

Shawna Finstad
Suspension, 2 years, with contingency

The Background:

Facts: On April 3, 2018, Respondent resigned from Knox County Schools. On February 27, 2018, Respondent appeared on school grounds under the influence of alcohol. There was a field sobriety test performed on Respondent, but Respondent did not pass.

Status: Respondent was notified via certified mail of the Board's intent to suspend her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice, but did not request a hearing.

The Recommendation:

Respondent's conduct constitutes grounds for license suspension pursuant to Emergency Rule 0520-02-03-.09(3)(c), (g), (h), (4)(c)(2)(i), (4)(c)(8).

The Board staff recommends that Respondent's Tennessee educator license be suspended for two years. Additionally, the Board staff recommends that as a condition of Respondent's suspension being lifted at the end of the two years, Respondent provide proof of completed alcohol treatment program.