
License Denial, Formal Reprimand, Suspension, and Revocation Procedure Policy 5.501

The Background:

T.C.A. § 49-5-108 vests complete jurisdiction over the issuance and administration of licenses for supervisors, principals, and public school teachers in the State Board of Education (State Board). Moreover, the State Board has the duty and the power to adopt policies governing the qualifications, requirements, and standards of, and provide the licenses and certificates for all public school teachers, principals, assistant principals, supervisors, and directors of schools, and to adopt policies governing the revocation of licenses and certificates for misconduct.¹ Pursuant to that statutory authority, the State Board adopted policy 5.501, which governs the Board's process for license denial, suspension, and revocation.

This policy was last updated in October 2012. This item presents changes to the policy to align it with current practice and Rule 0520-02-03-.09, which governs the denial, formal reprimand, suspension, and revocation of educator licenses. Specifically, these amendments clarify the procedure for a hold being placed on an educator's file in TN Compass, the educator's ability to remain employed with a hold on his or her license, and the State Board's process for reviewing educator misconduct reports.

The following changes have been made since first reading:

Page 3: Clarified how notice of the proposed action is given to educators and the thirty (30)-day timeframe to request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

State Board staff recommends adoption of this item on final reading.

¹ T.C.A. § 49-1-302(a)(5)(A)