



Georgia Department of Education

Policies and Procedures

Policy Title:	<i>Educator Ethics Violation Reporting, State Schools</i>		
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Purpose

To provide guidelines for the reporting of educator ethics violations to the Professional Standards Commission.

Applicability

This policy applies to all certified educators at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf, the Georgia Academy for the Blind, and the Georgia School for the Deaf.

Policy

Pursuant to O.C.G.A. 20-2-984.1 and O.C.G.A. 20-2-984.2, State Schools shall report specified criminal conduct of certified educators to the Georgia Professional Standards Commission (PSC) in accordance with the following general provisions.

General Provisions

- Certified educators are bound by the Code of Ethics for Educators to report criminal or unethical behavior of other educators.
- It shall be the responsibility of the School Director to make the formal complaint on behalf of the school by adhering to these guidelines.
 - Formal complaints should be drafted and sent to the Office of State Schools for review before submitting to the PSC. The complaint shall include the following information.
 1. Name of the educator
 2. Where they reside or are employed
 3. Specific details of the allegations and which ethic code(s) have been allegedly violated.
 4. Name, address, and signature of the individual requesting the investigation

The complaint should be submitted to the Office of State Schools in a timely manner. Once approved by the Office of State Schools, the complaint should be mailed directly to the Professional Standards Commission c/o Ethics Division. Copies of the

complaint shall be forwarded to the Office of State Schools and the DOE Human Resources Office.

- Note: In compliance with state law, any Georgia resident may file a complaint with the Professional Standards Commission regarding alleged violations of the Code of Ethics for Educators.

**Authority and/or
Cross-Reference**

- O.C.G.A. 20-2-982
- O.C.G.A. 20-2-84.1