

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

In the Matter of the)	STIPULATION OF FACTS AND
Educator License of)	FINAL ORDER OF PUBLIC
SCOTT J. CLARK)	REPRIMAND AND PROBATION

On May 5, 2023, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a School District Misconduct report alleging possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Scott J. Clark (Clark). The report alleges that Clark failed to adequately supervise a student with a medical condition at recess time. The report indicates that the student remained in the classroom unsupervised while the rest of Clark's class was at recess. While alone in Clark's classroom, the student had a medical episode.

After review of the matters alleged, Clark and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and the imposition of a Public Reprimand on Clark's Oregon educator's license as well as a four (4) year period of probation. Additionally, the Commission and Clark agree that Clark will attend and complete an approved Classroom Management training.

This Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Clark stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Clark waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set forth below.

By signing below, Clark acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Suspension and Probation (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Clark nor the Commission are bound by the terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and

1 Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) he voluntarily, without any force or
2 duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of
3 the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promise or representation has
4 been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has
5 consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully
6 advised with regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an
7 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
8 the Stipulated Final Order below.

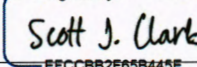

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10 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

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12 1. The Commission has licensed Clark since November 14, 2019. Clark held an
13 Emergency Teaching License with an endorsement in Elementary Multiple
14 Subjects (PK-12) which was issued on November 1, 2023 and expired on June 30,
15 2024. Additionally, Clark previously held a Restricted Teaching License, with
16 endorsements in Elementary Multiple Subjects (PK-12) which was valid from
17 July 1, 2022 and expired on June 30, 2023. During all relevant times, Clark was
18 employed by the Reedsport School District (RSD).
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21 2. On May 5, 2023, TSPC received a School District Misconduct Report from the
22 Superintendent of RSD, Jonathan Zwemke, (Zwemke) alleging professional
23 misconduct against Clark, a teacher in the RSD. The report specifically alleged
24 that Clark failed to supervise a student with a medical condition when the student
25 remained in his classroom unattended while Clark and the rest of the class went
26 to recess. While alone during recess in the classroom, the student had a medical
27 episode and was found by another staff. Shortly after being discovered by the
28 other staff, Clark and the rest of the class returned from recess, and Clark tended
29 to the student. The school nurse was contacted who responded to Clark's
30 classroom and moved the student to the front office.
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32 3. According to RSD records and TSPC's investigation, the following events were
33 substantiated:
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- 1 • On January 18, 2023, Clark was given a Letter of Reprimand by the RSD for
- 2 allowing his classroom of students to attend morning recess without any adult
- 3 supervision for approximately 15 minutes.
- 4 • On March 10, 2023, Clark and the RSD mutually agreed that Clark would
- 5 resign his position at the RSD via a Separation Agreement.
- 6 • On May 2, 2023, Clark released his students to the playground for afternoon
- 7 recess.
- 8 • Clark left the classroom with his students.
- 9 • Student RR, a 12-year old male student with a medical condition, stayed
- 10 behind in Clark's classroom.
- 11 • Student RR was alone in Clark's classroom for approximately 15 minutes.
- 12 • At an unknown time during the recess break, student RR suffered a medical
- 13 episode. (Seizure)
- 14 • Another school staff member dropped by Clark's classroom to make a delivery
- 15 and noticed RR on the floor having a seizure.
- 16 • The staff member began rendering assistance to RR.
- 17 • Shortly after RR was discovered by the other staff, Clark and his class
- 18 returned to the classroom.
- 19 • Clark assisted the staff member with RR, who regained consciousness.
- 20 • The school nurse responded to Clark's classroom to tend to RR, and he was
- 21 removed to the front office to recover via wheelchair.
- 22 • The events listed above were confirmed by a review of recorded video that
- 23 was recorded on the schools CCTV system.
- 24 • On May 10, 2023, Clark was placed on administrative leave while this matter
- 25 was investigated by the RSD.

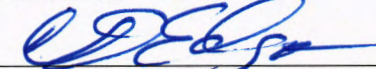

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28 IT IS SO STIPULATED:

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31 Scott J. Clark

2/27/2025

Date

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3/6/2025

Date

33 Cristina Edgar, Professional Practices Director
34 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

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1 **CONCLUSION OF LAW**

2 *The conduct described in sections two (2), and three (3) above constitutes*
3 *gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-*
4 *0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (Use professional*
5 *judgment), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (Skill in the supervision of students), OAR*
6 *584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and*
7 *regulations).*

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

12 **ORDER**

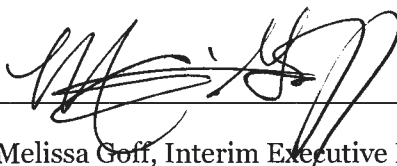
13 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and
14 conclusions of law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Clark's Oregon
15 educator license and four (4) years probation with a condition to complete an approved
16 Classroom Management course. The period of probation will become effective on the date of
17 adoption of this stipulated order. The period of probation is subject to the following
18 conditions:

- 19 1. Clark shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of
20 Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division
21 020.
22 2. Completion of an approved/certified Classroom Management Course approved
23 by TSPC.
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26 Issued and dated this 24th day of April, 2025.

27 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**
28 **STATE OF OREGON**

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30 By _____

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Melissa Goff, Interim Executive Director