DIDA: Student Teacher Stipend Policy

The Superintendent shall make a recommendation to the Board annually on whether or not to budget funds for student teacher stipends. If the Board approves budgeting funds for this purpose, the Superintendent shall contact teacher education program in North Dakota to inform program administrators of the availability of student teaching stipends and the criteria for students to receive them. The Superintendent should also request information from teacher education programs on prospective student teachers who may be interested in student teaching in the Divide County Schools.

Criteria for Approving Payment of Stipends

The Divide County School Board approves payment of stipends to student teachers subject to the following criteria:

- 1. Payment of a student teaching stipend is contingent on the availability of district funds. When funds are budgeted for these stipends, they are paid on a first-come, first-served basis until exhausted.
- 2. The Board and student teacher's college/university shall have entered into a memorandum of understanding (MOU) outlining the terms of student teaching assignments.
- 3. The student teacher shall fulfill all terms of the student teaching assignment with the District.

Stipend Amount

The Superintendent shall recommend, and the Board shall approve, the amount of the student teacher stipend on a case-by-case basis. The stipend will be \$1,000.

Stipend Payment Procedure

The student teacher stipend shall be paid as a lump sum during the first payroll disbursement date following completion of the student teacher's assignment with the District.

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