

BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF OREGON

In the Matter of the
Teaching License of
BRUCE EDWARD JORDAN

DEFAULT ORDER OF LICENSE REVOCATION

On October 9, 2008, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Bruce E. Jordan (Jordan) in which the Commission charged him with misconduct under ORS 342.175. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7006 1140 0002 8581 2164 to the address on file with the Commission with a copy to his attorney. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated July 22, 2008, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director, stated:

"You, Bruce Jordan, are entitled to a hearing on the proposed action of the Commission. If you want a hearing, you must file a written request for a hearing with the Commission within 21 days of the date of this notice. Attached to this notice is a copy of the procedures, right of representation and other rights of parties relating to the conduct of a hearing as required under ORS 183.413(2)."

On August 13, 2008, the Commission received a letter from Jordan's attorney stating that Jordan did not intend to request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Mr. Jordan to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law and order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. During the 2006-2007 school year, while working for the Grants Pass School District, Jordan began frequently calling, exchanging text messages and visiting with a female student, during a time of personal hardship for the student. Many of the phone calls and text messages were exchanged very early in the morning or late in the evening. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) and (C) because Jordan demonstrated professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life and failed to report to his supervisors that the student was becoming romantically attached to him. This conduct also constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of

1 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) because Jordan failed to use
2 professional judgment.

3 2. During the 2006-2007 school year, while working for the Grants Pass School District,
4 Jordan gave gifts such as flowers and sent personal messages to a female student. Many of
5 the emails that Jordan sent to the female student were signed "X's and O's" (hugs and kisses)
6 and cautioned against sending messages with romantic overtones to particular addresses or at
7 particular times due to security and privacy concerns. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of
8 duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(B)
9 because Jordan exchanged romantic and overly personal notes with a female student. This
10 conduct also constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it
11 incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) because Jordan failed to use professional judgment.

12 3. During the 2006-2007 school year, while working for the Grants Pass School District,
13 Jordan was approached by the female student's mother with concerns about the late night
14 phone calls and text messages exchanged between Jordan and her daughter. Jordan assured
15 the female student's mother that he was only attempting to help the student through her
16 personal hardship. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-
17 0040(4)(c) because Jordan knowingly misrepresented his interaction with the female student as
18 being part of his professional duties.

19 4. During the 2006-2007 school year, while working for the Grants Pass School District,
20 Jordan began a relationship with a female student that included hugging and kissing. Some of
21 this conduct occurred in his classroom. On July 12, 2007, Jordan admitted during a police
22 interview to French kissing the female student, hugging her and allowing her to sit on his lap.
23 This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) because it
24 constitutes sexual conduct with a student as that term is defined in OAR 584-020-0005; and
25 OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) because Jordan failed
26 to honor appropriate adult boundaries with a student.

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

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3 Jordan's conduct with a female student violates OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it
4 incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A), (1)(c)(B), (1)(c)(C) and (1)(c)(D); OAR 584-0040(4)(n)
5 as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c); and OAR 584-020-
6 0040(4)(f).

7 **FINAL ORDER**

8 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of facts and
9 conclusions of law, and based thereon, hereby revokes the Standard Teaching License issued
10 to Bruce Jordan.

11 Issued and dated this 24th day of October, 2008.

12 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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15 By: 
16 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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18 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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20 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE
21 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE
22 OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS
23 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.