

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:)
) **License No. 000549770**
JOSEPH SMITH)

ORDER OF REVOCATION

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. At all times pertinent hereto, Joseph R. Smith (“Respondent”) was a licensed teacher in the State of Tennessee.
2. On January 8, 2019, an Order of Judgment was entered in the Criminal/Circuit Court for Marion County, Tennessee against Respondent. Respondent pleaded guilty to one count of aggravated statutory rape, a class D felony. As a result of his conviction, Mr. Smith was sentenced to four (4) years in custody of the Tennessee Department of Corrections, with an alternative sentence of supervised probation. Respondent will be required to register on the sex offender registry for the duration of his lifetime.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Because Respondent’s conviction is listed at Tenn. Code Ann. 39-13-506, his teaching license is subject to automatic, permanent revocation pursuant to Board Rule 0520-02-03-.09(4)(a)(1).

ORDER

The Board hereby revokes Respondent’s educator license effective on the date of this order. During the period of revocation, 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 during the period of revocation.

Approved by the Board this 15th day of November, 2019.

TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF
EDUCATION

BY: 

Lillian Hartgrove, Chair

ATTEST: 

Sara Morrison, Executive Director

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 15th day of November, 2019.



NOTARY PUBLIC

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

Joseph R. Smith
1818 Morrison Springs Rd.
Whitwell, TN 37397