

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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License No. 218282

JENNIFER MITTS

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ORDER OF SUSPENSION

The Tennessee State Board of Education (Board) disposes of this matter as follows:

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Jennifer Mitts (“Respondent”) was licensed by the State Board of Education (“Board”) as a teacher in the State of Tennessee.
2. In March 2014, Respondent resigned from Hamilton County Schools after repeatedly taking students off campus without parent permission.
3. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to suspend her license based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. The certified letter was returned unclaimed. The U.S. Postal Service notation that a properly addressed certified letter is “unclaimed” is sufficient evidence of the addressee’s refusal to accept service and is sufficient legal notice to the addressee. By refusing delivery of the certified mail, Respondent has waived the right to a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for license revocation or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(6).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby suspends Respondent’s license for one (1) year from the effective date of this order.

During the period of suspension, Respondent shall not serve as a volunteer or be employed, directly or indirectly, as an educator, paraprofessional, aide, substitute teacher, or in any other position in a public school in the State of Tennessee.

Approved by the Board this 25th day of July, 2014.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY: B. Fielding Rolston
B. Fielding Rolston, Chair

ATTEST: Gary L. Nixon
Dr. Gary L. Nixon, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 10th day of August, 2014.

Phyllis E. Childress
NOTARY PUBLIC



MY COMMISSION EXPIRES:
January 9, 2016

After entry, a copy of this Order will be mailed to Respondent's last known address:

Ms. Jennifer Mitts
1293 Village Green Drive
Hixson, TN 37343