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1 Social Studies. During all relevant times, Mr. Chism was employed by the
2 Reedsport School District.

- 3 2. On May 28, 2008, Mr. Chism roughly grabbed and restrained, by their clothing,
4 two seventh-grade male students. On the same day, Mr. Chism roughly grabbed
5 another male student by the wrist. These two incidents occurred after an
6 October 26, 2007 verbal directive that Mr. Chism avoid touching students except
7 in specific safety situations. On June 11, 2008, he received a written directive to
8 refrain from touching students or treating them roughly.
- 9 3. On May 11, 2009, Mr. Chism grabbed a male student by the arm and forcefully
10 removed the student from the classroom. The student indicated that he felt pain
11 where Mr. Chism held his arm.

12 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

13 Theodore Alexander Chism's rough handling of two students on May 28, 2008,
14 constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-
15 0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0030(3)(d) (*Skill in reconciling conflict*). Mr.
16 Chism's physical conduct with a student on May 11, 2009, constitutes gross neglect of
17 duty in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(d) (*Unreasonable*
18 *physical force against students, fellow employees, or visitors to the school, except as*
19 *permitted under ORS 339.250*). The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this
20 matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby imposes a Reprimand on Theodore Alexander Chism's
3 educator license.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 14th day of May, 2010.

5 **TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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8 By: 
9 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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14 **NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS**

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16 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY
17 BE OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE
18 SERVICE OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS
19 OF ORS 183.482 TO THE OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.
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