

HAWAII TEACHER STANDARDS BOARD

REPORT OF VIOLATION

§8-54-9.16 Reporting of violations. (a) Reports of violations(s) to the Code of Ethics or for conduct listed in §8-54-9.14 shall be filed in writing with the board on a signed form and in a manner provided by the board.

Name of Educator: _____

School _____ Teaching Assignment _____

Description of the violation:

Attach additional sheets if necessary.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing, including any attachment, is true and correct.

Signature: _____ Printed name: _____

Title: _____ Date: _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

HTSB CODE OF ETHICS

Preface

The Hawaii Teacher Standards Board Code of Ethics supports the vision, core values, and mission of the board in fostering professional standards for teachers, not only with regard to academic rigor, but to include the highest ethical standards of professional conduct which foster commitment to students, the profession, and the community. This code is intended to advance the teaching profession, to guide the professional behavior of P-12 educators in the State of Hawaii, and to form the basis for disciplinary action taken by the Board, as authorized in Hawaii Revised Statutes §302A-807.

Principle I: Commitment to Students

Hawaii P-12 educators shall:

- Provide students with appropriate educational services based on research and accepted best practices
- Provide services to students in a nondiscriminatory manner
- Take all reasonable precautions to protect the health, safety and well being of students
- Maintain a respectful, professional relationship with students
- Keep information about students in confidence, unless disclosure is required by law or serves a professional purpose
- Nurture in students life-long respect and compassion for themselves and others
- Promote the right and freedom of students to learn, explore ideas, develop learning skills and acquire the necessary knowledge to achieve their full potential
- Not exploit professional relationships with students for personal gain

Principle II: Commitment to the Profession

Hawaii P-12 educators shall:

- Exhibit behaviors which uphold the dignity of the profession
- Be fair and equitable in their treatment of all members of the profession in a nondiscriminatory manner
- Keep information about colleagues in confidence, unless disclosure is required by law or serves a compelling professional purpose
- Continue to study, apply, and advance the professional knowledge base for P-12 educators and maintain a commitment to professional education

Principle III: Commitment to the Community

Hawaii P-12 educators shall:

- Distinguish between personal and institutional views in communication to the public
- Be truthful in representing facts concerning educational matters
- Decline any gratuity, gift, or favor that would impair or influence professional decisions or actions
- Make information about education research and best practices available to students, parents, colleagues, and the public
- Be open and honest with students, parents, colleagues, and the public

§8-54-9.14 Grounds for refusal to renew, reinstate, or restore, and for revocation, suspension, denial, or condition of a license or permit. In addition to any other acts or conditions provided by law, the board may refuse to renew, reinstate or restore, or may deny, revoke, suspend, or condition in any manner, any license for any one or more of the following acts or conditions on the part of the licensee, permittee or the applicant thereof:

- (1) A felony conviction;
- (2) Misdemeanor convictions as defined in this chapter;
- (3) Conviction of crimes against children and sexual offenses;
- (4) Having sexual contact with a minor or student;
- (5) Possessing, producing, or distributing illegal images or images of minors or students;
- (6) Committing a crime on school premises or while fulfilling the duties of a teacher;
- (7) Practicing the profession of teaching while possessing, using, distributing or being under the influence of illegal drugs;
- (8) Practicing the profession of teaching in a manner contrary to the recognized standards of ethics adopted by the Hawai'i Teacher Standards Board in its Code of Ethics;
- (9) Practicing the profession of teaching with a fraudulent teaching license;
- (10) Making and/or submitting false, inaccurate or misleading statements and/or documents in applying for a license, permit, license or permit update, or renewal;
- (11) Having a license or permit denied, revoked, not renewed or suspended by another jurisdiction;
- (12) Violation of any condition or limitation on a licensee's license;
- (13) Misrepresents or falsifies information on their application;
- (14) Provides falsified or fraudulent documents with an application;
- (15) Does not meet the board's licensing or renewal requirements;
- (16) Does not meet the professional fitness portion of the application; or
- (17) Does not pay the required license or permit fees. [Eff 10/30/14] (Auth: HRS §302A-803, §302A-807) (Imp: HRS §§302A-801 to -808)