

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

In the Matter of the	)	DEFAULT ORDER TO DENY
Educator License of	)	APPLICATION AND SUSPENSION
CHRISTINE E. WARREN	)	OF RIGHT TO APPLY FOR LICENSURE
(AKA CHRISTINE NELSON)	)	

On April 30, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Christine Warren (Warren), AKA Christine Nelson, in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty and/or Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First-Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 2978 6287 57 to the address on file with the Commission. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail was returned to the Commission as “Unclaimed” and “Unable to Forward”. The First-Class mail was not returned and assumed delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated April 30, 2026, and signed by Rachel Alpert, Executive Director, stated:

“IF A REQUEST FOR HEARING IS NOT RECEIVED WITHIN THIS 60-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.”

Warren did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Warren 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.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The Commission has licensed Warren since December 9, 2022. Warren held a Restricted Teaching License, with an endorsement in Special Education – Generalist (PK-12), valid from December 9, 2022, through June 30, 2023. During all relevant times, Warren was employed by the Dallas School District (DSD).

2. On February 2, 2024, the Commission received information from Oregon’s Department of Human Services (DHS) with allegations that on January 31, 2024, Warren was physically

abusive with a student at Oakdale Heights Elementary School (OHES), DSD and that she was verbally abusive with another student earlier in the school year.

3. On February 8, 2024, the Commission received a school district misconduct report from the DSD which contained the same DHS allegations of Warren being verbally and physically abusive to two students at OHES during the 2023-2024 school year.
4. On February 13, 2024, Warren submitted a digital application with the Commission for a Restricted Teaching License. Warren's application was placed on hold pending resolution of this matter.
5. Investigation found that at the end of the school day on January 31, 2024, a six-year-old student was attempting to return to Warren's classroom instead of getting on the bus to go home. Warren saw the student returning to the classroom and she stood in the doorway. The student maneuvered to gain access to the classroom and as Warren positioned her hip towards the door frame to restrict the student's access, Warren's hip made contact with the student and caused the student to fall to the floor. The student said, "Ouch". The student stood up and Warren commented to staff in the classroom, "Nobody saw that, right?"
6. Investigation found that on February 1, 2024, the DSD placed Warren on administrative leave. On June 5, 2024, the DSD notified Warren of their recommendation to terminate her employment. One June 7, 2024, Warren submitted her resignation to the DSD effective June 18, 2024.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Christine A. Warren's conduct as described in section five (5) above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0020(2)(d) (*Skill in the supervision of students*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (*Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations*), OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*); and OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable physical force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school, except as permitted under ORS 339.250*).

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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby denies the application of Christine A. Warren, and suspends for sixty (60) days Warren's right to apply for an Oregon educator license.

Furthermore, the Commission imposes a period of two (2) year Probation upon Warren's license upon reinstatement of her license and subject to the following conditions:

1. Warren shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.
2. Prior to reinstatement, Warren shall successfully complete a Commission-approved training course on teacher/student boundaries and provide evidence to the Commission of such training.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 7 day of July, 2026.

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.