505-6-.07 EDUCATOR MONITORING

(1) Monitoring is the Commission's quarterly appraisal of an educator's conduct while employed in a Georgia public or private school for a period of time specified by the Commission. Monitoring may be the only disciplinary action or may be used in conjunction with a suspension, reprimand or warning.

(2) When the Commission approves a final decision that includes monitoring, the period of monitoring begins on the first day after the effective date of the decision or following reinstatement of certification from a suspension.

(3) Educators who have received the monitoring sanction must advise the Commission of any change in their residence and/or employment status. Failure to so inform the Commission or failure to respond to requests regarding residence or employment status shall be deemed a violation of the monitoring sanction.

(4) During the period of monitoring, the educator's place of employment will be contacted quarterly to determine the educator's conduct. Monitoring may include a review of the educator's conduct, personnel records, and any records of appropriate law enforcement agencies. As a condition of monitoring, an educator may be required to submit a criminal background check (GCIC).

(5) Should the Commission receive information that the educator has failed to comply with the monitoring conditions or with the law and rules regulating his/her practice as an educator during the period of monitoring, it shall be considered grounds for additional disciplinary action against the educator's certificate.

(6) If the monitoring period has ended and the educator has not been employed as an educator in a Georgia school during the monitoring period, the case will be closed. Should the educator ever become employed in a Georgia school or submit a new application for new or renewed certification, a new case number will be assigned and an investigation will be conducted to determine if there has been any recurrence of the behavior that initiated the monitoring sanction. The investigative summary will be submitted to the Commission for review to determine if further action is required and could be considered grounds for additional disciplinary action. Educators that are employed will continue to be monitored for the specified length of time.

O.C.G.A § 20-2-984; 20-2-984.5