

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

TAWNIA DAVIS

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License No. 165945

ORDER OF FORMAL REPRIMAND

The Tennessee State Board of Education (Board) disposes of this matter as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Tawnya Davis (“Respondent”) was licensed by the State Board of Education (“Board”) as a teacher in the State of Tennessee.
2. Respondent was reported by Polk County Schools as having breached TCAP Test Security.
 - a. Respondent was administering the TCAP test to a student with special needs and used index cards to work problems as the student worked.
 - b. Respondent indicated that she was doing so because the student was working so fast that she could not believe that he could be answering the questions correctly.
 - c. Respondent claimed that she never assisted the student or provided the student any answers.
 - d. There was no evidence that Respondent aided the student in any way.
 - e. Respondent’s classroom was searched and no index cards were found.
3. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to send a formal reprimand based upon these findings. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is “unclaimed” is sufficient evidence of the addressee’s refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee. By refusing delivery of the certified mail, Respondent has waived the right to a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for revocation, suspension, or formal reprimand pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby formally reprimands Respondent license pursuant to the attached letter. A copy of the letter shall also be included in Respondent’s personnel file.

Approved by the Board this 31st day of January, 2014.

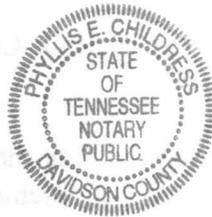
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BY: B. Fielding Rolston
B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST: Gary Nixon
Dr. Gary L. Nixon, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 4th day of February, 2014.

Phyllis E. Childress
NOTARY PUBLIC



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
January 9, 2016

After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address:

Ms. Tawnya Davis
P.O. Box 57
Benton, TN 37307