

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

In the Matter of the Educator	)	DEFAULT ORDER OF
License of	)	REVOCATION
MARK A. HOLLEYMAN	)	

On June 17, 2025, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Mark A. Holleyman (Holleyman) 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 3980 5870 25 to last known address for Holleyman and where he had previously received Commission correspondence. The Notice designated the Commission file as the record for purposes of proving a prima facie case. The Certified Mail receipt was returned to the Commission on August 7, 2026, marked as "Unable to Forward". The First Class Mail was returned to the Commission marked as "Unable to Forward". The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated July 10, 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."

Holleyman did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Holleyman 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. Mark A. Holleyman has been licensed by the Commission since November 15, 2023. Holleyman holds a Preliminary Teaching License, with an endorsement in English Language Arts (PK-12), valid from November 15, 2023, to August 21, 2027. During all relevant times, Holleyman was employed by the Portland School District, also known as Portland Public School (PPS).

2. On June 17, 2025, the Commission received a School District Misconduct Report from PPS containing allegations that on April 17, 2025, while Holleyman was substitute teaching at George Middle School, PPS, Holleyman made inappropriate comments to students.
3. Investigation found that on or about April 17, 2025, while Holleyman was substitute teaching a sixth-grade class at George Middle School, he made several inappropriate comments to students, paraphrased below, which included:
 - Holleyman told a student that his parents did not love or care about him.
 - Holleyman told the class he wished he did not have to substitute at this school.
 - Holleyman made a comment to a student about respect that appeared to bring attention to the student's appearance.
 - Holleyman told a student they were not like the rest of the class which had racial overtones.
4. Investigation found that when the district requested Holleyman participate in an interview on reports of the inappropriate comments in April 2025, Holleyman declined to participate in the interview and was not part of any resolution process.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Mark A. Holleyman's conduct as described 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(1) (*Recognize the worth and dignity of all persons and respect for each individual*), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use professional judgment*), and OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and other patrons*); 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 time*).

Holleyman's conduct as described in section four (4) above constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0030(2)(b) (*Skill in communicating with administrators, students, staff, parents, and*

other patrons); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(2)(b) (*Conduct professional business, including grievances through established lawful and reasonable procedures*).

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

FINAL ORDER

The Commission hereby revokes Mark A. Holleyman's Oregon educator license.

IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 1 day of September, 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.