



1 appropriate professional student-teacher relationship).

2 3. During the 2005-2006 school year, while employed at North Valley High School, Ms. Skirvin  
3 displayed inappropriate interest in a student's (JV) personal life, exchanged romantic notes  
4 and messages with the student, often via email. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty  
5 in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-  
6 020-0035(1)(c)(A) and (B). (Maintain an appropriate professional student-teacher  
7 relationship).

8 4. During the 2005-2006 school year, while employed at North Valley High School, Ms. Skirvin  
9 failed to report a student's (JV) romantic attachment to Ms. Skirvin. This conduct constitutes  
10 gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the standards  
11 outlined in OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(C). (Reporting to the educator's supervisor if the educator  
12 has reason to believe a student is or may be becoming romantically attached to the educator.)

13 5. During the 2005-2006 school year, while employed at North Valley High School, Ms. Skirvin  
14 visited the home of a female student (JV). While there Ms. Skirvin laid in bed with her. In an  
15 email to the student, Ms. Skirvin subsequently wrote: "*You don't know how much I loved just  
16 lying there next to you. I thank you for giving me that intimacy... I can 100% see us spending  
17 the rest of our lives together... You have no idea how much I just wanted to let myself fall  
18 asleep on your bed... I don't ever want to sleep anywhere but next you in your amazing bed. I  
19 love you sooo much!*" This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-  
20 020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(D). This  
21 conduct also constitutes gross neglect of duty under OAR 584-020-0040(4)(f) and OAR 584-  
22 020-0005(C) and (d). (Any sexual conduct with a student.)

23 6. During the 2005-2006 school year, while employed at North Valley High School, Ms. Skirvin  
24 provided alcoholic beverages to a female student (NN) while she was at Ms. Skirvin's home.  
25 NN's drinking of alcoholic beverages and intoxication is evident in a recorded telephone  
26 conversation involving Ms. Skirvin, JV and NN. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty

1 in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(n) as it incorporates the standards outlined in OAR 584-  
2 020-0010(5) (Use of professional judgment); OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates the  
3 standards outlined in OAR 584-020-0035(1)(c)(A) and (D) (Maintain an appropriate  
4 professional student-teacher relationship ). This conduct also constitutes gross unfitness in  
5 violation of OAR 584-020-0040(5)(e) because you engaged in the criminal act of providing  
6 alcohol to a person under the age of 21 years of age as provided in ORS 471.410(2).

- 7 7. Ms. Skirvin failed to respond to requests for information from, or participate in an interview  
8 with, the Commission. This conduct constitutes gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-  
9 020-0040(4)(p). (Subject to the exercise of any legal right or privilege, failure or refusal by an  
10 educator under investigation to respond to requests for information, to furnish documents or to  
11 participate in interviews with a Commission representative relating to a Commission  
12 investigation).

### 13 **CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

14 Failure to respond to requests for information and to participate in interviews with a  
15 Commission representative relating to a Commission investigation constitutes Gross Neglect of Duty  
16 in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(p). Ms. Skirvin's failure to refrain from exploiting professional  
17 relationships with any student for personal gain, or in support of persons or issues, constitutes gross  
18 neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-0035(1)(b).  
19 Ms. Skirvin's inability to maintain an appropriate professional student-teacher relationship, constitutes  
20 gross neglect of duty in violation of OAR 584-020-0040(4)(o) as it incorporates OAR 584-020-  
21 0035(1)(c). Ms. Skirvin attempted to conceal her efforts to "groom" a student for a sexual relationship  
22 in violation of OAR 584-0020-0035(3)(a). Ms. Skirvin violated OAR 584-0020-0040(5)(e) when she  
23 allowed a student to consume alcohol in her home. The Commission's authority to impose discipline  
24 in this matter is based upon ORS 342.175.

1 **ORDER**

2 The Commission hereby revokes Shannan Louise Skirvin's right to apply for a teaching  
3 license.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED this 19 day of May, 2008.

5 TEACHER STANDARDS AND PRACTICES COMMISSION

6  
7 By:   
8 Victoria Chamberlain, Executive Director

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10 NOTICE OF APPEAL OR RIGHTS

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12 YOU ARE ENTITLED TO JUDICIAL REVIEW OF THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW MAY BE  
13 OBTAINED BY FILING A PETITION FOR REVIEW WITHIN 60 DAYS FROM THE SERVICE OF  
14 THIS ORDER. JUDICIAL REVIEW IS PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF ORS 183.482 TO THE  
15 OREGON COURT OF APPEALS.

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I hereby certify that I served the foregoing order by mailing a true copy thereof certified by me as such by U.S. First Class Mail and U.S. Certified Mail—Return Receipt Requested, addressed to:

Shannan Louise Skirvin  
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Spokane WA 99201-1833

Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of June, 2008.

By: Melody Hanson  
Melody Hanson, Executive Assistant