

**Cartersville City Schools
Professional Qualifications**

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4.d.1 - State whether or not the district waives certification under Georgia Law (OCGA 20-2-2065 or OCGA 20-2-80). [Sec 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]
As part of the System Charter, Cartersville City waives certification as allowed under Georgia Law (OCGA 20-2-2065).
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). 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 CANNOT be waived (SBOE Rules 160-5-1-.33 and 160-4-9-.07). 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. [Sec 1112(e)(1)(B)(ii)]
All teachers will hold a valid Clearance Certificate issued by the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (GaPSC). The district waives certification requirements for all teachers, except Special Education.
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)]
As a minimum, all teachers will hold a valid Clearance Certificate issued by the GaPSC and will meet one of the following Professional Qualifications: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• GaPSC issued valid certificate/endorsement in the content area or a related field; or• Bachelor's degree in the content area or a related field; or• Relevant coursework or experience in the content area or related field; or• Passing the applicable GACE assessment(s) in the content area or related field.• Be enrolled in an approved GaTAPP program for alternative teaching preparation.• For college dual enrollment courses taught by system staff, the teacher will meet the requirements of the college/university to teach the applicable course(s).