

AS FUTURE TEACHERS YOU NEED TO KNOW...



States and provinces have laws regarding the legal acceptability of candidates who wish to teach.

You are asked to report your status on four occasions:

1. Application to the Teacher Education Program
2. Application to Student Teach
3. Application for Michigan Teacher Certification
4. Application for employment as a teacher or substitute teacher

Anyone with a felony conviction may only be employed in a school with the written approval of the superintendent and school board.

Calvin College is required to report persons with any felony conviction and/or multiple misdemeanor convictions to the State of Michigan. If you have been convicted of any felonies or misdemeanors or have any charges pending, you will need to provide a detailed explanation. An explanation is also required if you have ever had a teaching certificate (or any other professional certificate or license) denied, revoked, nullified, or surrendered.

All statements must be word-processed and signed. The Associate Dean for Teacher Education will read the statement and determine necessary steps. It is your responsibility to notify the Associate Dean for Teacher Education if you are convicted or charged with any misdemeanor or felony at any time while you are a student at Calvin or candidate for teacher certification. Failure to report a conviction may result in the denial or revocation of your teaching certificate.

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The following convictions *will prevent* teacher certification in Michigan:

- ✓ Accosting, enticing, or soliciting a child for immoral purposes
- ✓ Involvement in child sexually abusive activity or material
- ✓ A third or subsequent violation of any combination of engaging in obscene or indecent conduct in public, indecent exposure, or a local ordinance substantially corresponding to either offense
- ✓ First, second, third, or fourth degree criminal sexual conduct or assault with intent to commit criminal sexual conduct.
- ✓ If the victim is less than 18 years of age, the crime of gross indecency (except for a juvenile disposition or adjudication), kidnapping, sodomy, pandering, or soliciting another for prostitution
- ✓ Leading, enticing, or carrying away a child under 14 years of age
- ✓ Any other violation of a state law or local ordinance constituting a sexual offense against an individual less than 18 years of age
- ✓ An attempt or conspiracy to commit one of the offenses listed above
- ✓ Public Acts 129-131 and 138 (effective January 1, 2006) prevent anyone on the registered sex offender list from being employed in any private or public school in Michigan

A Michigan teaching certificate *may be denied or revoked* because of the following convictions, at the discretion of the State Board of Education:

- ✓ Felonious assault on a child, child abuse, or an attempt to commit child abuse in any degree
- ✓ Cruelty or indecent exposure involving a child
- ✓ Delivery of a narcotic to a minor or student or within 1,000 feet of school property
- ✓ Breaking and entering
- ✓ Knowingly allowing a minor to consume or possess alcohol or a controlled substance at a social gathering
- ✓ Larceny from a vacant dwelling
- ✓ Assault, assault and battery, or infliction of serious injury
- ✓ Selling or furnishing alcoholic liquor to a person less than 21 years of age
- ✓ Manufacturing/delivering controlled substance or possession of a controlled substance
- ✓ Recruiting, inducing, soliciting or coercing minor to commit a felony
- ✓ Assault with intent to commit murder; attempt to murder
- ✓ Assault with intent to rob and steal armed
- ✓ First or second degree murder
- ✓ Armed robbery, aggravated assault