

Department of Corrections FY19 Professional Qualifications



4.d.1 – State whether or not the district waives certification under Georgia charter law (OCGA 20-2-2065) or State Board Rule - Strategic Waivers (160-5-1-.33).
[Sec.1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

Current Language: State current language in most recently approved DIP and section number that it can be found.	Amended Language: Write amended language to reflect changes. **
N/A	

4.d.2 - If the district waives certification, specify whether or not, in the current fiscal year, certification is waived for all teachers (except Special Education, ESOL, Gifted). If certification is waived for a select group of teachers, please specify for which teachers the district waives certification. The description must address content fields and grade level bands (P-5, 4-8, 6-12, P-12). Please note that in Georgia certification requirements for Special Education, ESOL and Gifted teachers CANNOT be waived. All Special Education teachers are required to hold GaPSC special education certification that is in-field for the course to which the teacher is assigned. In addition, ESOL and Gifted Teachers must hold the corresponding GaPSC endorsement.
[Sec.1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

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N/A	

4.d.3 - If the district waives certification, state the minimum professional qualifications required for employment of teachers for whom certification is waived (example: bachelor’s degree, content assessment, coursework, field experience, etc.).
[Sec.1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]

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	Full time teachers employed with the Georgia Department of Corrections must meet the minimum professional qualifications outlined by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission. These full time teachers possess teaching certificates. Additionally, the American Correctional Association requires that teachers in correctional facilities who receive ACA accreditation possess teaching certificates. While there are some teachers who were hired prior to the instatement of this rule, these teachers are currently seeking certification through the assistance of the Georgia Professional Standards Commission and their regional principals. Obtaining certification is a goal on the Professional Development Plans of all teachers who do not possess a certificate.