



1 State of Washington, he was in a relationship with a student. He also explained  
2 that while the relationship "did not cross any legal boundaries" it was viewed by  
3 others as inappropriate.  
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- 5 2. As part of his application, he also answered yes to question 4:  
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7 *"Have you ever had a professional certificate, credential or license (of any*  
8 *kind) revoked or suspended or have you been placed on probationary status*  
9 *for any alleged misconduct or alleged violation of professional standards of*  
10 *conduct?"*  
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12 Mr. Bull explained in response to question 4, that his teaching certificate was  
13 suspended for one year by the State of Washington as a result of an  
14 investigation regarding his relationship with the student.

- 15 3. The Commission's investigation revealed that in May 21, 1993, the  
16 Superintendent of Public Education for the State of Washington suspended Mr.  
17 Bull's teaching license for twelve months because he (1) made inappropriate  
18 sexual comments to students under his supervision in violation of WAC 180-87-  
19 060; and (2) made inappropriate sexual advances and had inappropriate sexual  
20 contact with students under his supervision in violation of WAC 180-87-080.

- 21 4. The circumstances leading to the suspension of Mr. Bull's license involved his  
22 developing personal friendships with several female high school students that he  
23 met while substitute teaching at Sumner High School. The relationships included  
24 calling them, going to their homes, and writing personal letters to some of the  
25 students. One or more of the letters were written while Mr. Bull was at school  
26 teaching. Mr. Bull also developed relationships with two of the female students  
27 that involved meeting after school and kissing. When asked if he thought kissing  
28 a student was appropriate, he explained that it depended on the motivation.

- 29 5. Based on the information developed in the Commission's investigation, including  
30 his application for licensure and the explanations to the questions submitted with  
31 his application, the Commission denies Mr. Bull's license application because he  
32 failed to demonstrate that he has good moral character to hold a license.

- 33 6. The Commission also revokes Mr. Bull's right to apply for a license based on the  
34 following:

- 35 a. Each of the relationships that Mr. Bull had with students constitutes gross  
36 unfitness and gross neglect of duty.  
37 b. Mr. Bull's explanation in response to question 1 misrepresented the nature of  
38 the relationships he had with students by minimizing the conduct, and by  
39 failing to disclose that he engaged in kissing with two students.

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1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 Mr. Bull's conduct and relationships with students in Washington constitutes  
3 gross unfitness in violation of ORS 342.175(1)(c); and gross neglect of duty under ORS  
4 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A)  
5 *(Not demonstrating or expressing professionally inappropriate interest in a student's*  
6 *personal life)* and OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D) *(Honoring appropriate adult boundaries*  
7 *with students in conduct and conversations at all times).*

8 Furthermore, Mr. Bull's explanations of these events submitted with his  
9 application misrepresented and minimized the nature of his conduct and therefore  
10 constitutes gross neglect of duty under ORS 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c)  
11 *(Knowing falsification of any document or knowing misrepresentation directly related to*  
12 *licensure, employment, or professional duties).* Mr. Bull's overall conduct through the  
13 application process shows that he lacks good moral conduct to hold a license pursuant  
14 to ORS 342.143(2) and OAR 584-050-0006(3)(d) *(The Executive Director has evidence*  
15 *that the applicant may lack fitness to serve as an educator.)* The Commission's  
16 authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

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1 **FINAL ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby denies Jerry Michael Bull's application for an educator  
3 license.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2010.

5 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

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8 By: Victoria Chamberlain  
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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