

MISDEMEANOR/FELONY CONVICTION FORM

The Michigan State Board of Education has the authority under **PART 10. ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS**, of the Administrative Rules Governing the Certification of Michigan Teachers, to deny, suspend, or revoke a teaching certificate (**R 390.1201**). The rule(s) state:

Rule 101.(1) The state board may refuse to grant or renew, or may revoke or suspend for a fixed term, or may impose reasonable conditions on, a teaching certificate granted pursuant to these rules for the following reasons:

- (a) Fraud, material misrepresentation, or concealment in the application for a certificate.
- (b) Failure or ineligibility of the applicant or certificate holder to meet the criteria for eligibility for the certificate.
- (c) Conviction, as an adult, of an act of immoral conduct contributing to the delinquency of a child, or of a felony involving moral turpitude.

R 390.1151(2) of the Administrative Rules Governing the Certification of Michigan Teachers allows sponsoring institutions recommending applicants for teacher certification to establish selection techniques which insure that only qualified students are admitted to the teacher education program and that only qualified students are sponsored for certification. An applicant to a teacher education program who has been convicted of a felony or misdemeanor may be denied admission to teacher education OR field placements OR recommendation for certification. **An applicant who has been convicted of a misdemeanor or felony at any point in his or her academic program at the University of Michigan-Flint must notify the Education Department in the School of Education and Human Services within 30 days of the conviction** and may be granted a hearing prior to a final decision regarding (1) admission to teacher education, or (2) field placement, or (3) recommendation for certification. Such a hearing will be initiated by the Education Department in the School of Education and Human Services. It shall provide convicted applicants an opportunity to demonstrate that the conviction would have no adverse affect on their ability to teach children and that they have been rehabilitated.

Applicants should note that the **State Board of Education** has the **final authority** to **deny a recommendation for certification** based upon an individual's conviction. In addition, **all Michigan K-12 schools** are **required to conduct criminal records checks** for all newly-employed teachers.

ALL APPLICANTS ARE REQUIRED TO SUPPLY THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

1. Have you ever had a teaching certificate or any other professional license or certificate denied, revoked, nullified, or suspended or have you ever surrendered a teaching certificate or other professional license?

Circle one: **YES** **NO**

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

- What type of professional license or certificate was denied, revoked, nullified, suspended, or surrendered?

- When (date) and where (state) was the license/certificate denied, revoked, nullified, suspended, or surrendered?

- Provide any other facts you consider important relative to the above incident by attaching additional page(s) if needed.

2. Have you ever been convicted or pled no contest to a felony or misdemeanor? Circle one: **YES** **NO**

IF YOU ANSWERED YES, PLEASE ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:

Supply the following information:

- What was the specific crime(s)? _____
- What was the date of the conviction(s)? _____
- Where (city and state) did the crime(s) occur? _____
- In what court(s) were you convicted? _____
- Provide any other facts you consider important relative to the conviction(s) by attaching additional page(s) if needed.

I certify that my answers are complete and accurate to the best of my knowledge. I understand that failure to provide this information or concealment or misrepresentation of information may result in denial of admission to the teacher education program, field placements, recommendation for teacher certification, or removal from the education program.

Furthermore, I understand that if I am convicted of a felony or misdemeanor at ANY time during my academic program at the University of Michigan-Flint, I am obligated to notify the Education Department in the School of Education and Human Services at the University of Michigan-Flint within 30 days of that conviction. Failure to do so may result in removal from the teacher education program.

Signature

Printed Name

Date