State Authorization by State, Complaint Contact Information and State Licensing Boards
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Alabama
Licensing Agency
Alabama Commission on Higher Education
P. O. Box 302000
Montgomery, AL 36130-2000
(334) 242-1998
http://www.ache.edu

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Professional Board Licensure

Alabama Board of Education

Teacher Education: State authorization to provide a program related to the preparation of teachers or other P-12 school/system personnel does not indicate eligibility for an Alabama certificate. Prospective Alabama students are advised to contact the Alabama State Superintendent of Education. Applicants for an Alabama certificate based on reciprocity must meet Alabama’s test requirements and submit a valid, renewable professional educator certificate/license issued by another state at the degree level, grade level, and in the teaching field or area of instructional support for which an Alabama certificate is sought and for which Alabama issues a certificate. Applicants for Alabama certification in an area of administration must also document at least three years of full-time employment as an administrator in a P-12 school system(s).

Student Complaint Information

North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Alabama SARA Portal Agency
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Professional Board Licensure
Alaska Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Alaska SARA Portal Agency

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Professional Board Licensure
Arizona Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Arizona SARA Portal Agency
Arkansas Licensing Agency
Arkansas Department of Higher Education
423 Main Street
Little Rock, AR 72201
(501) 371-2060
http://www.adhe.edu

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Professional Board Licensure
Arkansas Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Arkansas SARA Portal Agency

California Licensing Agency
California Department of Education
Special Education Division
1430 N. Street, Suite 2401
Sacramento, CA 95814-5901
Fax: (916) 327-3704
https://www.cde.ca.gov/sp/se/qa/cmplntproc.asp
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Professional Board Licensure
California Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Department of Student Affairs
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**Professional Board Licensure**

Colorado Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**

North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Colorado SARA Portal Agency

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**Professional Board Licensure**

Connecticut Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**

North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Connecticut SARA Portal Agency
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**Professional Board Licensure**
- Delaware Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- Delaware SARA Portal Agency

**District of Columbia**
**Licensing Agency**
District of Columbia Education Licensure Commission
1050 First Street, NE
Washington, DC 20002
(202) 724-2095

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**Professional Board Licensure**
- District of Columbia Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- District of Columbia SARA Portal Agency
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**Professional Board Licensure**  
Florida Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**  
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education  
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency  
Florida SARA Portal Agency

**Georgia**  
**Licensing Agency**  
Georgia Nonpublic Postsecondary Education Commission  
2082 East Exchange Place  
Suite 220  
Tucker, Georgia 30084-5305  
(770) 414-3208  
http://gnpec.org

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**Professional Board Licensure**  
Georgia Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**  
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education  
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency  
Georgia SARA Portal Agency
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Professional Board Licensure
Hawaii Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Hawaii SARA Portal Agency

Idaho
Licensing Agency
Idaho State Board of Education
650 West State Street
3rd Floor
Boise, ID 83702
(208) 332-1587
https://boardofed.idaho.gov

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Professional Board Licensure
Idaho Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Idaho SARA Portal Agency
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**Professional Board Licensure**
- [Illinois Board of Education](http://www.ibhe.org/Academic%20Affairs/academicPrg/default.htm)

**Student Complaint Information**
- [North Carolina Post-Secondary Education](http://http://www.in.gov/bpe/2457.htm)
- [Illinois SARA Portal Agency](http://http://www.ibhe.org/Academic%20Affairs/academicPrg/default.htm)
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Professional Board Licensure
Iowa Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Iowa SARA Portal Agency

Professional Board Licensure
Kansas Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Kansas SARA Portal Agency
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Professional Board Licensure
Kentucky Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Kentucky SARA Portal Agency

Louisiana
Professional Board Licensure
Louisiana Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Louisiana SARA Portal Agency
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**Professional Board Licensure**

**Maine Board of Education**

**Student Complaint Information**

[North Carolina Post-Secondary Education](#)

[SARA North Carolina Portal Agency](#)

[Maine SARA Portal Agency](#)

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**Maryland Board of Education**

**Student Complaint Information**

[North Carolina Post-Secondary Education](#)

[SARA North Carolina Portal Agency](#)

[Maine SARA Portal Agency](#)
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**Professional Board Licensure**
[Massachusetts Board of Education](http://www.mass.edu)

**Student Complaint Information**
[North Carolina Post-Secondary Education](http://www.ncpostsecond.edu)
[SARA North Carolina Portal Agency](http://sara.ncpostsecond.edu)
[Massachusetts SARA Portal Agency](http://sara.mass.edu)

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**Michigan Licensing Agency**
Michigan Department of Licensing and Regulatory Affairs
Ottawa Building
611 W. Ottawa
P.O. Box 30004
Lansing, MI 48909
(517) 241-6806
[http://www.michigan.gov/lara](http://www.michigan.gov/lara)

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**Professional Board Licensure**
[Michigan Board of Education](http://www.michigan.gov/bde)

**Student Complaint Information**
[North Carolina Post-Secondary Education](http://www.ncpostsecond.edu)
[SARA North Carolina Portal Agency](http://sara.ncpostsecond.edu)
[Michigan SARA Portal Agency](http://sara.michigan.gov)
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**Professional Board Licensure**

**Minnesota Board of Education**

**Student Complaint Information**

**North Carolina Post-Secondary Education**

**SARA North Carolina Portal Agency**

**Mississippi Board of Education**

**Student Complaint Information**

**North Carolina Post-Secondary Education**

**SARA North Carolina Portal Agency**

**Mississippi SARA Portal Agency**
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Professional Board Licensure
Missouri Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Missouri SARA Portal Agency

Montana
Licensing Agency
Montana University System, Montana Board of Regents
Office of the Commissioner of Higher Education
560 N. Park Ave
PO Box 203201
Helena, MT 59620
(406) 449-9124
http://mus.edu/che

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Professional Board Licensure
Montana Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Montana SARA Portal Agency
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Professional Board Licensure
  Nebraska Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
  North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
  SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
  Nevada SARA Portal Agency

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Professional Board Licensure
  Nevada Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
  North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
  SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
  Nevada SARA Portal Agency
New Hampshire Licensing Agency
New Hampshire Department of Education
01 Pleasant Street
Concord, NH 03301
(603) 271-3494
http://education.nh.gov

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Professional Board Licensure
New Hampshire Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
New Hampshire SARA Portal Agency

New Jersey Licensing Agency
New Jersey Secretary of Higher Education
1 John Fitch Plaza
10th Floor
PO Box 542
Trenton, NJ 08625-0542
(609) 292-4310
http://www.state.nj.us/highereducation

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Professional Board Licensure
New Jersey Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
New Jersey SARA Portal Agency
New Mexico
Licensing Agency
New Mexico Higher Education Department
2044 Galisteo Street
Suite 4
Santa Fe, NM 87505-2100
(505) 476-8402
http://www.hed.state.nm.us

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Professional Board Licensure
New Mexico Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
New Mexico SARA Portal Agency

New York
Licensing Agency
New York Office of College and University Evaluation
New York State Education Building
89 Washington Avenue
Albany, NY 12234
(518) 474-2593
http://www.nysed.gov

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Professional Board Licensure
New York Board of Education

Student Complaint Information
New York SARA Portal Agency

North Carolina
Licensing Agency
The University of North Carolina System
910 Raleigh Road
Chapel Hill NC 27515
(919) 962-4558
https://www.northcarolina.edu/stateauthorization
WCU is part of the University of North Carolina System and as such is authorized to operate in the State of NC.

All of WCU’s programs that lead to licensure, meet the requirements for licensure in the State of North Carolina.

**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
Student Complaint Information – SARA North Carolina Portal Agency

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**North Dakota**

**Licensing Agency**
North Dakota University System
600 East Boulevard Ave.
Bismarck, ND 58505-0230
(701) 224-2498
https://www.ndus.edu/system/state-authorization

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**Professional Board Licensure**

North Dakota Board of Education

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**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
North Dakota SARA Portal Agency

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**Ohio**

**Licensing Agency**
Ohio Department of Higher Education
25 South Front Street
Columbus, OH 43215
(614) 466-6000
https://www.ohiohighered.org
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**Professional Board Licensure**
Ohio Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Ohio SARA Portal Agency

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**Oklahoma Licensing Agency**
Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education
655 Research Parkway
Suite 200
Oklahoma City, OK 73104
(405) 225-9100
http://www.osrhe.edu

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**Professional Board Licensure**
Oklahoma Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Oklahoma SARA Portal Agency

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**Oregon Licensing Agency**
Oregon Office of Degree Authorization
255 Capitol Street NE
Third Floor
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**Professional Board Licensure**
Oregon Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Oregon SARA Portal Agency

**Pennsylvania**
**Licensing Agency**
Pennsylvania Department of Education
333 Market Street
Harrisburg, PA 17126
(717) 783-8228
http://www.education.pa.gov/Pages/default.aspx#.VqI4J_G1CP8

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**Professional Board Licensure**
Pennsylvania Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Pennsylvania SARA Portal Agency

**Puerto Rico**
**Licensing Agency**
Puerto Rico Council on Education
PO BOX 19900
San Juan PR 00910-1900
(787) 641-7100
http://www.ce.pr.gov
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**Professional Board Licensure**
Puerto Rico Department of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
Puerto Rico Council on Education
Puerto Rico Complaint Agency
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency

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**Rhode Island Licensing Agency**
Rhode Island Office of the Postsecondary Commissioner
560 Jefferson Blvd
Suite 100
Warwick, RI 02886
(401) 456-6010
http://www.ribghe.org

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**Professional Board Licensure**
Rhode Island Board of Nursing  Rhode Island Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Rhode Island SARA Portal Agency

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**South Carolina Licensing Agency**
South Carolina Commission on Higher Education
1122 Lady Street
Suite 300
Columbia, SC 29201
(803) 737-2281
http://www.che.sc.gov

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**Professional Board Licensure**
- South Carolina Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- South Carolina SARA Portal Agency

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**South Dakota**

**Licensing Agency**
South Dakota Secretary of State’s Office
Capitol Building
500 East Capitol Avenue
Suite 204
Pierre, SD 57501-5070
(605) 773-3537
http://www.sdsos.gov

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**Professional Board Licensure**
- South Dakota Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- South Dakota SARA Portal Agency

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**Tennessee**

**Licensing Agency**
Tennessee Higher Education Commission
404 James Robertson Parkway
Suite 1900
Nashville, TN 37243
(615) 741-3605
https://www.tn.gov/thec
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**Professional Board Licensure**
- Tennessee Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- Tennessee SARA Portal Agency

**Texas**

**Licensing Agency**
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board
- 1200 E. Anderson Lane
- Austin, TX 78752
- PO Box 12788
- Austin, TX 78711
- (512) 427-6101

[http://www.thecb.state.tx.us](http://www.thecb.state.tx.us)

The Texas Workforce Commission
- [http://www.twc.texas.gov/](http://www.twc.texas.gov/)
- (512) 463-9544

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**Professional Board Licensure**
- Texas Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- Texas SARA Portal Agency

**U. S. Virgin Islands**

**Licensing Agency**
- University of the Virgin Islands
- #2 John Brewers Bay
- St. Thomas, USVI 00802
- (340) 693-1200
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**Professional Board Licensure**
U.S. Virgin Islands Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Virgin Islands SARA Portal Agency

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**Utah**

**Licensing Agency**
Utah Division of Consumer Protection
160 East 300 South
Salt Lake City, Utah 84111
(801) 530-6601

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**Professional Board Licensure**
Utah Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Utah SARA Portal Agency

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**Vermont**

**Licensing Agency**
Vermont Agency of Education
219 North Main Street
Suite 402
Barre, VT 05641
(802) 479-1030
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**Professional Board Licensure**
- Vermont Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- Vermont SARA Portal Agency

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**Virginia**

**Licensing Agency**
- Virginia State Council of Higher Education


**Professional Board Licensure**
- Virginia Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- Student Complaint Information - Virginia SARA Portal Agency

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**Washington**

**Licensing Agency**
- Washington Student Achievement Council
- 917 Lakeridge Way Southwest
- Olympia WA 98501
- (360) 753-7869
- [http://www.wsac.wa.gov](http://www.wsac.wa.gov)
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**Professional Board Licensure**

Washington Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**

North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
Washington SARA Portal Agency

**West Virginia**

Licensing Agency

West Virginia Higher Education Policy Commission
1018 Kanawha Boulevard East
Suite 700
Charleston, WV 25301
(304) 558-2101
http://www.wvhepc.edu

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**Professional Board Licensure**

West Virginia Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**

North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
West Virginia SARA Portal Agency

**Wisconsin**

Licensing Agency

Wisconsin Educational Approval Board
4822 Madison Yards Way
Madison, WI 53705
(608) 266-2112
https://dsps.wi.gov/Pages/Programs/EducationalApproval/Default.aspx
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**Professional Board Licensure**
- Wisconsin Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- Wisconsin SARA Portal Agency

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**Wyoming**

**Licensing Agency**
Wyoming Department of Education  
122 W. 25th St.  
Suite E200  
Cheyenne, WY 82002  
(307) 777-7675  
https://edu.wyoming.gov

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**Professional Board Licensure**
- Wyoming Board of Education

**Student Complaint Information**
- North Carolina Post-Secondary Education
- SARA North Carolina Portal Agency
- Wyoming SARA Portal Agency

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**Commonwealth of the Northern Marianas Islands**

Postsecondary Education: Office of the NMC President,  
P.O. Box 501250, Saipan MP 96950  
ncm@marianas.edu
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**Professional Board Licensure**
https://www2.ed.gov/about/contacts/state/mp.html

**Student Complaint Information**
nmc@marianas.edu

**No Website Available**