



SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION)	
CERTIFICATE OF)	OPP No. D23-04-031
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CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER)	FINAL ORDER
Certificate No. 551995D)	OF REVOCATION
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After receiving and investigating a complaint from Marysville School District (“School District”) regarding the above referenced educator, and based upon the facts available as of the date of this Proposed Order, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, through his undersigned designee, institutes this proceeding and finds, as described below, that CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER (“Educator”) lacks the good moral character and personal fitness, as defined in Washington Administrative Code (“WAC”) 181-86-013, and does hereby REVOKE the Educator’s Washington Education Certificate No. 551995D based on the following Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law:

I. FINDINGS OF FACT

1. On June 10, 2019, the Educator was issued Washington Education Certificate No. 551995D. The Educator’s certificate will expire on June 30, 2027.

2. During the 2022–23 school year, the Educator was employed by the School District at Shoultes Elementary School.

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3. On March 20, 2023, the Office of Professional Practices (“OPP”) within the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (“OSPI”) received a complaint from Zac Robbins, the Superintendent of the School District, alleging the Educator, prior to obtaining an education certificate, had furnished alcohol to a sixteen-year-old female and had forcible sexual intercourse with her.

4. From approximately June 2003 to July 28, 2009, the Educator was an employee of the Boys & Girls Clubs of Snohomish County. From his initial hire date until on or about, April 20, 2009, the Educator worked at the Arlington location. The Educator was employed at the Marysville location from, on or about April 20, 2009, until July 28, 2009.

5. In, or about, March 2009, the Educator began providing private sports training to Student A, a sixteen-year-old female. The Educator provided private sports training to Student A until approximately July 23, 2009.

6. Between March 2009 and July 23, 2009, the Educator transported Student A in his private vehicle to and from the training sessions. The Educator also made inappropriate comments about Student A’s body and exchanged electronic messages with her.

7. On an unknown date between June 1, 2009, and July 23, 2009, the Educator took Student A to his private residence. At his residence, the Educator:

- a. Provided Student A with alcoholic beverages to the point she became intoxicated;
- b. Attempted to kiss Student A and touch her breasts;
- c. After being told no, the Educator moved Student A into his bedroom where he forcibly had sexual intercourse with her.

8. On or about July 23, 2009, Student A’s mother reported to the Boys & Girls Club that the Educator had been providing alcohol to a minor.

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9. On or about July 23, 2009, the Educator was issued a 5-day suspension from the Boys & Girls Club for violations of policies.

10. On July 28, 2009, the Educator submitted his resignation from the Boys & Girls Club.

11. On August 18, 2019, the Educator completed a Pre-Residency Clearance Application and accompanying Character & Fitness Supplemental. On the Character & Fitness Supplemental, the Educator falsely answered 'No' to the questions of:

- a. Have you ever been disciplined by a past or present employer because of allegations of misconduct; and,
- b. Are you currently or have you ever been the subject of any investigation or inquiry by an employer because of allegations of misconduct.

12. On June 28, 2022, the Arlington Police Department initiated an investigation that the Educator had committed a sexual assault on a minor in 2009.

13. On August 30, 2022, the Marysville School District placed the Educator on administrative leave.

14. On February 7, 2023, the Educator was arrested by officers from the Arlington Police Department for Rape 2nd Degree, Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 9A.44.050, and booked into the Snohomish County Jail.

15. On February 28, 2023, the Snohomish County Prosecuting Attorney's Office declined to pursue charges against the Educator due to statute of limitations expiration. The decline letter did state that the Arlington Police Department investigation had "obtained evidence and witnesses to corroborate the incident".

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16. On October 25, 2023, the Educator participated in an interview with OPP. During the interview, the Educator: denied making comments about Student A's body; denied furnishing her with alcohol; denied sexual intercourse with her; denied attempting to have sexual intercourse with her; denied that Student A had been to his private residence; denied communicating directly with Student A; and stated that he had transported Student A only from his apartment complex to the Marysville Boys & Girls Club location for training sessions.

II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. Revised Code of Washington ("RCW") Chapter 28A.410 gives the Professional Educator Standards Board the authority to develop regulations determining eligibility for and certification of personnel employed in the common schools of the state of Washington. OSPI acts as the administrator of those statutes and regulations and has the authority to issue, reprimand, suspend, and revoke education certificates. RCW 28A.410.010; RCW 28A.410.090. Chapters 181-86 and 181-87 WAC further implement OSPI's authority.

2. OSPI has jurisdiction over the Educator and the subject matter of this action.

3. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-013, there is clear and convincing evidence the Educator lacks the good moral character and/or personal fitness necessary to serve as a certificated employee in schools in the state of Washington, including the character and personal fitness to have contact with, to teach, and to perform supervision of children.

4. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-075, a revocation is appropriate discipline when (2) the superintendent of public instruction has determined that the education practitioner has not committed a felony crime under WAC 181-86-013 (1) or (2) but the superintendent of public instruction has determined the education practitioner has committed an act of unprofessional conduct or lacks good moral character or personal fitness and revocation is appropriate.

5. Pursuant to WAC 181-86-080, eleven factors, at a minimum, are to be considered to determine the appropriate level and range of educator discipline.

- (1) The seriousness of the act(s) and the actual or potential harm to persons or property;
- (2) The person's criminal history including the seriousness and amount of activity;
- (3) The age and maturity level of participant(s) at the time of the activity;
- (4) The proximity or remoteness of time in which the acts occurred;
- (5) Any activity that demonstrates a disregard for health, safety or welfare;
- (6) Any activity that demonstrates a behavioral problem;
- (7) Any activity that demonstrates a lack of fitness;
- (8) Any information submitted regarding discipline imposed by any governmental or private entity as a result of acts or omissions;
- (9) Any information submitted that demonstrates aggravating or mitigating circumstances;
- (10) Any information submitted to support character and fitness; and
- (11) Any other relevant information submitted.

6. Based on the foregoing facts and considering them in light of the eleven factors enumerated in WAC 181-86-080, and in light of WAC 181-86-075, WAC 181-86-013 and WAC 181-86-014, the Educator's education certificate should be revoked for furnishing alcohol to a minor and forcibly having sexual intercourse and contact with a minor.


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III. ORDER

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate No. 551995D of CHRISTOPHER CARPENTER is **REVOKED**.

DATED this 27th day of February, 2025.

CHRIS REYKDAL
Superintendent of Public Instruction
State of Washington


Darryl E. Colman
Interim Chief Legal and Civil Rights Officer