

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON
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4 In the Matter of the Educator)
5 License of)
6 MATTHEW W. JACKSON)

DEFAULT ORDER OF
REVOCATION

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9 On January 15, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission
10 (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Matthew W. Jackson (Jackson)
11 in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via
12 U.S. First Class and U.S. Certified Mail, USPS Tracking Number 9589 0710 5270 2162 7871
13 92, to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file
14 as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. On January 21, 2025, the Certified
15 Mail receipt was signed and returned to the Commission, confirming delivery. The Notice of
16 Opportunity of Hearing, dated January 15, 2025 and signed by Melissa Goff, Executive
17 Director, stated:

18 “IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY
19 PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED
20 UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR
21 REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW
22 YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR
23 NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE
24 COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE
25 THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER
26 DISCIPLINE.”
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28 As of February 27, 2025, the Commission has not received a request for a hearing. The
29 Commission, therefore, finds Jackson to be in default and enters the following findings of
30 fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission
31 concerning this matter.
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33 **FINDINGS OF FACT**
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- 35 1) The Commission has licensed Jackson since September 9, 2021. Jackson holds a
36 Preliminary Teaching License, with endorsements in Health (PK-12) and Physical
37 Education (PK-12), which was valid from September 9, 2021 and was set to expire
38 on June 15, 2025. Due to a prior TSPC disciplinary case, Jackson’s Preliminary

1 Teaching License was suspended on December 20, 2024. During all relevant
2 times, Jackson was employed by the Dallas School District (DSD) as a para-
3 educator, coach and as a teacher.
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5 2) On October 16, 2024, the Commission received a misconduct report from DSD
6 Superintendent Steven Spencer (Spencer) alleging that Jackson engaged in an
7 inappropriate sexual/physical relationship with a DHS student (SH), while he
8 was employed as a para-educator and coach at the DSD in 2013. (Additionally,
9 Jackson later served the DSD as a teacher at LaCreole Middle School from 2021-
10 2023.)
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12 3) Investigation by DSD and TSPC substantiated the following:
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- 14 • Jackson was employed as a football coach and para-educator in the DSD
15 during the 2012-2013 school year.
- 16 • During the 2012-2013 school year, SH was a senior at DHS.
- 17 • Jackson and SH began communicating outside of school in August of 2012.
- 18 • During the 2012-2013 school year, Jackson and SH “hung out” outside of
19 school, often times in the presence of SH’s friends.
- 20 • Jackson admitted to investigators that he “may” have kissed SH in May of
21 2013, but denied any level of sexual contact with SH.
- 22 • During the interview Jackson admitted to being at SH’s home alone in May of
23 2013 and leaving in a manner to avoid detection.
- 24 • Investigators asked Jackson if he was aware of any DSD policies that would
25 have prohibited him from having a relationship with SH outside of school and
26 Jackson indicated that there were policies in place prohibiting it, which is why
27 he had tried to avoid detection when leaving SH’s home in May of 2013.
- 28 • During Jackson’s interview, he expressed regret and stated that he takes
29 personal responsibility for his actions.
- 30 • Jackson resigned his position with the DSD in 2023 due to an incident
31 unrelated to this matter.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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3 The conduct as described above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS
4 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct with a student) as defined by OAR
5 584-020-0005(8) and ORS 339.370(12)(a); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR
6 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful
7 and reasonable rules and regulations) and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate
8 adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times). Jackson's conduct
9 during the times described above is substantially related to his fitness and ability to hold a
10 teaching license under ORS 670.280(3).

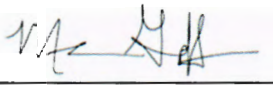
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12 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS
13 342.175.

14 **FINAL ORDER**

15 The Commission hereby issues a Revocation of Jackson's Oregon educator license.
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17 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 3 day of March, 2025.

18 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

19 By: 
20 Melissa Goff, Interim Executive Director
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23 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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25 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW
26 MAY BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM
27 THE SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE
28 PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.