

Two new definitions added to educator misconduct

- TAC 247.2(3)(H) updates the definition of appropriate educator student boundaries to include physical proximity or physical contact with a student beyond the professional role, contacting or meeting the student beyond the professional role or making efforts to gain access alone with the student with no discernable purpose, transporting the student without permission or in violation of school board policy unless in the event of an emergency, taking or possessing a photo or video of the student beyond the professional role or in violation of school board policy, or showing favoritism or isolation through gifts, rewards, or privileges.
- TAC 247.2(3)(I) updates the definition of inappropriate communication to include whether the communication could be reasonably interpreted as threatening the welfare and/or safety of the student