STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS

A student teacher is a teacher trainee, an observer or an intern. The Board of Education encourages the placement of such student teachers in district schools.

Students at an approved college or university may perform their practice teaching in this district upon approval by the Superintendent of Schools and the consent of the prospective cooperating teacher. The Superintendent and his/her staff shall determine the number of trainees that shall be placed in the schools at anyone time. Care shall be taken to see that no school or teacher is overburdened.

Applicants for student teaching shall be interviewed by the Superintendent and/or other administrative staff, selected carefully, and placed in a situation that is most likely to be of benefit to all concerned. Student teachers shall perform their responsibilities under the supervision of an experienced teacher of demonstrated competence.

Student teachers will not be asked to cover someone else's study hall or class in the event of a teacher's absence. The cooperating teacher will not be asked to cover an absented teacher's class while his/her student teacher is conducting class. In the event of the cooperating teacher's absence, upon the approval of said cooperating teacher and the respective student teacher, the student teacher may temporarily assume the teaching responsibilities for his or her cooperating teacher under the general supervision of the Building Principal.

The agreement between the school and the college or university must demonstrate the active role the college or university is to play. While the district is willing to be cooperative and supportive, it cannot assume principal responsibility for the teacher training.

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