

1 BEFORE THE TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
2 OF THE STATE OF OREGON

3 In the Matter of the) STIPULATION OF FACTS
4 Teaching License of) AND
5 JOHN D. PARKS) FINAL ORDER OF REPRIMAND

6 On October 11, 2006, the Teacher Standards and Practices Commission (Commission)
7 received a report from Sandra Husk, Superintendent, Salem-Keizer School District, that John D.
8 Parks (Parks) may have violated standards by submitting false marks for members of his track team
9 and encouraged two students to provide false information if asked about the inflated marks.

10 Mr. Parks fully cooperated with the Commission's investigation. After review of the matters
11 alleged, Mr. Parks and the Commission agree that their respective interests, together with the public
12 interest, are best served by a stipulation to certain facts and a public reprimand.

13 This document sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the stipulated
14 sanction to be imposed. Mr. Parks stipulates that there is sufficient evidence in the Commission's
15 files and records to support the findings of fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below.

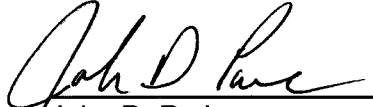
16 By signing below, Mr. Parks acknowledges, understands, stipulates, and agrees to the
17 following: (i) he has been fully advised of his rights to notice and a hearing to contest the findings of
18 fact, conclusions of law, and order set forth below, and fully and finally waives all such rights and any
19 rights to appeal or otherwise challenge this Stipulation of Facts and Final Order of Reprimand
20 (Stipulation and Final Order); (ii) this Stipulation and Final Order is a public document and disclosed
21 to the public upon request by the Commission; (iii) this Stipulation and Final Order is contingent upon
22 and subject to approval and adoption by the Commission. If the Commission does not approve and
23 adopt this Stipulation and Final Order, then neither Mr. Parks nor the Commission are bound by the
24 terms herein; (iv) he has fully read this Stipulation and Final Order, and understands it completely; (v)
25 he voluntarily, without any force or duress, enters into this Stipulation and Final Order and consents to
26 issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below; (vi) he states that no promises or
27 representation has been made to induce him to sign this Stipulation and Final Order; and (vii) he has
28 consulted with an attorney regarding this Stipulation and Final Order and has been fully advised with


1 regard to his rights thereto, or waives any and all rights to consult with an attorney prior to entering
2 into this Stipulation and Final Order and issuance and entry of the Stipulated Final Order below. This
3 Order sets forth the facts upon which the parties have agreed and the sanction to be imposed. Mr.
4 Parks stipulates that there are sufficient facts contained in the Commission's files and records to
5 support the findings of fact and conclusions of law set forth below. In entering into this stipulation, Mr.
6 Parks waives the right to a hearing to contest the findings of fact, conclusions of law and order set
7 forth below.

8 **STIPULATION OF FACTS**

- 9 1. The Commission has licensed Mr. Parks since September 3, 1999. Mr. Parks currently holds
10 an Initial I Teaching License valid January 20, 2006 through January 19, 2010, with an
11 endorsement in Social Studies at the high school level. Mr. Parks also holds a Conditional
12 Assignment Permit for the Salem-Keizer School District, valid December 18, 2007 through
13 December 17, 2010 with an endorsement in English for Speakers of Other Languages at the
14 middle and high school levels.
- 15 2. Mr. Parks submitted false marks (reflecting estimated/practice results rather than official meet
16 results) for entry of at least two student athletes on the McKay High School track team in the
17 XO invitational meet in Eugene in April, 2006.
- 18 3. Mr. Parks encouraged two students to provide false information if asked about their track
19 performance and marks.
- 20 4. Mr. Parks was subsequently dismissed from his position as Head Track Coach and Cross
21 Country Coach by the Salem-Keizer School District.

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23 IT IS SO STIPULATED AND AGREED TO:

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25  7/17/09
26 John D. Parks Date

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28  7-21-09
29 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director Date
30 Teacher Standards and Practices Commission

1 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 John D. Parks provided false information about student athletic performance and encouraged
3 students to provide false information if asked about the practice. This conduct constitutes Gross
4 Neglect of Duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(c) (Knowing falsification of any document or
5 knowing misrepresentation directly related to licensure, employment, or professional duties). The
6 Commission has the authority to impose discipline in this matter under ORS 342.120 through 342.430
7 and OAR Chapter 584.

8 **FINAL ORDER**

9 The Commission adopts and incorporates herein the above finding of facts, conclusions of
10 law, and based thereon, imposes a Public Reprimand on John Parks. This Order shall serve as the
11 Public Reprimand.

12 Issued and dated this 10th day of August, 2009.

13 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION
14 STATE OF OREGON

15 By *Victoria Chamberlain*
16 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director
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20 Approved as to form:

21 *Elizabeth McKanna*
22 Elizabeth McKanna, OSB No. 89306
23 Attorney for John D. Parks
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