

SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATE

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Constitutional and Statutory Provisions:

Code of Laws of South Carolina, 1976, as amended: §59-25-150, et seq. The State Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person.

A teacher certificate hearing may be private upon written request, §59-25-200, South Carolina Code.

(See Freedom of Information Act, §30-4-10, et seq., South Carolina Code; BCAE, Public Hearings.)

State Board Rule:

The State Board of Education is charged with issuing, and when appropriate, revoking or suspending a teaching credential. The local board employs certified professionals based on the State credential, and may dismiss any credentialed teacher who demonstrates an unfitness for teaching. The local board does not have the authority to suspend or revoke the State credential (certification). It is the intent of the State Board that individuals credentialed in this state manifest conduct demonstrating a fitness for teaching. Therefore, a District Superintendent, at the direction of the local Board of Trustees, shall report to the Chair of the State Board and the State Superintendent of Education the name and certificate number of any certified educator who is dismissed, resigns, or otherwise separated from the district employment for conduct which is reasonably believed to constitute evidence that the individual's conduct is unfit for teaching. (See §59-25-430 of the Code of Laws, and Board Regulations 43-58 and 43-58.1.)

A local Board shall make available to the State Board of Education the reasons for separation and, when requested, any available written supporting evidence to be used by the State Board in their deliberations.