



MOLINE-COAL VALLEY
SCHOOL DISTRICT



Grow Your Own Teacher Program

FACTS

The nation faces an acute shortage of minority and male teachers, as well as academically talented students who are interested in teaching as a career. In the Moline-Coal Valley School District, it is strongly felt that “Grow Your Own” and high school programs capturing the interest of potential teachers may be one strategy toward resolving this challenge.

Program Purpose

- To identify, train, and nurture high school students interested in a teaching career;
- To create a high school curricular experience designed to foster student interest, understanding, and appreciation of the teaching profession;
- To recruit more minority teachers to the teaching profession;
- To create a pipeline of Moline-Coal Valley graduates to be hired as teachers in the same district in which they attended upon college graduation;

Program Benefits

- An introduction to teaching and the teaching profession
- Field trips
- Experience the classroom as they become acquainted with teachers and teaching on a personal level, including live classroom settings
- Teaching experience before college
- Meaningful, creative, hands-on learning activities
- Job opportunities for students in partnership with Two Rivers YMCA
- Articulated College Credit.

Program Benefits-Post Graduation

- Guaranteed Interview for teaching position after successful completion of college program
- Guaranteed interview for any paraprofessional opening for which one is qualified
- Paraprofessional examination, application, and registration fees covered by the district
- Guaranteed student teacher/practicum placement in the district based upon availability
- Application fees to Black Hawk College and Western Illinois University covered by the district

Grow Your Own Curriculum Overview

Course 1: Blueprint For Teaching

In this course, students will learn how the teacher designs, organizes, and creates instruction for their students. Students will gain knowledge of various learning styles and essential components of child & adolescent development that impact education.

Course 2: Architecture of Curriculum and Instruction

In this course students will learn about the teachers main mission: enhancing student learning. Students will learn that students are motivated to excel by the manner in which teachers present and organize content. Instruction should be fluid, flexible, and different approaches should be used to meet various learning styles and achievement levels.

Course 3 : Constructing a Learning Community

Students in this course will learn that an effective teacher makes the classroom a safe place for risk taking. Students will be motivated by a teacher who cares about his or her subject, who cares about what he or she is doing, and puts his and her entire heart into teaching. Teachers have high expectations for students, and they are fair and compassionate.

Field Experiences

Students will be provided continuous on-site field experiences where they will visit classrooms in our district, meet with a mentor teacher, and be able to apply knowledge they have learned in their course first-hand.

Our Partners



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