

**160-4-2-.35 SUMMER OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM FOR GRADES 4-8.**

(1) **PURPOSE.** This rule establishes requirements for the implementation of a summer opportunity program for students in grades 4-8.

(2) **DEFINITIONS.**

(a) **Eligible students** - students in grades four through eight who have been or will be retained or who have failed academic subjects. This includes students with disabilities as defined by Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1975 and Individuals with Disabilities Education Act.

(3) **REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) Provided that funds are appropriated by the Georgia General Assembly, each local board of education shall annually provide a summer opportunity program for eligible students either within the system or cooperatively with another school system. This program shall be offered during the summer months for not less than six weeks at no tuition cost to eligible students.

(b) Each local board of education shall

1. Appoint an administrator to coordinate the instructional program to ensure access to computer labs, media center and other resources necessary to implement the program.

2. Provide certified staff who are employed full-time or part-time and pay salaries based on the state minimum monthly salary schedule in proportion to the time and services rendered by such personnel.

3. Adopt a policy specifying whether satisfactory participation in the program will be criteria for student promotion.

4. Encourage the involvement of student teachers in the program.

5. Promote the expansion of the program with use of local funds, grants, Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Act (ESEA) and any other available funds.

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