

Student Teaching and Internships

The Board of Education, recognizing its responsibility to improve the quality of teacher training and the contributions student teachers can make to the schools, encourages and authorizes the Superintendent (*or his/her designee*) to arrange for the supervision and training of a reasonable number (*as determined by the principal*) of such teachers in the schools.

The importance of the teacher training function to the future of education and the need to ensure high quality performance in the schools require student teachers to be placed with experienced teachers of demonstrated competence. While no staff member will be required to supervise practice teachers, it is believed that professionally interested teachers will volunteer to do so from time to time.

The decision as to the placement of a student teacher or intern needs to be based on educationally sound criteria. Therefore, the building principal and the Assistant Superintendent (*or his/her designee*) will facilitate the process and make placement decisions. Initial contact and consideration for placement of a student teacher or intern into a specific classroom or with a specific teacher(s) shall be made by the Assistant Superintendent (*or his/her designee*) and/or the building principal.

The teacher training institution will be expected to provide liaison personnel who will discuss with the building principal and with the teacher to whom the student is assigned the broad objectives which the institution believes should be sought for the student. Such personnel are free to visit the classrooms to observe the practice teacher at work. It is expected that the teacher training institution will arrange the schedule of the student teacher to provide sufficient time in the classroom in order that continuity of experience for the practice teacher and the student is insured.

Money received by the District from colleges or universities for supervision of student teachers shall be paid to the supervising teacher.

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