

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the  
Disciplinary Action of the  
Educator Certificate of  
Stephanie Ann Gall  
Certificate 308013

**CONSENT ORDER OF SUSPENSION**

**SUMMARY OF THE CASE**

The State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on October 8, 2024. On August 1, 2024, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Stephanie Ann Gall a notice via regular and certified mail, return receipt requested, to Stephanie Ann Gall regarding the possible suspension of her South Carolina educator certificate 308013. After Ms. Gall received the notice, she contacted the SCDE to discuss an alternative resolution. Ms. Gall has agreed to waive her right to a hearing and enter this Consent Order of Suspension of educator certificate 308013 for a period of six months.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Ms. Gall's educator certificate, commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024.

**FINDINGS OF FACT**

Ms. Gall holds a South Carolina educator certificate. She has over four years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. At the time of the incident, Ms. Gall was employed by the Greenville County School District (District) as a teacher at Woodmont High School (School).

On or around February 16, 2024, Ms. Gall left two students unsupervised in her classroom when she left to complete her bus duty responsibilities. On the same day, it was reported to School administration that Ms. Gall was fabricating grades and attendance for one student. While Ms. Gall maintains that she was trying to display

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compassion for a student going through a difficult time, she admits that her behavior was not modeling positive leadership and instead taught the student how to circumvent the rules.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Consent Order of Suspension of Stephanie Ann Gall's educator certificate for a period of six months, commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

"The State Board may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020). Just cause includes "incompetence; willful neglect of duty; willful violation of the rules and regulations of the State Board of Education; unprofessional conduct; drunkenness; cruelty; crime against the law of this State or the United States; immorality; any conduct involving moral turpitude; dishonesty; evident unfitness for position for which employed; or sale or possession of narcotics." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2020); S.C. Code Ann. Regs. 43-58 (2021). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Ms. Gall engaged in unprofessional conduct due to leaving students unsupervised and incorrectly reporting grades and attendance for one student. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Ms. Gall's educator certificate for a period of six months, commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024.

If Ms. Gall wishes to have her certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, she shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Ms. Gall shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time she requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees.

The suspension of Ms. Gall's educator certificate 308013 shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty days of the date of this order.

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Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Stephanie Ann Gall, certificate 308013, is suspended for a period of six months, commencing on July 1, 2024, and ending on December 31, 2024.

**AND IT IS SO ORDERED.**

South Carolina Board of Education

s/David C. O'Shields

David C. O'Shields, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina  
October 8, 2024

I, Stephanie Ann Gall, SC Educator Certificate 308013, understand there has been an investigation concerning alleged violations of the laws and regulations governing the practice of educator certificate holders and that I have waived my right to a hearing in this matter. I understand the terms set forth in this Consent Order of Suspension are not subject to reconsideration, collateral attack, or judicial review. I agree to the terms of this Consent Order of Suspension, consisting of three pages, and understand that this Order will be presented to the South Carolina State Board of Education for approval on Tuesday, October 8, 2024.

I understand this Order will not become effective until approved by the State Board and, if not approved, it shall not constitute an admission against interest in this proceeding or prejudice the right of the State Board to adjudicate this matter. If approved by the State Board, I have the SCDE permission to use my electronic signature in the style of "s/name" for required website publication.

s/Stephanie Ann Gall  
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