

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

In the Matter of the)	DEFAULT ORDER
Educator License of)	OF REVOCATION
WYMON W. SMITH)	

On April 30, 2026, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Wymon W. Smith (Smith) in which the Commission charged him with Gross Neglect of Duty and Gross Unfitness. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 9589 0710 5270 2978 6287 71 to the address found in Offender Search feature on the Oregon Department of Corrections website. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The signed return receipt for the Notice sent Certified Mail was returned to the Commission on May 7, 2026. The regular First-Class mail was not returned to the Commission 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 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.”

Smith did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Smith 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 Wymon W. Smith since August 25, 1998. Smith held a Preliminary Teaching License, with endorsements in Basic General Business Education (020); Administration Services (024), Financial Services (024), Basic Mathematics (018), Business – Generalist (PK12); Foundational Mathematics (PK-12); Finance Career Technical Education (CTE) (PK-12); and Business, Management and Administration (CTE) (PK-12), valid from September 19, 2019, through November 11, 2024. During all relevant times, Smith was employed as a teacher with the Astoria School District (ASD) or the Banks School District (BSD).

2. On January 9, 2025, the Commission received a School District Misconduct Report from the BSD which alleged that on January 6, 2025, Smith had a sexually explicit conversation with a minor female student at Banks High School (BHS), and on the following day, Smith gave the student an extended front hug, which lasted several minutes.
3. The Commission received the following information from Oregon's Department of Human Services (DHS):
 - On January 10, 2025, DHS reported the same allegations involving the same student as contained in the BSD report.
 - On January 16, 2025, DHS reported allegations Smith had a sexual relationship with another a female student at BHS approximately fifteen years ago when the student was approximately fifteen to sixteen years old.
 - On January 29, 2025, DHS reported allegations Smith had recently used pet names with a different minor female student at BHS, and that he gave the student a hug which made her uncomfortable.
 - On January 29, 2025, DHS reported allegations that during the 2001-02 school year, Smith had sexually explicit phone conversations with a minor female student at Astoria High School (AHS).
 - On February 7, 2025, DHS reported allegations Smith had an inappropriate interaction with an eighteen-year-old female approximately twenty-five years ago, at his residence, prior to the student's graduation from AHS in 2001.
4. Investigation found that in early January 2025, Smith engaged in sexually explicit conversations with a fourteen-year-old female BHS student. Smith then began hugging the student in a manner which made her uncomfortable. The hugs with the student were extended in duration and comments Smith made while hugging the student were more typical of a couple in an intimate relationship.
5. Investigation found that law enforcement opened an investigation on January 8, 2025, into allegations of Smith's actions with the fourteen-year-old student. On January 14, 2025, law enforcement arrested Smith on two (2) felony counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree and two (2) felony counts of Luring of a Minor. Law enforcement continued their investigation to identify other potential victims.

6. Investigation found that law enforcement identified another student victim from 2009 and 2010. Smith had a sexual relationship with a minor female student at BHS at the time. Smith knew the student from his role as athletic director at BHS and the student's role as member of extra-curricular activity which utilized the gymnasium. Smith's professional relationship with the student became a more personal relationship and eventually became a sexual relationship. The relationship included Smith and the student exchanging sexually explicit images and videos, sexually explicit phone conversations, sexual contact and oral sex at school.
7. On January 31, 2025, the Washington County Grand Jury indicted Smith on two (2) felony counts of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree, two (2) felony counts of Luring of a Minor for his actions with the fourteen-year-old student, and four (4) felony counts of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, and one (1) felony count of Sodomy in the First Degree for his actions with the student in 2009 and 2010. On January 14, 2026, Smith accepted a plea agreement and plead guilty to one (1) felony count of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree and one (1) felony count of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree. On January 14, 2026, Smith was convicted of one (1) felony count of Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree and one (1) felony count of Sexual Abuse in the First Degree, and sentenced to 75-months incarceration, required to register as a sex offender, and given ten (10) years of post-prison supervision.
8. Pursuant to ORS 342.175(3) and OAR 584-020-0040(1) the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission must revoke Smith's license and/or his right to apply for a license based on Smith's conviction of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143(3)(a).

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Wymon W. Smith's criminal conviction as described in section seven (7) above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(3), and OAR 584-020-0040(1) (*The Commission will deny, revoke or deny the right to apply for a license or charter school registration to any applicant or educator who, has been convicted of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143, or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes if convicted in another jurisdiction*), including ORS 163.427 Sexual Abuse in the First Degree and ORS 163.425 Sexual Abuse in the Second Degree.

Smith's conduct in section six (6) and seven (7) also constitutes gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); by OAR 584-020-0040(5) (*Gross unfitness is any conduct which renders an educator unqualified to perform his or her professional responsibilities*); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(c) (*Conviction of*

violating any federal, state, or local law. A conviction includes any final judgment of conviction by a court whether as the result of guilty plea, no contest plea or any other means); OAR 584-020-0040(5)(d) (Commission of an act listed in OAR 584-020-0040(1)); and OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) (Admission of or engaging in acts constituting criminal conduct, even in the absence of a conviction).

Pursuant to ORS 342.175(3) and OAR 584-020-0040(1) the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission must revoke Smith's license and/or his right to apply for a license based on his conviction of any of the crimes listed in ORS 342.143(3)(a), or the substantial equivalent of any of those crimes, or convicted of attempt to commit such crimes as defined in ORS 161.405.

Smith's conduct underlying his conviction, as described in section four (4) and six (6) above 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*).

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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Wymon W. Smith's Oregon educator license and his right to apply for an Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 4 day of June, 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.