Grow Your Own Teacher Program

Our district is COMMITTED to your success

The purpose of the Grown Your Own Teacher (GYOT) program is to combat the nationwide teacher shortage by facilitating the development of quality teachers who share the culture, language, and community of Wichita Public School students.

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

- Receive a reimbursement up to $3,600 annually for college tuition and books
  *subject to KPERS deduction
- Designed to provide financial assistance to current, permanent, classified employees to encourage and enable them to pursue full-time teaching careers in a hard to fill certified position

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

- 60 or more transferable college credits
- Minimum 2.7 GPA
- Employed at Wichita Public Schools for at least one year in a .5 FTE (20 hours a week) or above OR guest staff position
- Pursue a hard-to-fill certified position
- Commit to teaching at WPS for a minimum period of 3 consecutive years

HOW TO APPLY

- Be accepted into a university's educational/licensure program and prepare a plan of study
- Complete a Grow Your Own Teacher Application at usd259.org/careers
  Attach your university transcript and plan of study to your application
- Respond promptly to any application questions from WPS

QUESTIONS?

Contact us:

Human Resources
Emily Widrig
316-973-4752
ewidrig@usd259.net

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS®

Grow Your Own Teacher Program

Our district is COMMITTED to your success

The purpose of the Grown Your Own Teacher (GYOT) program is to combat the nationwide teacher shortage by facilitating the development of quality teachers who share the culture, language, and community of Wichita Public School students.

TEACHING OBLIGATIONS BROKEN DOWN BY SEMESTERS PAID:

Terms Paid	Teaching Obligation
1-3 terms	3 years
4 terms	4 years
5 terms	5 years
6 terms	6 years

SPECIFICS:

Individuals with at least sixty (60) transferable college credit hours must meet and comply with the following:

Submit a USD 259 application including all required attachments, by the agreed upon date:

- To be eligible for funding in the **fall term**, a completed application and a course of study must be submitted on/before **June 1st** in the school year funding is requested.
- To be eligible for funding in the **spring term**, a completed application and a course of study must be submitted on/before **December 1st** in the school year funding is requested.
- To be eligible for funding in the **summer term**, a completed application and a course of study must be submitted on/before **April 15th** in the school year funding is requested.

Hard To Fill Positions include **SPED, Math, English, History, Science, or Elementary core**. Preference will be given to those pursuing a Special Education teaching career path.

For more info visit
https://www.usd259.org/humanresources/employee-incentive-program/grow-your-own-teacher
or scan the QR code

WICHITA PUBLIC SCHOOLS®