

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
by and between
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA AND EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES
for the 2012-2014 Academic Year

This agreement entered into by and between the Board of Regents, State of Iowa, the governing body of the University of Northern Iowa, and New Hampton Community School District (hereinafter referred to as the "cooperating educational agency"), in accordance with the Code of Iowa:

Section 262.30 ... CONTRACTS FOR TRAINING TEACHERS provides:

The board of directors of any school district in the state of Iowa may enter into contract with the state board of regents for furnishing instruction to pupils of such school district, and for training teachers for the schools of the state in such particular lines of demonstration and instruction as are deemed necessary for the efficiency of the University of Northern Iowa ... as training schools for teachers.

AND, Section 272.27 ... STUDENT TEACHING AND OTHER EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCES provides:

If the rules adopted by the board of educational examiners for issuance of any type or class of license require an applicant to complete work in student teaching, prestudent teaching experiences, field experiences, practicums, clinicals, or internships, an institution with a practitioner preparation program approved by the state board of education under section 256.7, subsection 3, shall enter into a written contract with any school district, accredited nonpublic school, preschool registered or licensed by the department of human services, or area education agency in Iowa under terms and conditions as agreed upon by the contracting parties. Please see 272.27 for full details.

1. Scope of Agreement

- 1.1 This Agreement sets forth the role, responsibilities, and rights of personnel associated with the cooperating educational agency, personnel associated with the University of Northern Iowa and of any student enrolled at the university, while assigned as a student teacher or for any other educational experience in the cooperating educational agency.

2. Options of Student Teachers and other Educational Experience Students

- 2.1 Students must be registered for the appropriate university course. Student teaching is a full semester experience. (Students seeking additional endorsement may register for four (4) hours of credit.) The student teaching period will be a minimum of 14 weeks in duration.

3. Placement of Students

- 3.1 Placement of students shall be accomplished on a cooperative basis between the University of Northern Iowa and the cooperating educational agency.
- 3.2 Placement shall be initiated by the university coordinator (hereinafter referred to as coordinator) upon completion of an application from each student setting out his/her qualifications/background and the assignment(s) needed to meet course requirements, certification, endorsement, and approval area standards.
- 3.3 Requests for assignment of students may be accompanied by suggested names of individuals who are recommended to serve as a cooperating teacher/educational agency supervisor by the coordinator.
- 3.4 The University of Northern Iowa reserves the right to decline the assignment of a student to classroom teachers/educational agency supervisors who may request a student. However, said decision shall not be based on race, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status or on any other basis protected by state and/or federal law.
- 3.5 The cooperating educational agency reserves the right to refuse assignment to any given student. However, said decision shall not be based on race, color, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion, sexual orientation, veteran status or on any other basis protected by state and/or federal law.

4. Termination or Change of Assignment

- 4.1 The coordinator or cooperating educational agency may, for good cause, terminate or change the assignment of any student. Prior to reaching a decision the coordinator and the cooperating educational agency designee shall consult with the cooperating teacher/educational agency supervisor and all other concerned parties regarding the reason(s) for termination or change in assignment.

5. Supervision of Students

- 5.1 A member of the university faculty, or designee, will serve as the coordinator or supervisor of the student teaching program or educational experiences for the purpose of administering the program and supervising/evaluating the students in cooperation with the cooperating teachers/educational agency supervisors who guide and direct the students.
- 5.2 The identification, selection and continued use of qualified cooperating teachers/educational agency supervisors shall be the joint responsibility of the coordinator and the administrators of the cooperating educational agencies.

