



Before the Education Practices Commission of the State of Florida



IN RE The Denial of the Application
for Teacher's Certificate of:

JUSTIN KOCH CAUDLE

EPC CASE No. 21-0196-D
INDEX No. 21-297-FOI
DOE No. 1415182
PPS No. 201-0243-YA

Final Order

Justin Caudle applied for a Florida educator's certificate and that application was denied. The Commissioner of Education has filed a Notice of Reasons stating the reasons for denial of the certificate. A copy of the Notice of Reasons (NOR) is attached to and made a part of this Order.

This cause came before a teacher panel of the Education Practices on September 22, 2021, in Altamonte Springs, FL. The Applicant was present and was not represented by counsel.

The Applicant has chosen not to dispute the allegations of the NOR and has requested an informal hearing to present evidence and testimony in mitigation.

Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the NOR were adopted by the Education Practices Commission as its findings of fact. Count 2 of the NOR was adopted by the Education Practices Commission as its conclusions of law.

Upon consideration, it is ORDERED that:

1. Count 1 of NOR dismissed.
2. Permit applicant to pursue application for a Florida educator's certificate. If

found qualified, the certificate shall be issued.

3. Applicant is issued a letter of reprimand.
4. Respondent is assessed an administrative fine of \$250.00 to be paid within one year from the date of the Final Order.

DONE AND ORDERED, this 14th day of October, 2021.



AADIL AMEERALLY, Presiding Officer

<p>COPIES FURNISHED TO:</p> <p>Office of Professional Practices Services</p> <p>Bureau of Educator Certification</p> <p>Superintendent Brevard County Schools 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940-6699</p> <p>Assistant Superintendent Human Resources Brevard County Schools 2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way Viera, FL 32940-6699</p> <p>Deborah Loucks Senior Assistant Attorney General</p> <p>Loretta Sloan, Clerk Division of Administrative Hearings</p>	<p><u>NOTICE OF RIGHT TO JUDICIAL REVIEW</u> 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.</p>
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that a copy of the foregoing Order was mailed to: Justin Caudle, [REDACTED], Florida 32905 by Certified U.S. Mail and by electronic mail to **Bonnie Wilmot, Esq.**, bonnie.wilmot@fldoe.org; this 14th day of October, 2021.



Faith Lenzo, Clerk
Education Practices Commission

**STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**IN RE: The Denial of the
Application for Teacher's
Certificate of:**

CASE NO. 201-0243-YA

JUSTIN KOCH CAUDLE.

NOTICE OF REASONS

JUSTIN KOCH CAUDLE, [REDACTED] Florida, 32905, Department of Education Number 1415182, having filed his application for a Florida Educator's Certificate before the Department of Education;

The Department of Education having reviewed the application in accordance with sections 1012.315, 1012.56, 1012.795 and 1012.796, Florida Statutes, has determined that JUSTIN KOCH CAUDLE is not entitled to the issuance of a Florida Educator's Certificate, accordingly; and

The Department of Education files and serves upon the Applicant, JUSTIN KOCH CAUDLE, its Notice of Reasons for its denial in accordance with the provisions of section 120.60, Florida Statutes.

The Department of Education alleges:

1. On or about June 1, 1997, Applicant illegally operated a motor vehicle in Cumberland, North Carolina while under the influence of alcohol or drugs. On or about February 16, 1998, Applicant pled and was adjudicated guilty of the charge.

2. On or about January 7, 2005, Applicant was illegally in possession of large amounts of the controlled substance, Marijuana, in New Hanover County, North Carolina. Applicant was arrested and charged with: Count 1, Manufacture Marijuana; Count 2, Possession with Intent to Sell/Deliver Marijuana; Count 3, Maintain a Dwelling to Keep a Controlled Substance and Count 4, Possession of Drug Paraphernalia. On or about December 5, 2005, Applicant pled and was adjudicated guilty of the lesser included offense to Count 4 of Possession of Marijuana. All other counts were dismissed.

The Department of Education charges:

STATUTE VIOLATIONS

COUNT 1: The Applicant is in violation of section 1012.315, Florida Statutes, and section 1012.56(10), Florida Statutes, which require the Department of Education to deny an Applicant a Florida Educator's Certificate if the Applicant has been convicted of a disqualifying offense.

COUNT 2: The Applicant is in violation of section 1012.56(12)(a), Florida Statutes, which provides that the Department of Education may deny an Applicant a certificate if the department possesses evidence satisfactory to it that the Applicant has committed an act or acts, or that a situation exists for which the Education Practices Commission would be authorized to discipline a certified educator.

COUNT 3: The Applicant is in violation of Section 1012.795(1)(f), Florida Statutes, in that Applicant has been convicted of or found guilty, has had adjudication withheld for, or has pled guilty or nolo contendere to a misdemeanor, felony, or any other criminal charge other than a minor traffic violation.

(SIGNATURE ON FOLLOWING PAGE)

WHEREFORE, the undersigned concludes that the Applicant has committed an act or acts, or that a situation exists, which would authorize the Education Practices Commission to revoke or impose other sanctions against an educator's certificate. 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 Notice of Reasons, the undersigned respectfully recommends that the Education Practices Commission impose an appropriate sanction against the Applicant's application or educator's certificate pursuant to the authority provided in sections 1012.56(11), 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: affirming the Department of Education's denial of the issuance of an educator's certificate to the Applicant for any period of time or permanently; issuing the Applicant a written reprimand; placing the Applicant on probation for any period of time; restricting the Applicant's authorized scope of practice; assessing the Applicant an administrative fine; directing the Applicant to enroll in the Recovery Network Program; suspending the Applicant's educator's certificate for a period of time not to exceed five years; revoking the Applicant's educator's certificate for a period of time up to 10 years or permanently; determining the Applicant to be ineligible for certification; or barring the Applicant from reapplying for an educator's certificate for a period of time up to 10 years or permanently.

EXECUTED on this 27th day of April, 2021.



RICHARD CORCORAN, as
Commissioner of Education
State of Florida



**EDUCATION PRACTICES COMMISSION
STATE OF FLORIDA**

LISA FORBESS
Executive Director
FAITH LENZO
Clerk of Court

AADIL AMEERALLY
Chairperson
KATHY WILKS
Co-Chairperson

October 14, 2021

Justin Caudle

[REDACTED]
Palm Bay, Florida 32905

Re: Justin Caudle vs. Richard Corcoran
EPC No.: 21-0196-D; DOE No.: 1415182

Dear Mr. Caudle:


As you know, a teacher hearing panel of the Florida Education Practices Commission reviewed the matter pending against you in its entirety. The panel concluded during a public hearing that you violated the Principles of Professional Conduct for the Education Profession in Florida prescribed by the State Board of Education rules and hereby reprimands you for the conduct alleged in the Notice of Reasons, which is incorporated herein.

The Commission, composed of teachers, administrators, parents, law enforcement officials, former school board members and former superintendents, believes that as a future educator, you must exercise a measure of leadership beyond reproach going forward. Actions such as yours can compromise the reputation of all who practice the profession. The Commission cannot condone your actions, nor can the public who employ us.

The Commission sincerely hopes it is your intention never to violate any professional obligation in fulfilling your future responsibilities as an educator. To violate the standards of the profession will surely result in further action.

This letter of reprimand is being placed in your state certification file, and a copy is being sent to the Brevard County School Board for placement in your personnel file.

Sincerely,


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Presiding Officer