

Lower Merion School District

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Section: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES
Title: STUDENT TEACHERS
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To provide a rationale and a procedure for accepting student teachers from colleges or universities with approved programs leading to the certification of teachers in Pennsylvania.

“Student teachers” are undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled in a program of studies leading to certification as a teacher by the Pennsylvania Department of Education. Student teaching is planning lessons and evaluating pupil progress as well as direct instruction of pupils under the supervision of a certificated teacher with at least three years of successful teaching experience.

Because the pre-service education of teachers is vital to the continuing availability of qualified and capable professional staff, the Lower Merion School District will cooperate with Pennsylvania colleges and universities by providing placements for student teachers.

- A. The Superintendent or a designee shall assign student teachers to schools for student teaching, based upon the request of an accredited college or university, the recommendation of principals, and the agreement of the supervising teachers.
- B. The Superintendent or a designee shall determine the number and distribution of student teachers to be accepted by the school district in any time period.
- C. The college or university requesting placement of a student teacher shall be responsible for the student teacher’s compliance with all Commonwealth requirements for health examinations and clearances.
- D. Supervising teachers and school principals shall be responsible for the student teacher’s compliance with school district policies and with the conduct expected of a professional employee of the school district.
- E. Approval for a student teaching placement by the school district may be withdrawn if the placement is deemed no longer to be in the best interests of the pupils, the student teacher, the supervising teacher, or the school district.

Pa. Code (Title 22) §23.43(c)