



In accordance with the Commission's bylaws, a professional educator who fails to respond to the Notice of Charges is in default as provided for in section 35.37 of the General Rules of Administrative Practice and Procedure. 22 Pa. Code §233.13(e)(1)(iii); 1 Pa. Code §35.37. Thus, all relevant facts stated in the Notice of Charges will be deemed admitted. Accordingly, the Commission finds that in December, 1998, Respondent, while serving as a teacher in the Girard School District, accessed numerous sexually explicit web sites on the Internet during school hours, using school equipment, and in the presence of students. The Commission finds that Respondent's conduct constitutes immorality<sup>1</sup> and warrants revocation of his teaching certificate.

Accordingly, we enter the following:

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1 "Immorality" has been defined as "conduct which offends the morals of a community and is a bad example to the youth whose ideals a professional educator has a duty to foster and elevate." 22 Pa. Code §237.3.

**ORDER**

AND NOW, this 13th day of September, 2000, upon consideration of the Motion for Judgment on Default filed by the Department of Education and the failure of Respondent to respond thereto, it is hereby ORDERED that the professional certificate issued to Respondent Anthony J. Verga shall be REVOKED.

PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS AND  
PRACTICES COMMISSION

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
Richard D. Hupper  
Chairperson

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Carolyn Angelo  
Executive Director

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