

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
CLARK, MARISSA L.	)	REPRIMAND AND PROBATION

On February 28, 2024, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) received a referral from the Oregon Department of Human Services (DHS/OTIS). The OTIS referral alleged possible professional misconduct on the part of licensed educator, Marissa L. Clark (Clark).

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 of her Oregon Educator License and a period of probation and/or 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) she has been fully advised of her 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) she has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v) she voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) she states that no promise or representation has been made to induce her to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) she has

1 consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully
2 advised with regard to her rights thereto or waives any and all rights to consult with an
3 attorney prior to entering into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of
4 the Stipulated Final Order below.

5 6 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

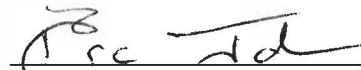
- 7 1. The Commission has licensed Clark since April 9, 2018. Clark holds a
8 Preliminary Teaching License, with endorsements in Elementary – Multiple
9 Subjects (PK-12), Reading Intervention (PK-12), and Special Education
10 Generalist (PK-12) which is valid from June 23, 2025 to July 8, 2028. During
11 all relevant times, Clark was employed by Lincoln County School District
12 (LCSD).
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- 14 2. On February 28, 2024, the Commission received a Department of Human
15 Services (OTIS) referral. The report alleges that Clark, a teacher in the LCSD,
16 had “unreasonable physical contact” with three (3) students at Ocean Lake
17 Elementary School (OLES) on or about February 6, 2024 and on or about
18 February 14, 2024.
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- 20 3. Investigation into this matter by TSPC, OTIS and LCSD determined the
21 following:
 - 22 • Clark was a Special Education Teacher at the OLES during the 2023-2024
23 school year.
 - 24 • On or about February 5, 2024, Clark grabbed Student A by the arm. The
25 student fell to the floor multiple times. At one point, Clark grabbed
26 Student A by the arm and pulled him into a classroom by dragging him
27 across the floor. Additionally, Clark restrained Student A by using a “bear
28 hug” type of hold to regulate his behavior.
 - 29 • In January-February 2024, Clark wrongfully restrained Student B on three
30 (3) occasions using non-district approved holds.
 - 31 • OTIS investigated this matter, and the two incidents cited above were
32 determined to be founded.

- The LCSD determined that Clark's actions violated the district's Restraint and Seclusion Policy.
- Additionally, the LCSD determined that Clark also violated the LCSD's policy for Workplace Expectations for yelling at students in an elevated vocal tone.
- For these violations of district policy, Clark was given a Letter of Reprimand on February 26, 2024.
- Clark remains employed at the LCSD.

IT IS SO STIPULATED:


Marissa L. Clark

6/11/26
Date


Eric Jaroch, Interim Profession Practices Director
Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

06/11/2026
Date

CONCLUSION OF LAW

The conduct described in sections two (2), and three (3) 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 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) (Honoring appropriate adult boundaries with students in conduct and conversations at all times).

ORDER

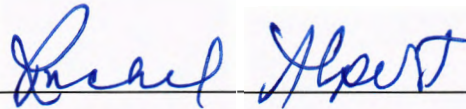
The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above findings of fact and conclusions of law and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on Clark's Oregon Educator License as well as a one (1) year period of probation. The period of probation will become effective on the date of adoption of this stipulated order. The period of probation is subject to the following conditions:

1. Clark will complete a certified Safety Care training within the first year of probation.
2. Clark shall comply with the Standards for Competent and Ethical Performance of Oregon Educators under Oregon Administrative Rules Chapter 584, Division 020.

Issued and dated this 25th day of June, 2026.

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

By



Rachel Alpert, Executive Director