

BEFORE THE TENNESSEE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

IN THE MATTER OF:

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License No. 000000

ERICA GRIFFIN

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ORDER OF DENIAL

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

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Erica Griffin (“Respondent”) was arrested in Georgia on December 17, 2010 for possession of cocaine and marijuana. Respondent also allegedly had an inappropriate relationship with a student; the evidence included phone records of Respondent texting 1880 messages with a student over a period of twenty days.
2. Respondent subsequently surrendered her Georgia teaching license on the basis of these findings.
3. Respondent has applied for a teaching license in Tennessee.
4. Respondent was notified by certified mail of the Board’s intent to deny her application, based upon these findings, and of her right to a hearing. Respondent received notice but did not request a hearing.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Respondent’s conduct constitutes grounds for denial, revocation, or suspension pursuant to Board Rule 0520-2-4-.01(9)(b)(5).

ORDER

The Tennessee State Board of Education hereby denies Respondent’s license application concurrent with the Georgia revocation. During the period of denial, 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 31st day of October, 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 14th day of November, 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. Erica Griffin
395 Dogwood Circle
Chatsworth, GA 30705