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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRPERSON PRO TEMPORE

Dear Governor Shapiro and Members of the General Assembly:

The Educator Discipline Act (Act) requires the Professional Standards and Practices Commission (PSPC) to report annually to the Governor, the General Assembly, the State Board of Education (State Board), the education profession and the public. See 24 P.S. § 2070.5(a)(13). In furtherance of this duty, it is my pleasure to provide you with the 2025 Annual Report of the PSPC. The following report provides an overview of the PSPC's mission and operation, and a summary of the public disciplinary actions imposed in 2025.

Most Pennsylvania educators are highly competent and committed professionals who uphold the high standards of their profession. The number of the Commonwealth's educators who engage in misconduct make up a fraction of 1 percent. Unfortunately, their actions undermine the public trust, impugn the integrity of the profession, and give rise to the need for professional discipline. The PSPC meets bi-monthly to hear educator misconduct cases brought by the Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE), as well as applications for reinstatement filed by educators whose certificates and/or employment eligibility were surrendered, suspended, or revoked. A summary of all public adjudications issued during the calendar year can be found in the tables on pages 9-27 of the report.

While the primary function of the PSPC is to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of students and other individuals in the Commonwealth's schools and to safeguard the integrity of the teaching profession through the adjudication of educator misconduct cases, the PSPC is also committed to providing timely and pertinent advice to the State Board and PDE on issues related to teacher preparation and certification and to equipping educators with the tools they need to make better decisions. It is our mission to promote and foster an intentional, thoughtful, and preventive focus on professional ethics. To that end, the PSPC continues to work with the State Board and PDE to implement new training requirements in professional ethics beginning at the pre-service level and continuing through induction and professional development. The PSPC also continues to provide educational workshops for current and future educators, which are designed to inform them about their professional and ethical responsibilities.

Finally, I would like to thank our executive director and legal counsel, Amber Lee Czerniakowski, and our legal office administrator, Matthew C. Kidd, for their guidance and dedication.

Respectfully,



Myron Yoder, Chairperson *Pro Tempore*
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COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

The PSPC continues to provide leadership to the educational community predominantly through the work of its two standing committees. Each commissioner sits on either the Practices Committee or the Standards Committee. The Standards Committee is charged with fulfilling the advisory functions imposed by the Act, while the Practices Committee is responsible for reviewing and revising the implementation of the Act and its concomitant bylaws and regulations.

CALENDAR OF MEETINGS FOR 2025

By law, the PSPC must meet at least five times each year. In practice, the full PSPC typically meets every other month on either the second or the third Monday of the month. Additionally, PSPC panels convene as necessary to hear immediate suspension cases, and PSPC committees may meet more frequently depending on their respective projects. Meeting dates and times are publicized, and the public is welcome to attend. Regular meetings of the PSPC for 2025 were scheduled as follows:

January 13, 2025

March 17, 2025

May 12, 2025

July 14, 2025

September 15, 2025

November 17, 2025

MISSION STATEMENT

The PSPC is committed to providing leadership for improving the quality of education in the Commonwealth by establishing high standards for preparation, certification, practice, and ethical conduct in the teaching profession.

INTRODUCTION

The PSPC was created by the General Assembly with the belief that educators, as members of a profession, should be self-governing. The PSPC is comprised of 13 voting members who broadly represent the education community in Pennsylvania. In addition, a member of the State Board sits *ex officio* as a non-voting member. Members are appointed by the governor with the advice and consent of a majority of the members of the Senate. Under the Act, the membership shall consist of:

- Six classroom teachers;
- Three administrators, at least one of whom is a commissioned officer and one a principal;
- One administrator from an approved institution of higher learning in the Commonwealth offering approved teacher education programs;
- Two members from the general public, one of whom is an elected public school director; and
- One educational specialist.

Under the Act, the General Assembly established the PSPC as the legal adjudicatory body in the Commonwealth for administering educator discipline and overseeing the reinstatement of certificates surrendered, suspended, or revoked and ensuring that the disciplinary process is fair and efficient. In addition, the General Assembly invested the PSPC with a host of advisory functions to assist the State Board and PDE in achieving excellence within the education profession. These advisory functions include providing recommendations on the following: certification standards and requirements; standards for professional educator preparation programs; and effectiveness of professional educator preparation programs.

The Act also tasks the PSPC with adopting and maintaining a Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for Educators (“Code”). The Code, which was first adopted in 1992 and updated in 2021, sets forth the standards of behavior that reflect the shared values of the educator community in Pennsylvania. Every educator in the Commonwealth is expected to internalize and observe the standards of conduct espoused in the Code. The Code can be found in Chapter 235 of Title 22 of the Pennsylvania Code or on the PSPC website. <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/pspc/resources/statutes--regulations--policies-and-forms.html>

DISCIPLINARY AUTHORITY

The PSPC’s disciplinary authority extends to all educators. The term “educator” includes individuals who hold a certificate, including a private academic school certificate, issued by PDE. The term also includes two groups of non-certificated individuals who are included because of their employment in or with a public school entity: charter or cyber charter school staff members and contracted educational provider staff members. These individuals fall under the PSPC’s jurisdiction because they provide direct educational services to students and would be required to hold a certificate if they worked in a traditional public school.

Discipline refers to action taken by the PSPC against an educator’s certificate or eligibility to be employed as a charter or cyber charter school staff member or contracted educational provider staff member because of misconduct. Discipline ordered by the PSPC is separate from any discipline that may be imposed by an employer. Local discipline only affects the employment relationship between the individual and the employer, whereas discipline ordered by the PSPC may affect the individual’s ability to teach in any school entity in

Pennsylvania. The PSPC may impose discipline in addition to any discipline imposed by an employer for the same misconduct or even in the absence of local discipline.

Under the Act, discipline includes the following:

- Private Reprimand: A private written admonishment;
- Public Reprimand: A public written admonishment;
- Suspension: The temporary termination of a certificate or employment eligibility for a fixed period, for an indefinite period, or until certain conditions are met;
- Revocation: The termination of a certificate or employment eligibility;
- Surrender: The termination by consent of a certificate or employment eligibility; and
- Supplemental Sanctions: Private or public disciplinary sanctions that focus on remediation or restitution.

Educators who receive a private or public reprimand may continue to work as educators. Educators whose certificates and/or employment eligibility are surrendered, suspended, or revoked are not eligible to be employed by a school entity in any position that requires certification or that would require certification in a traditional public school, or eligible for any certificate, unless or until the suspension is lifted or the certificate and/or employment eligibility is reinstated. The PSPC retains authority to reinstate certificates and employment eligibility previously surrendered, suspended, or revoked.

GROUND S FOR DISCIPLINE

While there is no definitive list of actions that will result in discipline by the PSPC, there are certain categories of conduct that may, or in some cases will, trigger discipline. On a macro level, misconduct under the Act can be characterized as either criminal or non-criminal. As explained in more detail below, the distinction between criminal and non-criminal misconduct rests with the discretion that the PSPC has in fashioning discipline.

Discipline for Criminal Offenses (24 P.S. § 2070.9b)

An educator can be disciplined by the PSPC based solely upon the existence of a conviction for certain crimes. In these cases, a hearing is generally not necessary and the matter proceeds directly to the PSPC for adjudication once PDE has provided the PSPC with certified court documents evidencing the educator's conviction.

Section 9b of the Act (24 P.S. § 2070.9b) requires the PSPC to revoke the certificate and/or employment eligibility of any educator convicted of one of the crimes enumerated in section 111(e)(1)-(3) of the Public School Code of 1949 (24 P.S. § 1-111(e)(1)-(3)), which include violent offenses, sex offenses, felony drug offenses, and similar offenses under the laws of other jurisdictions. The PSPC is also required to immediately suspend the certificate and/or employment eligibility of an educator charged with one of these offenses if the PSPC determines, after notice and a hearing if requested, that the educator poses a threat to the health, safety or welfare of students, or other persons in a school.

Section 9b of the Act also requires the PSPC to revoke the certificate and/or employment eligibility of any educator convicted of a crime involving moral turpitude. The decision of whether a crime involves moral turpitude rests with the PSPC. In making that determination, the PSPC considers only the statutory definition of the crime juxtaposed against the PSPC's definition of moral turpitude. The PSPC does not consider the conduct underlying the criminal conviction. Generally, all crimes involving dishonesty, fraud, or deception are crimes involving moral turpitude. A list of crimes previously determined by the PSPC to be crimes involving moral turpitude is available on the PSPC website.

Not every educator convicted of a crime will face automatic revocation of the certificate and/or employment eligibility. Only convictions for crimes enumerated in section 111(e)(1)-(3) of the Public School Code of 1949 and crimes involving moral turpitude result in an automatic revocation under the Act. In all other cases, PDE may

pursue discipline against an educator convicted of a crime based upon additional grounds (see below). PDE may also pursue discipline on additional grounds against an educator who has been acquitted, who has participated in an alternative disposition program or for whom the criminal charges were otherwise withdrawn or dismissed.

Imposition of Discipline on Additional Grounds (Non-Criminal) (24 P.S. § 2070.9c)

The Act authorizes the PSPC to discipline educators who are found guilty of conduct constituting immorality, incompetency, intemperance, cruelty, negligence, sexual misconduct, sexual abuse or exploitation (definitions of these terms can be found in section 1b of the Act and Ch. 237 of Title 22 of the Pennsylvania Code), violations of the Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for Educators, violations of any provision of the Act of May 29, 1931 (P.L. 210, No. 126) (relating to improper or illegal use of certification status), failure to comply with duties under the Act, including mandatory reporting duties, and actions taken to threaten, coerce or discriminate or otherwise retaliate against an individual who in good faith reports actual or suspected misconduct under the Act or against complainants, victims, witnesses, or other individuals participating or cooperating in proceedings under the Act.

In cases brought on these additional grounds, PDE must prove in a hearing, if requested, that the educator engaged in misconduct, and the PSPC has discretion in fashioning sanctions. It may impose any level of discipline, or no discipline, as it deems appropriate based upon the unique facts and circumstances of the case.

The actual activities that form the basis for discipline may include a charge or a conviction for a crime other than one of the crimes set forth in section 111(e)(1)-(3) of the Public School Code of 1949 or a crime involving moral turpitude. However, an educator need not be charged with or convicted of a crime to be disciplined by the PSPC. Generally, any conduct, including off-duty conduct, that sets a bad example or endangers students, violates the Code or an educator's legal obligations, or otherwise implicates an educator's fitness to fulfill his or her professional responsibilities may constitute grounds for discipline.

Imposition of Discipline on Founded Reports (24 P.S. § 2070.9d)

Like convictions for crimes set forth in section 111(e)(1)-(3) of the Public School Code of 1949 and crimes involving moral turpitude, founded reports of child abuse result in automatic revocation. Section 9d provides that the PSPC shall direct PDE to revoke the certificate and/or employment eligibility of any educator who is named as the perpetrator or as an individual responsible for injury or abuse in a founded report of child abuse even if the educator has not been convicted of a crime.

Reciprocal Discipline (24 P.S. § 2070.9e)

Pennsylvania participates in a database administered by the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC). The NASDTEC Educator Identification Clearinghouse (Clearinghouse) is the national collection point for disciplinary actions taken against educators by the fifty states, the District of Columbia, U.S. Department of Defense Educational Opportunity schools, Guam, and the Canadian province of Ontario. Each jurisdiction submits all adverse actions into the Clearinghouse and the information is shared with all participating jurisdictions. Prior to the issuance of any Pennsylvania certificate, PDE crosschecks the applicant against the Clearinghouse to ensure that no other jurisdiction has imposed discipline against the applicant. Similarly, PDE checks all disciplinary actions entered by other jurisdictions against its entire database monthly, which reveals whether any Pennsylvania certificate holders have been disciplined in another jurisdiction. Under the Act, the PSPC may impose identical or comparable discipline against an educator if the discipline imposed by the other jurisdiction is for conduct that would be actionable in Pennsylvania, unless the educator can demonstrate certain legal reasons why the imposition of reciprocal discipline is unwarranted.

Reinstatement (24 P.S. § 2070.16)

The PSPC has the authority to reinstate certificates and employment eligibility surrendered, suspended or revoked when it determines that reinstatement is “just and proper.” In making that determination, the PSPC considers several factors, including those enumerated in section 16 of the Act. The Act permanently bars from reinstatement any educator who the PSPC finds is guilty of sexual abuse or exploitation or whose certificate and/or employment eligibility was surrendered for conduct relating to sexual abuse or exploitation. The Act also provides that the PSPC shall not lift a suspension or reinstate the certificate and/or employment eligibility of an educator who is convicted of a crime enumerated in section 111(e)(1)-(3) of the Public School Code of 1949 for the time period set forth in that section.

PROCESS FOR RESOLVING EDUCATOR MISCONDUCT COMPLAINTS AND 2025 STATISTICS

PDE is responsible for the intake of complaints and for the investigation and prosecution of educator misconduct. PDE receives allegations of educator misconduct from various sources. Information regarding alleged misconduct may come from Pennsylvania Justice Network (JNET) referrals,¹ mandatory reports by school entities and educators,² or members of the public. The Act delineates a very specific process for the receipt and investigation of complaints and the commencement of formal disciplinary proceedings. The following is a brief explanation of each step of the disciplinary process. For more detailed information, please visit the PSPC website.

Receipt of Complaint and Legal Sufficiency

The discipline process is initiated by the filing of a written educator misconduct complaint with PDE. The complainant must specify the nature and character of the allegations of misconduct and must verify the complaint form. Anonymous complaints are not accepted. For purposes of the Act, PDE may file an educator misconduct complaint.

After receipt of the complaint, the disciplinary process begins with a review of the complaint by PDE staff to confirm PDE’s jurisdiction. The complaint is then assigned to an attorney in PDE’s Office of Chief Counsel (OCC), who determines the legal sufficiency of the complaint, *i.e.*, whether the facts alleged, if true, would be sufficient to warrant discipline under the Act. If no legal sufficiency exists, the complaint is dismissed, and the complainant and educator are so notified.

1. Pursuant to section 111.2 of the Public School Code of 1949, PDE is required to obtain and monitor public safety and criminal justice information, including, but not limited to, arrest and disposition information, for all educators and shall use such information for certification and discipline purposes. 24 P.S. § 1-111.2. PDE obtains and monitors public safety and criminal justice information through JNET. On September 18, 2013, JNET began automatically notifying via email PDE’s Office of Chief Counsel whenever a significant event (e.g., an arrest, disposition, want, warrant, state parole violation, PennDOT change of address or death) occurs involving an educator.

2. Pursuant to section 9a of the Act (24 P.S. § 2070.9a), chief school administrators are required to file a report with PDE within 15 calendar days when: an educator has been provided with notice of intent to dismiss or remove for cause; an educator is charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor or felony offense; there are allegations that an educator engaged in sexual misconduct or sexual abuse or exploitation; there is reasonable cause to suspect that an educator has caused physical injury to a child or student as a result of negligence or malice; an educator has resigned, retired or otherwise separated from employment following allegations of misconduct; an educator is the subject of a child abuse report filed by the school entity; or the school entity knows an educator has been named as a perpetrator or as an individual responsible for injury or abuse in an indicated or founded report of child abuse. Section 9a also requires educators who have knowledge that an educator has engaged in conduct constituting sexual misconduct or sexual abuse or exploitation to file a report with PDE, their immediate supervisor and the chief school administrator.

A mandatory report is distinct from a complaint. If upon review, PDE determines discipline may be warranted, PDE will file a complaint and conduct an investigation.

Probable Cause

Following a determination that the allegations described in the complaint are legally sufficient, a preliminary investigation is conducted to determine if there is probable cause to believe that grounds for discipline exist. Such an investigation generally involves a review of documents provided by the educator, complainant, and relevant school entity, if applicable. In certain cases, preliminary interviews of complainants, victims, and administrative witnesses are conducted to determine the sufficiency of the evidence. If no probable cause is found, the complaint is dismissed and the complainant, educator, and the current and former school entity in which the educator is or was employed are so notified.

Full Investigation and Notice of Charges

If probable cause is found, a full investigation is performed by an OCC investigator and/or an OCC attorney. PDE may also direct the school entity to conduct an investigation and/or comment upon the appropriateness of discipline. In conducting investigations under the Act, PDE may investigate any and all allegations of misconduct concerning the educator that are discovered during the course of the investigations.

After investigation, PDE may elect to dismiss the complaint, determine that appropriate and sufficient punishment has been imposed by the school entity (local action sufficient), participate in an alternative dispute resolution process, enter into a written settlement agreement with the educator, subject to the PSPC's approval, or initiate the formal adjudicatory hearing process by filing a notice of charges with the PSPC. In some cases, once a notice of charges is filed, the PSPC appoints a neutral hearing officer to conduct a hearing on its behalf and prepare a recommended decision. In other cases, the matter proceeds directly to the PSPC for adjudication. In all cases, the PSPC is the ultimate fact finder and adjudicator. The PSPC announces its decisions orally at its regularly scheduled public meetings. Written decisions are issued shortly thereafter. Decisions imposing public discipline are made public. Both the affected educator and PDE may appeal the PSPC's decision to the Pennsylvania Commonwealth Court.

2025 Statistics

The following section provides a statistical analysis of the number and source of complaints as well as the nature and type of case resolutions in 2025.³ The information contained in this section was provided by PDE.

The data in the following table summarizes the number of complaints received and resolved in 2025.

Year	Complaints Received	Complaints Resolved Without Discipline	Complaints Resolved With Discipline	Total Complaints Resolved
2025	553	439	123	562

The table below illustrates the source of complaints filed in 2025.

Total Complaints Received	PDE Complaints	Non-PDE Complaints
553	175	378

3. Reciprocal disciplinary actions are not reflected in the statistical analysis because a complaint is not filed in those matters.

The following is a list of the number of PDE complaints filed based upon each listed information source.

Mandatory Report	82
NASDTEC	7
JNET	78
General Referrals	8

PDE closed 562 complaints in 2025. A comprehensive breakdown of the complaint resolutions is set forth below including both disciplinary and non-disciplinary outcomes.⁴

No Legal Sufficiency	279
No Probable Cause*	78
Local Action Sufficient**	5
Warning Letter***	47
Other ^	30
Private Reprimand	1
Private Supplemental Sanction	6
Public Reprimand	11
Public Supplemental Sanction	1
Suspension+	13
Surrender	42
Revocation	49

*No Probable Cause = While there was no probable cause for state-imposed discipline, an educator may also receive a warning letter about his or her professionalism/the allegations and local action may have been considered.

**Local Action Sufficient = Following a finding of legal sufficiency and probable cause, a determination made that the local action imposed by the school entity adequately addresses the misconduct.

***Warning Letter = Following a finding of legal sufficiency and probable cause, OCC determined that a non-disciplinary warning letter was sufficient to address the allegations at issue. Lack of action at the local level may be a factor in OCC's determination to issue a warning letter in cases where no probable cause for state-imposed discipline exists.

^Other = Case closed for reasons such as lack of evidence, lack of witness cooperation, death of educator, and considerations of alternative processes.

+ Suspension = This number does not include immediate suspensions because the PSPC retains jurisdiction over these matters. Cases in which immediate suspensions are issued remain open in the event OCC elects to initiate additional disciplinary action based upon the involved conduct.⁵

4. The number of 2025 disciplinary outcomes listed here may vary slightly from the number of disciplinary actions imposed by the PSPC in 2025. Statistical variations may be due to instances where the PSPC imposed discipline in a case in 2024 but PDE postponed closure until the following year. For example, PDE may have elected to keep a case open until the court appeal period had run.

5. Also, the above table of complaint resolutions generally reflects the fact that more than one complaint may be filed against a single educator. For example, if two complaints were filed against one educator and the educator receives a public reprimand addressing the allegations in both, those complaints would be counted on the table as two public reprimands.

2025 DISCIPLINARY ACTIONS

The following tables reflect the public disciplinary actions imposed during the 2025 calendar year. Decisions that resulted in private reprimands or private supplemental sanctions are not captured in the tables. All public adjudications of the PSPC are available online. Information regarding public disciplinary actions can also be accessed via the Notifications of Teaching Certificate Actions link on the PSPC website. <https://www.pa.gov/agencies/education/programs-and-services/educators/educator-misconduct/certification-actions.html>

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GROUND FOR DISCIPLINE ⁶	DISPOSITION	DATE	EMPLOYER (if known) ⁷	CREDENTIAL TYPE
Aboulhouda	Michael	Allegations: Educator engaged in an inappropriate communication with a student	Suspension	1/22/2025	Kutztown Area SD	Instructional I
Andrekovich	Timothy	Convicted: Endangering the Welfare of Children	Revocation	12/9/2025	Bellwood-Antis SD	Instructional II; Letter of Equivalency
Armstrong	Robert S.	Convicted: Federal crime of Mail Fraud, on two occasions	Revocation	8/4/2025		Instructional I
Balosa	David	Convicted: Aggravated Indecent Assault, Indecent Assault, and Corruption of Minors	Revocation	6/6/2025		Instructional II; Program Specialist; Emergency Permit(s)
Barnett	Brendan	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator's Arizona teaching certificate was suspended as a result of allegations that Educator was charged with Lure Minor for Sex Exploit and Kidnap-Death/Inj/Sex/Aid in Arizona	Surrender	6/6/2025		Instructional I
Bell	Cindy	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator received a reprimand against her Utah teaching license as a result of allegations that she hit a student in the head three (3) times.	Public Reprimand	6/6/2025		Private School-Teacher

6. The term “conviction” in the table indicates that the educator was convicted of a crime(s) enumerated in section 111(e)(1)-(3) of the Public School Code of 1949 and/or a crime(s) involving moral turpitude. The term “charges” indicates that the educator was criminally charged with a crime(s) enumerated in section 111(e)(1)-(3) of the Public School Code of 1949. The term “allegations” indicates that the educator was disciplined for misconduct that falls under one or more of the additional grounds listed on page 5 above. All persons accused of a crime are presumed to be innocent until proven guilty.

7. An individual does not have to be employed in a school entity to be disciplined by the PSPC. The PSPC maintains jurisdiction over everyone who holds a certificate issued by PDE, regardless of their employment status.

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE ⁶	DISPOSITION	DATE	EMPLOYER (if known) ⁷	CREDENTIAL TYPE
Bergey	Jessica	Allegations: Educator was convicted of 1 count of Recklessly Endangering Another Person, and 2 counts of Disorderly Conduct	Surrender	12/9/2025	Pennridge SD; Bucks County IU 22	Instructional II; HOUSSE Designation
Berman	Paul M.	Charges: Sexual Abuse of Children – Causing or Knowingly Permitting the Creation of Child Pornography, Criminal Use of a Communication Facility, and Possession of an Instrument of Crime with Intent to Employ it Criminally	Surrender	8/4/2025		Private School-Teacher
Binnix	Leighan	Allegations: Educator failed to submit credible and accurate data to support the services she claimed to deliver to students on her caseload during the 2024-2025 school year	Public Reprimand	12/9/2025	Bucks County IU 22	Instructional I
Bloom	Scott E.	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator surrendered his Virginia Teaching License due to being charged with one misdemeanor count of “failure to report child abuse and/or neglect” concerning the abuse of students under his care	Surrender	9/30/2025	Fairfax County Public Schools (VA)	Administrative; Instructional I
Boston	Michael W.	Charges: Sexual Abuse of Children – Dissemination of Photo/Film of Child Sex Acts and Sexual Abuse of Children – Possession of Child Pornography	Surrender	3/27/2025	Riverview IU 6	Instructional II
Brooks	Rebekah A.	Allegations: Educator was convicted of DUI: General Impairment/Incapable of Driving Safely, her third DUI offense in 10 years	Suspension	6/6/2025	Keystone Oaks SD	Instructional II
Bublitz	Stephanie V.	Convicted: Theft by Unlawful Taking-Movable Property	Revocation	1/28/2025	School District of Lancaster	Emergency Permit(s)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE ⁶	DISPOSITION	DATE	EMPLOYER (if known) ⁷	CREDENTIAL TYPE
Capehart	Matthew	Allegations: Educator engaged in unprofessional communications with students	Public Supplemental Sanction	9/30/2025	Southern Lehigh SD	Instructional I
Capolli	Emilia	Convicted: Materially False Written Statement – Purchase, Delivery, Transfer of Firearm	Revocation	9/30/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Carlson	Linda	Convicted: Stalking	Revocation	9/30/2025	Pan American Academy CS	Instructional I
Carpenter	Brianna	Convicted: Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor in South Carolina	Surrender	1/22/2025	School District Five of Lexington and Richland Counties (SC)	Instructional I
Casey	Glen E.	Convicted: Indecent Assault	Revocation	3/26/2025	Mastery Charter Schools	Emergency Permit(s)
Catizone	Steven W.	Allegations: Educator failed to maintain appropriate professional relationships and boundaries with all students at all times, both inside and outside the classroom, between March 28, 2024 and December 17, 2024	Surrender	6/6/2025	Wallenpaupack Area SD	Instructional I; Endorsement
Chapman	Andrew	Allegations: Educator was under the influence of alcohol and possessed alcohol at school	Surrender	9/30/2025	Abington Heights SD	Instructional I; Emergency Permit(s)
Chariw	Christopher M.	Convicted: Aggravated Assault – Attempts to Cause Serious Bodily Injury or Causes Injury with Extreme Indifference	Revocation	12/9/2025	Springfield SD; School District of Philadelphia	Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)
Cherney	John	Charges: Sexual Abuse of Children – Causing or Knowingly Permitting the Creation of Child Pornography	Immediate Suspension	8/4/2025		Educational Specialist I
Cooley	Micha'le	Convicted: Theft by Deception – False Impression and Medicaid Fraud – False/Fraudulent Claim	Revocation	3/27/2025		Emergency Permit(s)

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	GROUNDS FOR DISCIPLINE ⁶	DISPOSITION	DATE	EMPLOYER (if known) ⁷	CREDENTIAL TYPE
Corosu	Tori A.	Convicted: Statement Under Penalty	Surrender	3/27/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Davis	Michael	Allegations: Educator engaged in unprofessional behavior within the classroom	Public Reprimand	3/27/2025	Allentown SD	Instructional I
Degiacomo	Tyler	Charges: Unlawful Contact with Minor, Sexual Abuse of Children, Statutory Sexual Assault, Aggravated Indecent Assault, Corruption of Minors, Indecent Assault, and Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse	Immediate Suspension	1/22/2025	Kelly Services, Inc.	Emergency Permit(s)
Delong (Gray)	Marissa	Convicted: Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor in Virginia.	Revocation	6/6/2025	Sylvan Learning in Yorktown-Newport News (VA)	Instructional I
DeVeaney	Mathew	Convicted: Child Abuse Creating Substantial Risk of Bodily Injury in West Virginia	Revocation	3/27/2025		Instructional I
Diamond	Gregory D.	Convicted: Terroristic Threats	Revocation	8/4/2025		Instructional I
Elder	Tina	Convicted: Theft by Unlawful Taking – Immovable Property	Revocation	12/9/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Emerick	Heather	Allegations: Educator was convicted of Disorderly Conduct, False Reports-Reported Offense Did Not Occur; Educator failed to disclose her False Reports conviction on her 2023 and 2024 applications for emergency permits	Surrender	9/30/2025	Lancaster-Lebanon IU-13	Emergency Permit(s)
Erickson	Daniel	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator's New York teaching certificate was revoked as a result of Educator being convicted of Luring a Child in New York	Surrender	6/6/2025		Instructional I

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Ertell	Susan C.	Allegations: Educator engaged in a pattern of inappropriate physical contact with students and used profane and/or inappropriate language in front of students. Additionally, Educator failed to provide accurate information on applications for employment.	Suspension	6/6/2025	Coatesville Area SD	Instructional II
Evans	Raymond T.	Convicted: Corruption of Minors and Endangering Welfare of Children	Revocation	12/9/2025	School District of Philadelphia	Emergency Permit(s)
Finch	Alexander C.	Convicted: 2 counts of Indecent Assault – Without Consent of Others	Revocation	9/30/2025	School District of Philadelphia	Emergency Permit(s)
Fix	Garrett	Allegations: Educator used disproportionate force with a student.	Public Reprimand	3/27/2025	Central Fulton SD	Instructional I; Emergency Permit(s)
Flanders	Douglas A.	Convicted: Indecent Assault – Without Consent of Others	Revocation	12/9/2025	Armstrong SD	Instructional II
Freeman	Shwanna	Convicted: Theft by Deception – False Impression, Medicaid Fraud – False/Fraudulent Claim, Forgery – Unauthorized Act in Writing, and Tampering with Public Records or Information	Revocation	6/6/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
French (Wisor)	Mary	Allegations: Educator submitted timesheets and was paid for teaching services that she did not provide	Public Reprimand	9/30/2025	Central Intermediate Unit #10	Instructional I
Friel	Shannon	Allegations: Educator engaged in professional misconduct with a student which resulted in the permanent surrender of her license	Surrender	9/30/2025	Universal Creighton CS	Instructional I
Gagat	Matthew	Convicted: Indecent Exposure	Revocation	1/22/2025	Haverford Township SD	Instructional II
Garber	Suzanne	Convicted: Aggravated Assault	Revocation	12/9/2025	School District of Philadelphia	Instructional II

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Geraty	Edward A.	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator voluntarily canceled his Virginia teaching certificate as a result of Educator using his personal laptop to repeatedly access websites containing child pornography	Surrender	12/9/2025	Fairfax County Public Schools (VA)	Instructional I
Gibson	Wesley M.	Convicted: Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Funds	Revocation	12/9/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Gill	Cary	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator's West Virginia teaching certificate was revoked due to Educator pleading guilty to Possession of Controlled Substance as a result of Educator being captured on video removing medication at two different times from the secured medicine cabinet at Blue Ridge Elementary School in Jefferson County, West Virginia	Surrender	3/26/2025		Instructional I
Grabowski	Stephen	Charges: Sexual Abuse of Children – Possession of Child Pornography	Surrender	3/27/2025		Instructional I
Gray Mitchell	Cheryl L.	Allegations: Educator was under the influence of alcohol while teaching in a classroom	Surrender	1/22/2025	Tower Hill School	Instructional I
Graydus	Charles	Convicted: Indecent Exposure	Revocation	1/22/2025	Octorara Area SD	Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)
Hanton	Zachary	Charges: Indecent Assault – Without Consent	Immediate Suspension	5/15/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Harris	Kevin	Allegations: Educator had improper contact with a student	Surrender	6/6/2025	Pennridge SD	Instructional II

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Haskins	Bruce	Convicted: Rape of a Person Less Than 13 Years Old, Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse with a Person Less Than 13 Years Old, and Possession of Photograph(s) of a Child Sex Act	Surrender	6/6/2025	Riverview IU 8	Emergency Permit(s)
Heimbach	Michael	Allegations: Educator possessed alcohol and was under the influence of alcohol and a controlled substance at school	Suspension	12/9/2025	Parkland SD; Executive Education Academy CS	Instructional II
Henshaw	Jared	Allegations: Educator recently moved into the home of a 2021 graduate.	Surrender	3/27/2025		Instructional II
Herbinko	Lisa A.	Convicted: Theft by Unlawful Taking – Movable Property, Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Funds, and Tampering with Public Records or Information	Revocation	3/27/2025		Instructional II
Hilt (Commero)	Shelby	Allegations: Educator submitted fraudulent invoices to PA Leadership Charter School for services that she did not provide to a student	Public Reprimand	1/22/2025	PA Leadership Charter School	Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)
Hoehl	John	Allegations: Educator sexually abused numerous juvenile males	Surrender	9/30/2025		Administrative I; Educational Specialist II; Instructional II

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Hummel	Michael	Allegations: Educator was convicted of multiple DUI-related crimes stemming from criminal episodes occurring on January 5, 2022, and March 19, 2022: DUI: Highest Rate of Alcohol – 1 st Offense, Accident Involving Damage to an Attended Vehicle/Property, Aggravated Assault by Vehicle while DUI, and DUI: General Impairment – 1 st Offense	Suspension	9/30/2025	New Day CS	Administrative I; Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)
Jackson	Christopher	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator's California teaching certificate was revoked as a result of allegations that Educator engaged in predatory grooming behaviors with past and current female students	Surrender	6/6/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Jurkiewicz	Matthew E.	Convicted: 5 counts of Photograph/Film/Depict on Computer Sex Act – Knowingly or Permitting Child	Surrender	6/6/2025	Mount Sait Joseph Academy	Instructional I
Kalbach	Gabriel	Convicted: Manufacture, Delivery, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver	Surrender	9/30/2025	Kelly Services	Emergency Permit(s)
Katarski	Kimberly	Allegations: Educator violated the Department's testing protocol when she coached students who were taking the Pennsylvania System of School Assessment (PSSA) exam	Public Reprimand	1/22/2025	Hempfield Area SD	Instructional II
Kelly	Brian O.	Convicted: Indecent Assault and Corruption of Minors	Revocation	12/9/2025		Instructional I

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Kenney	Amanda	Allegations: Educator engaged in intemperate conduct in her interactions with a student, which she denies	Surrender	8/4/2025	Waynesboro Area SD	Instructional I
Kester	Sarah	Allegations: Educator was convicted 3 counts of Possessing an Instrument of a Crime, and 1 count of Purc/Rec of Cont Subst by Unauth Per	Surrender	9/30/2025	Wyoming Area SD	Instructional II; Supervisory
Klukan	Jonathan C.	Convicted: Theft by Failure to Make Required Disposition of Funds	Revocation	8/4/2025	Armstrong SD	Instructional II
Kolesar (Thurby-Kolesar)	Ashley	Allegations: Educator was convicted of Intercept Communications	Suspension	9/30/2025	Laurel Highlands SD	Instructional II
Krause	Kevin	Convicted: Terroristic Threats	Revocation	8/4/2025		Private School-Teacher; Emergency Permit(s)
Kriss	Donald E.	Convicted: Statutory Sexual Assault and Corruption of Minors	Revocation	6/6/2025		Emergency Permit(s); Intern
Kupper	Matthew J.	Allegations: Educator was convicted of second offense Driving Under the Influence (DUI) charge in 2017 and a third offense DUI in 2019	Revocation	6/6/2025	Central Valley SD	Instructional I
Lehman	Amanda	Charges: Endangering Welfare of Children	Immediate Suspension	5/15/2025	Greensburg Salem SD; Education Staffing Solutions	Instructional I
Leipert	Joseph	Allegations: Educator failed to truthfully complete the Act 168 form and provide complete and accurate information during the application process	Public Reprimand	12/9/2025	Multicultural Academy CS	Instructional II

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Lewis	Leslie	Convicted: Theft – Scheme: \$10,000 to under \$100,000 in two cases in Maryland	Revocation	8/4/2025	Baltimore City Public Schools (MD)	Emergency Permit(s)
Mangone	Ronald	Charges: Aggravated Indecent Assault – Over 18/Under 14, Indecent Assault, Endangering the Welfare of Children, and Corruption of Minors	Immediate Suspension	5/15/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Marcelino	Rafael	Convicted: Criminal Attempt – Manufacture, Delivery or Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver a Controlled Substance	Revocation	8/4/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Marshall	Alaina M.	Charges: 34 counts of Institutional Sexual Assault, 1 count of Unlawful Contact with Minor-Sexual Offenses, and 1 count of Corruption of Minors	Immediate Suspension	6/24/2025	Riverside Beaver County SD	Educational Specialist I
Mayko	Florentina	Convicted: Federal crime of Conspiracy to Commit Health Care Fraud	Revocation	3/27/2025	Richland SD; Appalachia IU 8	Emergency Permit(s)
McGraw	Laurence	Convicted: 5 counts of Sexual Abuse of Children – Child Pornography	Revocation	8/4/2025	Cameron County SD	Instructional II
McMurtrie	Shaun T.	Convicted: Indecent Exposure, and Loitering and Prowling at Nighttime	Surrender	8/4/2025	Bellefonte Area SD	Administrative I; Instructional II
Meckley	Kenton	Allegations: Educator was convicted of DUI: Controlled Substance – Combination Alcohol/Drug – 1st Offense and DUI: Controlled Substance – Combination Alcohol/Drug – 2nd Offense	Public Reprimand	9/30/2025	Lancaster-Lebanon IU-13	Emergency Permit(s)

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Mercado	Joey	Allegations: Educator was convicted of DUI: Gen Impairment/Inc of Driving Safely – 1st Offense in 2004; Simple Assault and Disorderly Conduct Engage in Fighting in 2010; DUI: High Rate of Alc (BAC .10-.16) – 2nd Offense in 2010; DUI: Gen Imp/Inc of Driving Safely – 3rd Offense in 2013; Aggravated Assault – Attempts to Cause or Causes BI to Designated Individuals, Resist Arrest/Other Law Enforcement, and Simple Assault in 2022 Convicted: DUI: Gen Imp/Inc of Driving Safely – 2nd Offense.	Surrender	8/4/2025	Reading SD	Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)
Mercogliano	Michelle	Charges: Institutional Sexual Assault; Unlawful Contact with a Minor – Sexual Offenses; Endangering the Welfare of Children; Corruption of Minors; Manufacture, Delivery, or Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver; and Criminal Use of a Communication Facility	Surrender	8/4/2025	Tredyffrin/ Easttown SD	Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)
Miller	Kenneth	Convicted: Unsworn Falsification to Authorities – Statement Under Penalty	Revocation	12/9/2025		Instructional I
Moore-Wright	Stephanie	Convicted: Manufacture, Delivery or Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver a Controlled Substance	Revocation	12/9/2025		Emergency Permit(s)

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Morgan	Brian	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator's New Jersey teaching certificate was revoked due to Respondent being indicted for Endangering the Welfare of a Child, Invasion of Privacy, and Attempted Invasion of Privacy	Surrender	3/26/2025		Instructional I
Myers	Nathan	Allegations: Educator made repeated improper comments towards students and staff	Public Reprimand	1/22/2025	Philipsburg-Osceola Area SD	Instructional II; Letter of Equivalency; Emergency Permit(s)
Noll	Russell F.	Convicted: Stalking – Repeatedly Commit Acts to Cause Fear	Revocation	6/6/2025	Pottsgrove SD	Emergency Permit(s)
O'Brien	Michael	Convicted: Sexual Abuse of Children – Child Pornography and Corruption of Minors	Revocation	8/4/2025	Christopher Columbus CS; St. Francis de Sales Schol	Private School-Teacher; Emergency Permit(s)
Ord	Kelly	Allegations: Educator was arrested for DUI and related offenses and failed to report to employer	Public Reprimand	1/22/2025	Palmerton Area SD	Instructional I
Palmer	Eric	Charges: 10 counts of Child Pornography and 1 count of Criminal Use of a Communication Facility	Immediate Suspension	3/26/2025	Greater Altoona CTC	Administrative
Patterson	Michael C.	Allegations: Educator engaged in inappropriate conversations with a minor student which resulted in the permanent surrender of his license	Surrender	9/30/2025	Titusville Area SD	Instructional II
Piatt	Robert	Convicted: Unsworn Falsification to Authorities – Statements under Penalty	Revocation	6/6/2025	Mechanicsburg Area SD	Instructional II; HOUSSE Designation

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Pierce	Michael T.	Charges: Child Pornography, Disseminate Photo/Film of Child Sex Act, and Criminal Use of Communication Facility	Surrender	6/6/2025	Lancaster-Lebanon IU 13	Emergency Permit(s)
Polomoscanik	Brandon M.	Convicted: Manufacture, Delivery, or Possession With Intent to Manufacture or Deliver.	Surrender	6/6/2025	Intermediate Unit 1	Emergency Permit(s)
Rankin	Courtney	Convicted: Sexual Intercourse, Sexual Intrusion, or Sexual Contact Against a Student by a School Employee in West Virginia	Surrender	1/22/2025		Instructional I
Repsher	Rodd	Convicted: Forcible Sodomy, Object Rape, and Forcible Sexual Abuse in Utah	Revocation	3/27/2025	Uintah SD (UT)	Instructional I
Roberts Jr.	Theron	Convicted: Institutional Sexual Assault, Indecent Assault – Person Less than 16 Years of Age, Indecent Assault – Forcible Compulsion, and Corruption of Minors	Revocation	3/27/2025	Crestwood SD	Instructional I
Robinson	Amy	Charges: Homicide by Vehicle, Involuntary Manslaughter, and Recklessly Endangering Another Person	Surrender	8/4/2025	Intermediate Unit 1	Emergency Permit(s)
Russo	Todd V.	Convicted: Theft by Deception – False Impression, Criminal Attempt – Theft by Deception – False Impression, and Receiving Stolen Property	Revocation	12/9/2025		Instructional I
Savoy	Washchonne	Convicted: Theft by Unlawful Taking – Movable Property	Surrender	12/9/2025		Emergency Permit(s)
Schaeffer	Warren R.	Convicted: Indecent Exposure	Revocation	12/9/2025	School District of Philadelphia	Emergency Permit(s)

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Schobel	Jeremy	Convicted: federal crimes of Receipt of Child Pornography and Sexual Exploitation of Children – Manufacture and Attempted Manufacture of Child Pornography	Revocation	3/27/2025	Lower Merion SD; School District of Philadelphia	Instructional II
Schultz (Rockensies)	Melissa	Allegations: Educator was criminally charged in New York related to allegations she had a sexual relationship with a 14-year-old male student	Surrender	9/30/2025		Instructional I
Schutte	Kelly A.	Convicted: Corruption of Minors	Surrender	9/30/2025	Pennridge SD	Educational Specialist II
Seese	Molly	Convicted: Theft from a Motor Vehicle	Surrender	8/4/2025	Bellwood-Antis SD; Soaring Heights-Altoona	Instructional II
Severo	Daniel	Convicted: Manufacture, Delivery or Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver a Controlled Substance, and Conspiracy – Manufacture, Delivery or Possession with Intent to Manufacture or Deliver a Controlled Substance	Revocation	6/6/2025		Instructional I
Siegel	Kevin S.	Charges: 17 counts of Sexual Abuse of Children – Possession of Children Pornography	Immediate Suspension	5/15/2025	Penn-Delco SD	Educational Specialist II; Instructional I; Emergency Permit(s)
Simmons-Presley	Lonna	Allegations: Educator engaged in professional misconduct when she angrily and blindly threw a pair of scissors over her shoulders at a class of fifth grade students	Suspension: 3/7/2018-3/7/2019	12/9/2025	Armstrong SD	Instructional II

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Sims	Noel	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator's New York teaching certificate was revoked due to Respondent engaging in sexual misconduct with a student	Surrender	9/30/2025		Instructional I; Administrative; Supervisory
Skura	Joseph R.	Allegations: Educator engaged in inappropriate communications with a student, and Educator failed to provide truthful and accurate information respective to his employment history on an application for subsequent employment with another school district	Suspension	12/9/2025	Ligonier Valley SD	Instructional I
Smith	Duane E.	Charges: 4 counts of Rape – Person Less Than 13 Years Old, 1 count of Aggravated Indecent Assault – Person Less Than 13 Years of Age, and 4 counts of Statutory Sexual Assault	Surrender	8/4/2025	Towanda Area SD	Instructional II
Soffer	Gabriel L.	Charges: Educator was criminally charged with Criminal Attempt – Crim Tres-Enter Structure, Indecent Exposure, Open Lewdness, and Criminal Attempt – Burglary-Overnight Accommodation, No Person Present	Surrender	8/4/2025	Renaissance Academy CS	Program Specialist; Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)
Stevenson	Derek B.	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator's Texas teaching certificate was revoked as a result of Educator storing personal pornographic videos on a school district server that was shared with other students and staff	Revocation	8/4/2025	Katy Independent SD (TX)	Career and Technical Instructional I; Emergency Permit(s)

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Stewart	Ryan	Charges: Unlawful Contact with Minor, Obscene and Other Sexual Materials and Performances – Dissemination of Explicit Sexual Material to Minor, and Corruption of Minors	Immediate Suspension	1/28/2025	Susquehanna Township SD	Administrative I; Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)
Stright	Alexis	Allegations: Educator stole a prescription pad and passed forged prescriptions to obtain narcotics	Suspension: 6/12/2020-3/7/2022	6/6/2025	South Allegheny SD	Instructional II
Sussmann	Barry	Charges: Sexual Abuse of Children – Child Sexual Abuse Material and Criminal Use of a Communication Facility	Surrender	8/4/2025		Instructional II; Program Specialist
Sweet	Timothy	Convicted: Terroristic Threats	Revocation	6/6/2025	Laurel Highlands SD	Emergency Permit(s)
Swineford	John A.	Convicted: Endangering Welfare of Children	Surrender	3/27/2025	East Stroudsburg Area SD	Instructional II
Tatko	Timothy	Convicted: Promoting Prostitution and Dissemination Matter Harmful to Juveniles in Ohio	Surrender	1/22/2025		Instructional I
Terdine	Richard	Allegations: Educator engaged in improper conduct involving a 16-year-old male who worked part-time at the rectory, while serving as a priest in 1988	Surrender	9/30/2025		Educational Specialist II
Thomas	Jordan	Convicted: Intimidation of a Witness or Victim	Revocation	6/6/2025	Phoenixville Area SD	Instructional II
Thomas	Lewis F.	Convicted: 1 count of Receiving Stolen Property and 2 counts of Theft by Unlawful Taking – Movable Property	Surrender	6/6/2025	Discovery CS	Emergency Permit(s)

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Thomas	Michael J.	Allegations: Educator failed to truthfully complete the Act 168 form that ultimately indicated he was the subject of an investigation which resulted in his termination from prior employment	Public Reprimand	9/30/2025	Northwood Academy CS, Christopher Columbus CS	Instructional II
Uhlig	Walter J.	Convicted: Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse and Unlawful Contact with a Minor	Revocation	12/9/2025	Substitute Teacher Service, Inc.	Instructional I
Vescovi	Isaac B.	Charges: School – Intercourse/Sexual Contact with a Student, Corruption of Minors – Defendant of Age 18 or Above, Criminal Use of a Communication Facility, and Unlawful Contact with Minor – Sexual Offenses	Surrender	6/6/2025	Cambria Heights SD	Instructional II; Letter of Equivalency
Wall Jr.	William R.	Convicted: Attempted Molestation of a Child in Arizona	Revocation	6/6/2025		Educational Specialist II
Washington	Jared S.	Convicted: 5 counts of Sexual Abuse of Children – Child Pornography	Revocation	6/6/2025	Norristown Area SD; Kelly Educational Staffing Services	Emergency Permit(s)
Waters	Daniel	Convicted: Criminal Solicitation – Involuntary Deviate Sexual Intercourse, Solicitation of Minors to Traffic Drugs, Unlawful Contact with a Minor – Sexual Offenses, Obscene and Other Sexual Materials or Performances – Dissemination of Explicit Sexual Material to a Minor, and Corruption of Minors	Revocation	6/6/2025		Instructional II; Emergency Permit(s)

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Weaver	Robert J.	Reciprocal Discipline: Educator's Illinois teaching certificates was revoked as a result of allegations that he engaged in unprofessional and immoral behavior; specifically, he engaged in a sexual relationship with a male student between 1993 and 1995 as well as behaving in an unprofessional manner with several other male students in his classroom	Revocation	6/6/2025	Chicago Public Schools (IL)	Instructional I
Whalen	Janet	Allegations: Educator was under the influence of alcohol in school and drove under the influence of alcohol	Suspension: 7/1/19-1/1/21	6/6/2025	Diocese of Allentown	Instructional II; Administrative I
Whaley	Jordan C.	Charges: Corruption of Minors, Stalking, and Luring a Child into a Motor Vehicle or Structure	Immediate Suspension	8/4/2025	Kelly Services, Inc.; Education Staffing Solutions; School District of Philadelphia	Emergency Permit(s)
Wiernusz	Staci	Allegations: Educator was under the influence of alcohol at school	Suspension	7/23/2025	Tunkhannock Area SD	Instructional II
Young	Matthew W.	Allegations: Educator forcefully shoved a student to the ground and held the student under a mat	Surrender	1/22/2025	Newport SD	Instructional I
Zavinski	Ryan	Allegations: Educator was under investigation for Causing Sexual Abuse or Exploitation of a Child Through Any Act/Failure to Act and Causing Bodily Injury to Child Through Recent Act/Failure to Act Charges: Corruption of Minors and Indecent Exposure.	Surrender	12/9/2025	Warren County SD	Emergency Permit(s)

Reinstatement (24 P.S. § 2070.16)

In 2025, the PSPC considered two (2) requests for reinstatement filed by an educator whose certificates and/or employment eligibility were previously suspended, surrendered or revoked. The disposition is reflected in the following table.

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Beckett	Michael Thomas	Granted	3/27/2025
Wiernusz	Staci J.	Denied	12/9/2025

OUTREACH

The PSPC is committed to informing the profession and the public of the ethical and professional parameters that should govern the behavior of all educators. To that end, the PSPC has developed free workshops that are designed to familiarize participants with the PSPC, the code, the educator discipline system, mandatory reporting, appropriate student-teacher boundaries, professional conduct, and other relevant topics. Throughout 2025, PSPC staff provided outreach to teachers, administrators, students in teacher preparation programs, human resource professionals, and other stakeholders. In addition, thousands of educators and school staff members have successfully completed the PSPC's three-hour Act 126 online course (see below under "Available Resources"), which was released in 2017. The PSPC welcomes questions and requests for workshops or other assistance. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

AVAILABLE RESOURCES

Information about the PSPC and the educator discipline system, including copies of public adjudications, is available online at www.pspc.education.pa.gov.

ACT 126 Online Course

Act 126 of 2012 (P.L. 1084, No. 126 Cl. 24 Session of 2012), amended the Public School Code of 1949 to mandate that all school entities and independent contractors of school entities provide certain training to all employees, including contracted substitute teachers, who have direct contact with children.

The PSPC has developed a three-hour, four-module online course that satisfies the Act 126 training requirements as they relate to the Educator Discipline Act, the recognition and reporting of sexual misconduct, and appropriate student-teacher relationships. The course, titled "Educator Discipline-Act 126," consists of the following four modules:

- Module 1: Overview of the Educator Discipline System;
- Module 2: Establishing and Maintaining Appropriate Boundaries;
- Module 3: Sexual Misconduct; and
- Module 4: Protecting Students and Mandatory Reporting.

The course is available on the SAS Portal and the PSPC website free of charge. Participants receive Act 48 credit upon completion. Participants who complete the course still need to complete training addressing child

abuse recognition and reporting under the Child Protective Services Law and their school entity's policies related to reporting of suspected abuse and sexual misconduct.

Publications

The following publications are available in hard copy and electronically:

- Educator Discipline Act (24 P.S. § 2070.1a *et seq.*)
- Chapter 233-Bylaws—Statement of Policy
- Chapter 235-Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for Educators
- Chapter 237-Definitions of Statutory Terms
- Chapter 238-Pennsylvania Model Code of Ethics for Educators-Statement of Policy
- Model Code of Ethics for Educators (MCEE)
- Fact Sheet-A fact sheet detailing the PSPC, its mission and the educator discipline system
- Memo re: Non-Certified Educator Designation
- Registration and Application Instructions for Non-Certified Educators
- Roles and Responsibilities of Non-Certified Educators
- Recognizing and Reporting Sexual Misconduct
- The Ethical Educator and Professional Practices
- Why, When and How Do I Report Educator Misconduct?
- Acceptance of Filings by Email
- Consent to Electronic Service
- Standing Practice Order

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