

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

In the Matter of the Educator	)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
License of	)	PUBLIC REPRIMAND
DANCLER, CALVIN E.	)	

On April 20, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Calvin E. Dancler (Dancler) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 2978 6285 80 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 receipt was returned and delivery was confirmed on April 29, 2026. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated April 20, 2026, 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, 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, Dancler has not responded. The Commission, therefore, finds Dancler 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 Dancler since April 30, 2024. Dancler held a Restricted Substitute Teaching License with an endorsement for Substitute (PK-12), which was issued on April 30, 2024, and expired on June 30, 2025. During all relevant times, Dancler was employed by the Hillsboro School District (HSD).
2. On June 14, 2024, the Commission received a School District Misconduct Report from the HSD. The report alleged that Dancler, a substitute teacher in the HSD, engaged in inappropriate written communication with a female 4th grade student.

3. Investigation determined the following:

- On or about June 13, 2024, Dancler was working as a substitute Special Education Assistant at Reedville Elementary School in the HSD.
- A student's parent contacted the HSD regarding hand-written notes her daughter had received from Dancler.
- The first note Dancler gave the student read: "I'll miss you (heart drawing) Jo, my queen (smiley face drawing with heart eyes.)"
- A second note Dancler gave the student read "Too cute for words...melting my heart."
- HSD administration asked Dancler about the notes during their investigation and he indicated that he was attempting to be "cute and funny" with the student, but stated that he could see how his actions looked bad.
- HSD determined that Dancler had acted unprofessionally and terminated his employment.

4. TSPC investigative staff made attempts to contact Dancler by telephone and email on November 5, 2025, November 6, 2025, and on February 23, 2026. Dancler did not respond. To date, as of the writing of this Notice, Dancler has not contacted TSPC.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

The conduct described in section 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 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and regulations), and 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).

Additionally, the conduct described in section four (4) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342-175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p) (Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an educator under investigation to respond to requests for information, to furnish documents or to participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission investigation).

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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby issues a public reprimand upon Dancler's Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 10 day of August, 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.