
Teacher License Actions, Rule

The Background:

Pursuant to State Board of Education Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b) the State Board of Education may revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or renew a license for several reasons listed in the rule.

Currently under the rule, there is no option for the State Board to issue a public reprimand for a license holder who engages in conduct which may not rise to the level of a suspension, but should be discouraged nonetheless. Amending the rules to include public reprimand as an option would ensure that those instances of misconduct are not only recorded with the State Board of Education, but are also reported to the National Association of State Directors of Teacher Education and Certification (NASDTEC) Clearinghouse.

The Master Plan Connection:

This item supports the Board's Master Plan principles of effective school leaders and effective teachers by ensuring that varying levels of misconduct will be actionable.

The Recommendation:

The SBE staff recommends adoption of this item on final reading.

Teacher License Actions Proposed Rule Revision

Rule 0520-02-04-.01(9)(6) Denial, Suspension and Revocation of License is amended by deleting the phrase "The State Board of Education may revoke, suspend or refuse to issue or renew a license for the following reasons:" and replacing it with "The State Board of Education may revoke, suspend, reprimand publicly or refuse to issue or renew a license for the following reasons:"

Authority: *T.C.A. §§49-1-302, 49-1-607, 49-5-108, 49-5-108(d)(2), 49-5-5201, 49-5-5602, 49-5-5605, and Public Chapter No. 535 -(Education Improvement Act).*