



# SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

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IN THE MATTER OF THE EDUCATION )  
CERTIFICATE OF )  
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Jeffery E. Rogers )  
Certificate No. 326453H )  
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OPP No. D03-12-108  
ORDER OF SUSPENSION

COMES NOW the Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI), under the authority granted by the laws of the state of Washington, having reviewed the file of the above-referenced case, and having considered the entire evidence contained therein, does hereby suspend the Washington Education Certificate, No. 326453H, of Jeffery E. Rogers for SIXTY (60) days, based on the Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law set forth below:

### FINDINGS OF FACT

1. Jeffery E. Rogers was issued a Washington Education Certificate, No. 326453H, on December 30, 1993. That certificate expired June 30, 2004.
2. Jeffery E. Rogers was employed by the Walla Walla School District.
3. On December 15, 2003, the Office of Professional Practices, within OSPI, received a complaint letter from Dr. Richard Carter, Superintendent of the Walla Walla School District,

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alleging a lack of good moral character or personal fitness, or a violation of the Code of Professional Conduct, Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 180-86, by Jeffery E. Rogers.

4. During Fall 2003, Jeffrey Rogers used, and allowed students to use profanity and tell sexual jokes in his classroom. Mr. Rogers used such terms as "I have your mom on speed dial", and "I'm going to do your mama", and also said that an overweight male student had breasts larger than the girls in class.

5. During the 2003 school year, Mr. Rogers allowed male students to discuss the sexual histories of female students in class, at times while the female students were present.

6. During the 2002-2003 school year, a male student brought a DVD containing improper material to class. Mr. Rogers failed to confiscate this item. Due to this omission, the exact nature of the material on the DVD is not known.

7. On October 29, 2003 Mr. Rogers was placed on administrative leave for allegations of inappropriate interaction with students and alleged inappropriate activities that have been allowed to take place in the classroom.

8. On December 5, 2003, Mr. Rogers resigned his position with the Walla Walla School District effective March 31, 2004.

9. Mr. Roger's attorney furnished a letter on his behalf. He maintains that Mr. Rogers is an effective teacher, as evidenced by his evaluations, but became troubled and lost control of his classroom after the death of his wife.

10. Jeffrey Rogers has completed grief and loss counseling through the Walla Walla School District employee assistance program.

11. Good moral character and personal fitness is a continuing requirement to maintain a Washington Education Certificate.

#### CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

1. OSPI has jurisdiction over Jeffery E. Rogers and over the subject matter of this action.

2. OSPI has shown by clear and convincing evidence, that the Washington Education Certificate, No. D03-12-108, of Jeffery E. Rogers, should be suspended as provided for in WAC 180-86-075.

3. Jeffery E. Rogers has violated WAC 180-87-060, RCW 28A.410.090, WAC 180-86-013 and WAC 180-86-014.

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**ORDER**

THEREFORE, it is hereby ordered that the Washington Education Certificate, No. 326453H, of Jeffrey E. Rogers be suspended for sixty (60) days.

Reinstatement shall require that the following stipulations be completed:

1. That Jeffrey Rogers complete a course in class management, such course to be arranged by mutual agreement with OPP.
2. That Jeffrey Rogers complete a course dealing with the establishment of boundaries with students, such course to be arranged by mutual agreement with OPP
3. That Jeffrey Rogers be responsible for the costs of such courses.
4. That Jeffrey Rogers submit a new application to OPP, and have his fingerprints checked by the Washington State Patrol and Federal Bureau of Investigation.

This order will become final thirty days after it is received, unless it is appealed within the thirty day period. Appeals should be addressed to:

Superintendent of Public Instruction

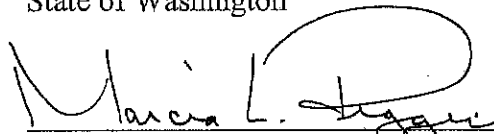
Office of Professional Practices

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DATED This 29<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2005.

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