

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

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
Educator License of)	REVOCATION AND REVOKE
Danielle R. Padalinski)	RIGHT TO APPLY

On July 8, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Danielle Padalinski (Padalinski) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 3207 8990 49 to Padalinski's address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Notice was confirmed delivered by a signed USPS certified mail receipt on July 28, 2025. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated July 8, 2025, and signed by Rachel Alpert, Executive Director, stated:

"IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 21-DAY PERIOD, YOUR RIGHT TO A HEARING SHALL BE CONSIDERED WAIVED UNLESS YOUR FAILURE TO REQUEST A HEARING WAS BEYOND YOUR REASONABLE CONTROL. IF YOU DO NOT REQUEST A HEARING, WITHDRAW YOUR REQUEST FOR HEARING, OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, OR NOTIFY THE COMMISSION THAT YOU WILL NOT APPEAR AT HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE."

As of the writing of this Default Order, the Commission has yet to hear from Padalinski or her attorney. The Commission, therefore, finds Padalinski to be in default and enters the following findings of fact, conclusions of law, and final order, based on the files and records of the Commission concerning this matter.

FINDING OF FACT

1. The Commission has licensed Padalinski since January 11, 2022. Padalinski most recently held a Restricted Substitute Teaching License with an endorsement for Substitute (PK-12). The license was issued on January 11, 2022, and expired on June 30, 2022. During all relevant times, Padalinski was employed by the Brookings Harbor School District (BHSD).

2. On June 24, 2022, the Commission received a Sexual Misconduct Report from the Oregon Department of Education (ODE). On June 27, 2022, the Commission received a School District Misconduct report from the BHSD. On July 12, 2022, the Commission received an Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS) screening report. The three reports alleged that Padalinski, a licensed educator, had engaged in professional misconduct. The reports alleged that Padalinski engaged in a sexual relationship with two former Brookings Harbor High School (BHHS) students who were 17 years old at the time of the relationship.
3. Investigation by TSPC, BHSD, DHS and the Brookings Police Department (BPD) determined the following:
 - On or about June 23, 2022, the Brookings Police Department received information that Padalinski had engaged in sexual relationships with two male former BHHS students during the 2020-2021 school year while she worked in the capacity of Administrative Assistant to the Vice Principal of BHHS.
 - One of the students involved, Student A, was 17 years of age at the time of Padalinski's sexual relationship with him. Padalinski was 32 years of age at the time.
 - BPD investigation obtained screenshots of sexually explicit messages between Padalinski and Student A. The messages were sent via TikTok.
 - The sexually explicit messages also included confirmation that Padalinski was aware that Student A was 17 years old and a student at BHHS.
 - Padalinski relationship with Student A became sexual in July of 2021, after he graduated from BHHS. Student A was still 17 years of age at this time.
 - Padalinski and Student A engaged in sexual intercourse approximately 3-4 times between July and October of 2021.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct described above in section 3 constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) (Any sexual conduct with a student) as defined by OAR 584-020-0005(8) and ORS 339.370(12)(a); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(1) (Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and

respect for each individual), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional judgment), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations, OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b) (Refrain from exploiting professional relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues), OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) (Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's personal life), and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times). The Commission's action is also based on ORS 670.280(3) because the conduct alleged above is substantially related to your fitness and ability to hold a TSPC license.


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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Padalinski's Oregon teaching license and revokes her right to apply for a license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 16 day of September, 2025.

TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

By: 
Rachel Alpert, Executive Director

NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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