

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION

In the Matter of the
Disciplinary Action of the
Educator Certificate of
Shane Matthew Sweeting, II
Certificate 308971

ORDER OF SUSPENSION

SUMMARY OF THE CASE

The South Carolina State Board of Education (State Board) considered this matter on August 4, 2026. On April 24, 2026, the South Carolina Department of Education (SCDE) sent Shane Matthew Sweeting, II a notice via regular and certified mail of his right to a hearing regarding the possible suspension of his South Carolina educator certificate. Mr. Sweeting received the notice on May 4, 2026, as evidenced by signed postal receipt. He has not contacted the SCDE to request a hearing and is now in default.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to suspend Shane Matthew Sweeting, II's educator certificate for a period of one (1) year, commencing on August 4, 2026, and ending on August 3, 2027.

FINDINGS OF FACT

Shane Matthew Sweeting, II holds a valid South Carolina professional educator certificate. Mr. Sweeting has over four years of educator experience and has no prior record of disciplinary action with the State Board. Mr. Sweeting, II was employed by Fort Mill School District (District) as a teacher, at Catawba Ridge High School.

On November 7, 2025, Mr. Sweeting was placed on administrative leave pending allegations that he was under the influence of an illegal substance on the sidelines of a school football game, and his condition was observed by students. Mr. Sweeting lamented his actions, admitting that he had taken the day off, had consumed a beverage containing tetrahydrocannabinol (THC) at lunch, took a nap, and then assumed the effects had passed, and attended that evening's football game. He subsequently resigned on November 10, 2025.

After considering the evidence presented, the State Board voted to accept the Order of Suspension of Shane Matthew Sweeting, II's educator certificate 308971 for a period of one (1) year, commencing on August 4, 2026, and ending on August 3, 2027.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

"The South Carolina Board of Education may, for just cause, either revoke or suspend the certificate of any person." S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-150 (Rev. 2004); S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025). Just cause includes unprofessional conduct. S.C. Code Ann. § 59-25-160 (2025); 24 S.C. Code Regs. 43-58 (2016). The State Board finds that the evidence presented demonstrates that Shane Matthew Sweeting, II engaged in unprofessional conduct by being under the influence of an illegal substance on the sidelines of a school football game. The State Board further finds that just cause exists for the suspension of Shane Matthew Sweeting, II's educator certificate 308971 for a period of one (1) year, commencing on August 4, 2026, and ending on August 3, 2027.

Now, therefore, it is hereby ordered that the educator certificate of Shane Matthew Sweeting, II educator certificate 308971, is suspended for a period of one (1) year, commencing on August 4, 2026, and ending on August 3, 2027.

If Mr. Sweeting wishes to have the certificate reinstated at the conclusion of the period of suspension, he shall make a written request to the SCDE's Office of Educator Services. Mr. Sweeting shall be responsible for meeting all certification requirements in effect at the time he requests reinstatement and for the payment of any applicable reinstatement fees. The suspension of Shane Matthew Sweeting, II's educator certificate shall be reported to the NASDTEC Clearinghouse and all South Carolina school districts within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

AND IT IS SO ORDERED.

South Carolina State Board of Education

s/David M. Mathis
David M. Mathis, Chair

Columbia, South Carolina
August 4, 2026