA PQ Requirements |
| **EIP Teachers (In-Field Purposes)**  
SB 59 July 1, 2021 |  
- GaPSC Certification Requirements |
| **Sp. Ed. Teachers –Not Issuing Grades**  
O.C.G.A. §20-2-200, SBOE Rules 160-4-9-.05, 160-5-1-.33 |  
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- GaPSC Sp.Ed. Certification Requirements  
- Content: Certification or the Equivalent Based on LEA PQ Requirements |
| **Substitute Teachers**  
O.C.G.A. §20-2-216 |  
- Hold GaPSC Certification or Best Candidate |