



## Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida

RICHARD CORCORAN as the  
Commissioner of Education,

Petitioner,

vs.

JUSTIN L. SCHINDLER,

Respondent.

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EPC CASE No.: 21-0436-RT  
Index No.: 22-090-FOI  
PPS No.: 201-0034  
Certificate No.: 1334297

### **Final Order**

This matter appeared before the Education Practices Commission ("Commission") at a duly-noticed public meeting, on March 2, 2022, in Orlando, Florida, for a hearing not involving disputed issues of material fact pursuant to Respondent's Election of Rights requesting a hearing pursuant to Sections 120.569 and 120.57(2), Florida Statutes. Petitioner has filed an Administrative Complaint seeking disciplinary action against the Respondent. A copy of the Administrative Complaint is attached to and made a part of this Final Order. Respondent was present and was not represented by counsel.

### **FINDINGS OF FACT**

The Commission adopts as its finding of facts the facts alleged in the Administrative Complaint.

### **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Based upon the Findings of Fact, the Commission concludes the Respondent has violated section 1012.795(1)(g), Florida Statutes, section 1012.795(1)(j), Florida Statutes, Rule 6A-10.081(2)(a)1, Florida Administrative Code, and Rule 6A-10.081(2)(a)5, Florida Administrative Code.

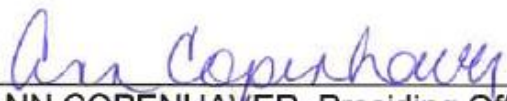
The Commission is empowered by Sections 1012.795(1) and 1012.796(7), Florida Statutes, to impose a penalty against the Respondent.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that:

1. Respondent's certificate is hereby permanently revoked and is permanently barred from applying for another Florida educator's certificate.

This order shall become effective upon filing with the Clerk of the Commission.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022.

  
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ANN COPENHAVER, Presiding Officer

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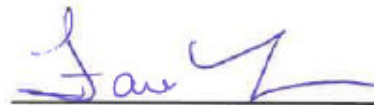
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Division of Administrative Hearings

**NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW**

A PARTY WHO IS ADVERSELY AFFECTED BY THIS FINAL ORDER IS ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW PURSUANT TO SECTION 120.68, FLORIDA STATUTES. REVIEW PROCEEDINGS ARE GOVERNED BY THE FLORIDA RULES OF APPELLATE PROCEDURE. SUCH PROCEEDINGS ARE COMMENCED BY FILING ONE COPY OF A NOTICE OF APPEAL WITH THE EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION AND A SECOND COPY, ACCOMPANIED BY FILING FEES PRESCRIBED BY LAW, WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL, FIRST DISTRICT, OR WITH THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL IN THE APPELLATE DISTRICT WHERE THE PARTY RESIDES. THE NOTICE OF APPEAL MUST BE FILED WITHIN THIRTY (30) DAYS OF RENDITION OF THIS ORDER.

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Order was sent by Certified U.S. Mail to: **Justin L. Schindler**, [REDACTED], Mims, Florida 32754; and by electronic mail to: **Bonnie Wilmot, Esq.**, [bonnie.wilmot@fldoe.org](mailto:bonnie.wilmot@fldoe.org) this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March, 2022.



Faith Lenzo, Clerk  
Education Practices Commission

**STATE OF FLORIDA  
EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION**

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**ADMINISTRATIVE COMPLAINT**

Petitioner, Richard Corcoran, as Commissioner of Education, files this Administrative Complaint against JUSTIN L. SCHINDLER. The Petitioner seeks the appropriate disciplinary sanction of the Respondent's educator's certificate pursuant to sections 1012.315, 1012.795, and 1012.796, Florida Statutes, and pursuant to Rule 6A-10.081, Florida Administrative Code, Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida, said sanctions specifically set forth in sections 1012.795(1) and 1012.796(7), Florida Statutes.

The Petitioner alleges:

**JURISDICTION**

1. The Respondent holds Florida Educator's Certificate 1334297, covering the area of Social Science, which is valid through June 30, 2025.
2. At all times pertinent hereto, the Respondent was employed as a Social Science Teacher at Astronaut High School in the Brevard County School District.

**MATERIAL ALLEGATIONS**

3. During the 2019/2020 school year, Respondent failed to protect the mental health, safety, and welfare of his students when he maintained an inappropriate relationship with [REDACTED], a female [REDACTED] grade student, through actions including but not limited to the following:
  - a. Respondent would allow [REDACTED] to eat lunch in his classroom while alone with Respondent;
  - b. Respondent commented on the see-through nature of a shirt worn by [REDACTED];
  - c. Respondent commented that [REDACTED] did not have anything to hold her bra up;
  - d. Respondent became upset when [REDACTED] insisted that he not buy her a graduation gift;

- e. Respondent texted [REDACTED] upon receiving her number numerous times about non-school related topics and did not stop until [REDACTED] told him he made her feel uncomfortable or words to that effect.

The Petitioner charges:

**STATUTE VIOLATIONS**

**COUNT 1:** The Respondent is in violation of section 1012.795(1)(g), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent has been found guilty of personal conduct which seriously reduces effectiveness as an employee of the school board.

**COUNT 2:** The Respondent is in violation of section 1012.795(1)(j), Florida Statutes, in that Respondent has violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession prescribed by State Board of Education rules.

**RULE VIOLATIONS**

**COUNT 3:** The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6A-10.081(2)(a)1, Florida Administrative Code, in that Respondent has failed to make reasonable effort to protect the student from conditions harmful to learning and/or to the student's mental health and/or physical health and/or safety.

**COUNT 4:** The allegations of misconduct set forth herein are in violation of Rule 6A-10.081(2)(a)5, Florida Administrative Code, in that Respondent has intentionally exposed a student to unnecessary embarrassment or disparagement.

**(SIGNATURE ON FOLLOWING PAGE)**

**WHEREFORE**, based on the reasons set forth herein and in accordance with the Explanation of Rights and Election of Rights forms attached to and made a part of this Administrative Complaint, Petitioner respectfully recommends that the Education Practices Commission impose an appropriate sanction against the Respondent's educator's certificate pursuant to the authority provided in sections 1012.795(1) and 1012.796(7), Florida Statutes. The sanctions imposed by the Education Practices Commission may include, but are not limited to, any one or a combination of the following: issuing the Respondent a written reprimand; placing the Respondent on probation for any period of time; restricting the Respondent's authorized scope of practice; assessing the Respondent an administrative fine; directing the Respondent to enroll in the Recovery Network Program; suspending the Respondent's educator's certificate for a period of time not to exceed five years; revoking the Respondent's educator's certificate for a period of time up to 10 years or permanently; determining the Respondent to be ineligible for certification; or barring the Respondent from reapplying for an educator's certificate for a period of time up to 10 years or permanently.

**EXECUTED** on this 25<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2021.



**RICHARD CORCORAN**, as  
Commissioner of Education  
State of Florida