

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

In the Matter of the Educator)
License of)
ASHLEY ANN PRIMEAU)

On January 28, 2015, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission) issued a Notice of Opportunity for Hearing to Ashley Ann Primeau (Primaeu) in which the Commission charged her with Gross Neglect of Duty. The Notice was sent via U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail Receipt 7014 0150 0000 1046 5420 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 “Unclaimed” to the Commission on March 11, 2015. The regular, first class mail was not returned to the Commission and is assumed to have been delivered. The Notice of Opportunity of Hearing, dated January 28, 2015, and signed by Victoria Chamberlain, 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 OR IF YOU FAIL TO APPEAR AT A HEARING, THE COMMISSION WILL ADOPT AN ORDER OF DEFAULT WHICH MAY INCLUDE THE REVOCATION OR SUSPENSION OF YOUR LICENSE OR OTHER DISCIPLINE.”

Primeau did not request a hearing. The Commission, therefore, finds Primaeu 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. Ashley Ann Primeau has been licensed by the Commission since July 6, 2011. Primeau holds an Initial I Teaching License with endorsements in Basic Mathematics (HS, ML); General Business (HS, ML); Marketing (HS); Middle School Science (ML); and Multiple Subjects (MIDLVL), valid from July 6, 2011, through May 23, 2015. During all relevant times, Primeau was employed by the Beaverton School District.
2. On March 29, 2012, the Commission received a report from the Beaverton School District indicating Primeau had violated professional standards involving testing improprieties in the course of an Oregon Assessment of Knowledge and Skills (OAKS) test Primeau administered. District and Commission investigations determined that on or about February 29, 2012, and March 1, 2012, Primeau improperly assisted students taking the OAKS math test in violation of

1 testing protocols. Specifically, Primeau improperly and repeatedly assisted students by providing
2 answers; writing out the problems; indicating what math function to use; indicating what math
3 formula to use; telling the student(s) to find the area, radius, common denominator; drawing out
4 examples; and other forms of inappropriate help to multiple students. Investigation determined
5 Primeau had been properly trained to administer the test, and Primeau signed the "Test
6 Administrator Assurance of Test Security" form indicating she understood testing protocol and
7 requirements. As a result of Primeau's actions, fifty three students had their test scores
8 invalidated. During the course of the investigation, Primeau was not forthcoming and
9 equivocated her responses to questioning.
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11 CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

12 Primeau's conduct described above, constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation ORS
13 342.175(1)(b); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0010(2)(*Encourage*
14 *scholarship*), OAR 584-020-0010(4)(*Raise educational standards*), OAR 584-020-0010(5) (*Use*
15 *professional judgment*), OAR 584-020-0025(2)(e) (Using district lawful and reasonable rules and
16 regulations); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (*Falsification of any document or knowing*
17 *misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties*); and OAR 584-
18 020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(3)(a)(*Maintain the dignity of the profession*
19 *by respecting and obeying the law, exemplifying personal integrity and honesty*).
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21 The Commission's authority to impose discipline in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.
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23 FINAL ORDER

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25 The Commission hereby suspends Ashley Ann Primeau's licensure for a period of ninety (90)
26 days, to begin upon the date this order is signed and in effect.

27 IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 25th day of March, 2015.

28 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

29 By: 

30 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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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.