

STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS

The Board, recognizing its responsibility to improve the quality of teacher training and the contributions student teachers can make to the schools, encourages and authorizes the superintendent to arrange for the supervision and training of the reasonable number of such teachers each year.

The importance of the teacher training function to the future of education and the need to assure high quality performance in our schools require student teachers to be placed with experienced teachers of demonstrated competence. While no staff members of the schools will be required to supervise practice teachers, it is felt that professionally interested teachers will volunteer to do so from time to time. Teachers new to the district and those having three years or less of teaching experience normally will not be asked to undertake such responsibilities. Only exceptionally strong teachers will be permitted to take the responsibility of supervising student teachers for more than one semester in a school year.

Recognizing the special skills and expertise of the teacher training institutions and their staff, the Board authorizes the superintendent to honor those reasonable rules, regulations, and training guidelines of the teacher training institution.

The teacher training institution will be expected to provide liaison personnel who will discuss with the building principal and with the teacher to whom the student assigned the broad objectives which the institution believes should be sought for the student. Such personnel are free to visit the classrooms to observe the practice teacher at work.

It is expected that the teacher training institution will arrange the schedule of the student teacher to provide sufficient time in the classroom in order that continuity of experience for the practice teacher and the students is insured.

Student teachers shall not be used to substitute in the absence of a regular teacher. If in the opinion of the principal, however, the student teacher is capable of conducting the class in the absence of his or her supervising teacher, the principal may permit this by designating day, with the student teacher serving as a student teacher, with no financial compensation.

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