

STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS POLICY

1. **PURPOSE:** Recognizing that student teaching and internships required of students completing a West Virginia Board of Education approved program of educator preparation in West Virginia colleges and universities is a joint responsibility of the college/university and the cooperating county school system, the Barbour County Board of Education agrees to participate in the student teaching and internship experience of such college and universities. This policy outlines the requirements for such participation.

2. **PLACEMENT AND REMOVAL OF STUDENT TEACHERS AND INTERNS.**
 - 2.1 Prospective student teachers and interns shall be recommended by their respective Institutions' directors of educator preparation in writing to the superintendent or his/her designee at least one semester prior to requested placement.
 - 2.2 The institution's director shall stipulate that each prospective student teacher/intern has met exemplary standards related to the knowledge and skills necessary for teaching and learning in the 21st century. Student teachers and interns shall also meet exemplary standards of conduct and attitude and have a mode of dress and grooming that will command respect from the students.
 - 2.3 The institutions' directors of educator preparation shall work with the on-site administrators at appropriate schools to identify high quality, appropriately experienced cooperating teachers with which to place the student teacher/intern.
 - 2.4 The institutions' directors will then submit a written plan of intent for assignment/placement to the superintendent.
 - 2.5 The county superintendent or his/her designee shall approve each student teacher/intern before a definite assignment is made, then place the list of student teachers on a board agenda for the Board's review.
 - 2.6 The county superintendent, after due notification to an institution's director of educator preparation, shall have the authority to terminate the training of any student teacher or intern who fails to maintain a satisfactory standard of personal and/or professional conduct.

3. **SEVERABILITY.**

If any provision of this policy or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect other provisions or applications of this policy.

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