

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF VOLUSIA COUNTY
Cooperation Agreement for Student Teaching and Clinical Experiences
2014-2017 Academic Years

This agreement made and entered into this _____ day of _____, 20_____, by and between _____, herein after referred to as the “University,” and The School District of Volusia County, herein after referred to as the “District.”

WHEREAS, the District is committed to promoting growth in those who teach and to ever improving the quality of teaching, the District recognizes that with this commitment comes the responsibility of training teachers new to the field.

WHEREAS, all teachers’ first obligation is to their students, teachers also have a professional responsibility to enhance the craft of teaching itself. To that end, we will work in partnership with education programs approved by the Florida Department of Education to provide student teaching and other clinical experiences as stated herein.

District Rights & Responsibilities

- I. The District shall work in cooperation with the University to provide field-based and clinical experiences accompanied by professional supervision and feedback from professionals who have demonstrated competence in classroom settings and meet all state requirements.
- II. The District shall place students in schools that have a sufficient number of interested and qualified supervising teachers through the process outlined in the district’s *Student Internship Placement Procedures*.
- III. The District shall have the authority to reject any intern and terminate the internship of any student when deemed to be in the best interest of the District.
- IV. The District will include student interns under its liability program to the same extent accorded to certified teachers employed by the District. Nothing herein shall be considered a waiver by the District of its Sovereign Immunity rights under the laws of the State of Florida.
- V. The District shall abide by the terms outlined in the District’s *Student Internship Placement Procedures*.

University Rights & Responsibilities

- I. The University shall assign a college faculty member or other approved professional to serve as supervisor of student interns in the district; such person will be responsible for supervision of student

interns on a regularly scheduled basis and serve as liaison between the District and the University's students.

- II. The University shall inform its students that the students shall be responsible for following the rules and regulations of the District, including recognition of the confidential nature of information regarding pupils and their records.
- III. All University students shall be required to complete the applicable security screening requirements of the District, at the student's expense.
- IV. University students shall not be considered as employees of the District and are not covered by the District's workers' compensation program, nevertheless, all University students shall comply with the rules and regulations of the District while serving in the district.
- V. The University shall inform its student interns that they will not receive any compensation from the District, nor will they receive any benefits provided by the District to its employees.
- VI. The University may offer tuition waivers to supervising teachers/administrators, but may not offer stipends to them, nor to their schools/departments.
- VII. The University shall abide by the terms outlined in the District's *Student Internship Placement Procedures*.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have executed this Agreement as of the date first subscribed above.

Authorized District Designee:

Signature

Name

Title

Phone

Date

E-Mail Address

Authorized University Designee:

Signature

Name

Title

Phone

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