

Grounds for Dismissal From the Teacher Education Program
And
Background Check Notification Form

Grounds for Revocation or Suspension of Certificates. "The [State] Superintendent may, after ten (10) days' notice and upon proper evidence, revoke or suspend the certificate(s) of any teacher for drunkenness, untruthfulness, immorality, or for any physical, mental or moral defect which would render him/her unfit for the proper performance of his or her duties, or for any neglect of duty or refusal to perform the same, or for using fraudulent, unapproved, or insufficient credit; or for any other cause which would have justified the withholding of a certificate when the same was issued." (West Virginia Code §§18A-3-2a, 18A-3-6)

Grounds for Denial of Licensure for Cause. "A certificate shall not be issued to any person who is not of good moral character and physically, mentally, and emotionally qualified to perform the duties for which the certification would be granted or for any other cause which would justify the revocation or suspension of certification." (West Virginia Code §§18A-3-2a, 18A-3-6)

Duty of County Superintendent. It shall be the duty of any county superintendent who knows of any immorality or neglect of duty on the part of any teacher, **including student teachers**, to report the same, together with all the facts and evidence, to the [State] Superintendent for such action as may be proper. **In the case of a student teacher, the county superintendent must also send the report to the appropriate teacher preparation institution. Failure to report such information, if willful, may be grounds for revocation of the certificate of the county superintendent.** (West Virginia Board of Education Policy 1340)

As a teacher education candidate at West Virginia State University, in the event I do anything in my field placements or student teaching that warrants the above actions, I will be dismissed from the teacher education program according to the procedures contained in the university catalog.

I am aware that I will be required to submit fingerprints to the county school system prior to student teaching. Additionally, I am aware that, when I seek employment and/or certification with a public school system in West Virginia, any of the 49 other states, District of Columbia, or US territories, I will have to submit for a criminal background check as a condition for employment and/or certification. I am aware that I may be denied employment or certification based on the results of this criminal background check.

I have read this information, and verify that West Virginia State University has made me aware of these grounds for dismissal from the teacher education program and the criminal background check as a condition for student teaching and for certification and/or employment.

Have you ever been asked to leave a teacher preparation program? ☐ Yes ☐ No

If yes, please explain.

Print Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____