



STATEMENT OF ASSURANCE GOOD MORAL CHARACTER

To: Teacher Education Students

RE: State of Ohio Certification Standards

Please be advised that in Ohio the requirements for Certification include the following statement.

3301-23 Provisional certificate for teaching.

The provisional certificate, valid for teaching the subject named in such certificate in (grades) shall be issued to an individual who holds a baccalaureate degree; **who is deemed to be of good moral character;** who has successfully completed an approved program of teacher preparation, including an examination prescribed by the state board of education; and who has been recommended by the dean or head of teacher education at an approved institution.

3301-21-01 DEFINITIONS. TERMINOLOGY USED IN THIS CHAPTER AND CHAPTER 3301-23 OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE CODE SHALL BE AS DEFINED IN THIS RULE.

(M) “GOOD MORAL CHARACTER.” A person shall be deemed to be of good moral character provided that said individual has not pleaded guilty to or been convicted of any felon, any violation of Section 2907.04 (corruption of a minor) or Section 2907.06 (sexual imposition), or division (A) or (C) of Section 2907.07 (importuning) of the Revised Code, any offense of violence, theft offense, or drug abuse offense that is not a minor misdemeanor, or any substantively comparable ordinance of a municipal corporation or of another state.

***An individual who has pleaded guilty to or has been convicted of any such offense may have an application for (licensure) considered by the State Board of Education, provided said individual meets the conditions specified in Ohio Administrative Code Rule 3301-20-01.**

The application for certification contains the following:

Any individual who pleads guilty to or is convicted of any felony, any violation of Section 2907.04 or 2907.06, or division (A) or (C) of Section 2907.07 of the Revised Code, any offense of violence, theft offense, or drug abuse that is not a minor misdemeanor, or any substantially comparable ordinance of a municipal corporation or of another state shall indicate so in Section K of the application form.

If you have any questions about this portion of the Ohio Revised Code, please talk with your advisor, the Associate Dean, Dr. Linda Billman, or the Director of Teacher Testing and Licensure, Mr. Doug Staggs.

I, _____, assure the Dwight Schar College of Education at Ashland University that I have been made aware of, read, understand, and meet the good moral character standard of the State of Ohio Revised Code as defined about.

Student Name (Please print legibly) _____

Student Signature _____ Date: _____

ASHLAND UNIVERSITY
DWIGHT SCHAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION
State of Ohio Teacher Licensure Awareness of Professional Conduct
Statement of Assurance of Good Moral Character

The Ohio Department of Education is committed to ensuring that all students receive instruction from educators who can provide a safe, supportive, and healthy school environment. By Ohio statute, those persons who have demonstrated “unbecoming conduct” may not be licensed to teach in Ohio’s schools. The Office of Professional Conduct at the Ohio Department of Education is responsible for raising awareness among pre-service educators for what unbecoming conduct is for educators and has provided teacher educators with the following list of offenses that may keep a prospective teacher from gaining licensure.

1. Drug Abuse

- corrupting another with drugs
- trafficking in drugs
- illegal manufacture of drugs or cultivation of marijuana
- illegal assembly or possession of chemicals for the manufacture of drugs
- funding of drug or marijuana trafficking
- illegal administration or distribution of anabolic steroids
- permitting drug abuse
- deception to obtain a dangerous drug
- illegal possession of drug documents
- tampering with drugs
- trafficking in harmful intoxicants; improperly dispensing or distributing nitrous oxide
- illegal dispensing of drug samples
- possession of counterfeit controlled substances

2. Violence

- aggravated murder/murder
- voluntary/involuntary manslaughter
- reckless homicide
- felonious assault/aggravated assault
- permitting child abuse
- kidnapping/abduction
- criminal child enticement
- extortion
- aggravated arson
- aggravated robbery/robbery/aggravated burglary
- inciting to violence
- aggravated riot/riot
- inducing panic
- intimidation/intimidation of attorney, victim or witness in criminal case
- escape
- improper discharge firearm at or into habitation; school-related offenses
- illegal conveyance or possession of deadly weapon or dangerous ordnance or illegal possession of an object indistinguishable from a firearm in school safety zone/ courthouse
- improperly furnishing firearms to minor
- unlawful possession of dangerous ordnance; illegally manufacturing or processing explosives
- endangering children
- soliciting or providing support for act of terrorism/ making terrorist threat(s)/terrorism
- unlawful possession or use of a hoax weapon of mass destruction
- contaminating substance for human consumption or use; contamination with hazardous chemical, biological, or radioactive substance; spreading false report/placing harmful objects in food/confection
- retaliation
- unlawful abortion/performing or inducing unlawful abortion upon minor/abortion manslaughter
- interference of custody/child stealing

3. Sexually-oriented

- rape
- sexual battery
- unlawful sexual conduct with a minor
- gross sexual imposition/sexual imposition
- importuning
- compelling prostitution/promoting prostitution
- procuring
- soliciting/loitering to engage in solicitation/ prostitution; after positive HIV test
- disseminating matter harmful to juveniles
- displaying of self to juveniles
- pandering obscenity; involving a minor
- pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor
- deception to obtain matter harmful to juveniles
- compelling acceptance of objectionable materials
- illegal use of a minor in nudity-oriented material or performance
- felonious sexual penetration

4. Theft

- burglary
- personating an officer
- theft in office
- perjury
- bribery