

Educator Licensure Rules
Denial, Formal Reprimand, Suspension, and Revocation Rule 0520-02-03-.09
Permits Rule 0520-02-03-.12

The Background:

State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09 governs the denial, formal reprimand, suspension, and revocation of a Tennessee educator license and denial of a temporary permit application. Additionally, State Board Rule 0520-02-03-.12 governs the issuance of temporary permits to unlicensed individuals under certain limited circumstances in alignment with T.C.A. § 49-5-106.

This item contains revisions to the denial, formal reprimand, suspension, and revocation rule 0520-02-03-.09 and temporary permits rule 0520-02-03-.12 to comply with statutory changes from the 2021 legislative session. Specifically, revisions to sections .09 and .12 of the educator licensure rules provide that Directors of Schools are required to report convictions and misconduct of individuals teaching on a permit to the State Board in the same manner as is required for licensed educators. Additionally, the rules contain clarifying revisions to the State Board's review process for reports received on individuals teaching on a permit, as well as the review process when an individual indicates an affirmative answer to one of the personal affirmation questions on the permit application.

Upon approval of this rule on first reading, a rulemaking hearing will be held by State Board staff to collect stakeholder feedback prior to final reading of this rule.

The Recommendation:

The State Board staff recommends acceptance of this item on first reading.