

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Joshua Steven Albin
Certificate 237521

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on April 1, 2025. On December 17, 2024, and February 10, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Joshua Steven Albin a notice via regular and certified mail of his right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate. Mr. Albin received the notice on February 19, 2025, as evidenced by signed postal receipt. He has not contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and is now in default.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Mr. Albin's educator certificate for a period of one year, commencing on April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2026.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Mr. Albin holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. He has over fifteen years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. At the time of the misconduct, Mr. Albin was employed by Greenville County School District (District) as an assistant principal at Bryson Elementary School (School).

On April 2, 2023, a teacher at the School reported suspicions that Mr. Albin was helping a student cheat. The test in question was an electronic assessment and the District was able to trace Mr. Albin's log-in to the test. The student was a relation of Mr. Albin. He had been previously reprimanded for failing to follow proper protocols regarding the student.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Order of Suspension of Mr. Albin's educator certificate 237521 for a period of one year, commencing on April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2026.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (Rev. 2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2016); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Joshua Steven Albin engaged in unprofessional conduct by accessing internal systems to assist a student with an exam. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Mr. Albin's educator certificate 237521 for a period of one year, commencing on April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2026.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Joshua Steven Albin educator certificate 237521, is suspended for a period of one year, commencing on April 1, 2025, and ending on March 31, 2026.

If Mr. Albin wishes to have the certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Mr. Albin shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time he requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. The suspension of Mr. Albin's educator certificate shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/Rita Allison

Rita Allison, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
April 1, 2025