

## STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS

The responsibility for selecting cooperating teachers rests jointly with the school district and the preparing institution. The Board acknowledges that working with student teachers is a major professional responsibility of qualified classroom teachers.

No teacher should be required or coerced to accept a student teacher.

The selection of cooperating teachers should be based on criteria agreed upon by the college and the school personnel, and, as a minimum, shall include:

- 1) Two years of teaching experience (at least one of these in the district and at the grade level or in the subjects to which the student teacher will be assigned).
- 2) Proper orientation to and successful teaching experience in the school system.
- 3) Full state certification, based upon a bachelor's degree, for the grade levels or subjects to which the student teacher will be assigned, or previous experience in student teaching supervision.
- 4) Evidence of positive attitudes toward people, public education, and the teaching profession.
- 5) Evidence of effectiveness as a classroom teacher.
- 6) Ability to work harmoniously and constructively with a college age student.

### *Selection of Cooperating Teachers*

- 1) The number of student teachers assigned to any cooperating teacher should depend upon the wishes of the teachers, the school principal, and the nature of the classes. The best interest of the children must be kept in mind, when the administration in the district make decisions about placing student teachers.
- 2) Teachers must be polled previous to any school year for willingness to participate in the student teaching program, but this shall not be construed as acceptance of any particular student teaching assignment.
- 3) Teachers have the right to accept or reject a student teacher. Rejection should be based on justifiable personal professional reasons. The teacher should receive the request to take a student teacher at least four weeks prior to the student's introduction to the classrooms.
- 4) The student teacher shall be interviewed by the building principal and supervising teacher before permission is granted for the student teacher to practice teach in the West Central school system.

### *Remuneration of Cooperating Teacher*

- 1) Remuneration, if any is offered, to the cooperating staff will be made as specified by the college.

### *Scheduling of Student Teachers*

- 1) A student teacher shall be under the supervision of a minimum of one and a maximum of two cooperating teachers.

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