

STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIP FIELD EXPERIENCES

The Colorado Springs School District 11 Board of Education (the Board) encourages and authorizes the Superintendent to arrange for the supervision and training of student teachers, practicums and/or internship in Colorado Springs School District 11 (the District) schools.

The Superintendent or designee will provide a limited number of student teachers, practicums and/or internship field experience opportunities for qualified students from colleges and universities with accredited teacher or special service provider preparation programs in education.

The Superintendent or designee will determine the number of student teaching opportunities that will be available each quarter based on factors including, but not limited to, availability of mentor teachers or special service provider. Care shall be taken to see that no school or teacher is overburdened. The Superintendent or designee in his/her discretion will determine which prospective students will be approved to student teach and/or intern in the District. The Superintendent or designee may deny any request and/or revoke any approval of students at any time.

The administration and planning for the student teacher program shall be placed in the Human Resources Department. The Human Resources Department will work with principals and teachers in selecting appropriate cooperating teachers for the student teaching, practicums and/or internship program.

It will be the practice normally not to assign more than one full-time student teacher per year to a given cooperating teacher. It is possible for a cooperating teacher to work with a student teacher part-time during one quarter or semester and work with another student teacher part-time during another quarter or semester of the same academic year.

In selecting cooperating teachers for the student teaching program, probationary teachers will not be considered, except in unusual circumstances.

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