

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Charles S. Reed
Certificate 224376

**ORDER OF
PUBLIC REPRIMAND**

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 5, 2025. On July 15, 2025, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Charles S. Reed a notice letter by certified mail, return receipt, restricted delivery, and regular mail, regarding possible action against his educator certificate. On July 23, 2025, the SCDE informed Dr. Reed via email that the State Board would meet on August 5, 2025, to consider action against his educator certification. Under the South Carolina Rules of Civil Procedure 5(b), Charles S. Reed has been given fair notice of constitutional due process. On July 23, 2025, Dr. Reed contacted the SCDE, waived his right to a hearing and requested the State Board proceed with a judgment on his case as soon as possible.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Dr. Reed and approved this Order of Public Reprimand.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Dr. Reed holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate and has over nineteen years of experience. At the time of the incident, Dr. Reed was employed by Richland School District Two (District) as a prekindergarten teacher at North Springs Elementary School (School).

On January 8, 2025, Dr. Reed improperly handled a situation with a disruptive student. Specifically, Dr. Reed pushed a student's hand from the classroom door frame, which caused the student to fall. Dr. Reed then left the student in the hallway unsupervised. Dr. Reed was placed on administrative leave on January 9, 2025, and subsequently resigned on February 5, 2025.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to issue a public reprimand to Dr. Reed and approved this Order of Public Reprimand.

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 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that the evidence presented by the District would not support a conclusion that just cause exists to suspend or revoke the educator certificate of Charles S. Reed; however, the evidence would support a conclusion that Dr. Reed engaged in unprofessional conduct as a result of pushing a student’s hand from the classroom door frame causing the student to fall then left the student in the hallway unsupervised. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the issuance of a Public Reprimand to Dr. Reed by the State Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, it is ordered that the State Board hereby issues a Public Reprimand to Charles S. Reed, certificate 224376. The Public Reprimand shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days from the date of this order with the grounds listed as “unprofessional conduct.” This Order of Public Reprimand shall be posted on the SCDE’s web site and shall be maintained as a public record in the SCDE’s Office of General Counsel.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/Rita Allison
Rita Allison, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
August 5, 2025