



DISTRICT AGREEMENT BETWEEN
NORTHWESTERN COLLEGE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
AND New Hampton Comm School District COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

This agreement is written as the basis of the partnership between Northwestern College and New Hampton Comm School District for the purpose of teacher candidate completion of Clinical hours including Early field, Pre-student teaching clinicals, and/or Student teaching as required by the Iowa Dept. of Ed.

The Northwestern College Teacher Education Program will:

- Place the teacher candidate for an early field, pre-student teaching clinical, or student teacher experience only after ensuring that the candidate has met all requirements established by the institution including the completion of a background check.
- Provide the teacher candidate with access to curricular materials, planning documents, assessment documents, and any other materials that will be necessary to successfully complete this experience.
- Will assign a local college supervisor to work with the teacher candidate and the cooperating teacher.
- Will establish open communication between the district staff and the institution.
- Will provide the cooperating teacher with relevant training and access to any and all policies including candidate evaluation forms.
- Will provide School Agreement for Student Teaching placements (see Appendix B).
- Will communicate that teacher candidates will not be employed by the district and will receive no compensation for their clinical work during the placement period.

The New Hampton Comm School District District will:

- Provide an appropriate early field, pre-student teaching clinical or student teacher placement that allows the teacher candidate to meet licensure requirements.
- Provide a qualified cooperating teacher with appropriate licensure (see Appendix A).
- Provide the college with any regulations and processes relevant to the clinical placements.
- Provide accesses to appropriate resources including curriculum documents, online resources, and forms.

This MOU will be in effect for the year beginning in January of 2025 and ending in December of 2025.

Date

Northwestern College President Signature

Date

New Hampton Comm School District District Superintendent Signature

Date

Northwestern College Licensure Official Signature

Appendix A

THE COOPERATING TEACHER

Early field, Pre-student teaching clinicals, and Student teaching are valuable experiences for helping teacher candidates bridge the gap between theory and practice; for aiding in the development of wholesome professional attitudes toward the teaching profession; for becoming resourceful and creative in planning, developing, and evaluating effective learning experiences for and with pupils; and becoming a teacher who is a servant of God, children, and society.

The Cooperating teacher holds a significant position among teacher educators. Tomorrow's teachers will tend to teach using principles they observe during their clinical placements. Each day the cooperating teacher makes a vital contribution to the future teaching practices and attitudes of the candidate as well as to the teaching profession. For these reasons, Northwestern College values the cooperating teacher as a **crucial** member of teacher educators.

Selection of the Cooperating Teacher – *Since the cooperating teacher plays such an important role in the student teaching program, he/she is selected with considerable care. The cooperating teacher should meet the following criteria:*

1. Possess personal qualities essential to good supervision, such as a deep understanding of interpersonal relationships and class structure.
2. Hold a Bachelor's degree as a minimum requirement (preferably a master's degree).
3. Have three successful years of experience with a minimum of one year in the present system and assignment.

***Cooperating teachers who do not qualify under (2) and (3) may work with candidates upon the recommendation of the administration of the school.

Stipend - *Cooperating Teachers will receive a modest stipend for Student Teaching placements.*

When assignments are split between two teachers, each will receive their portion of the designated amount. This stipend will be given **after** the completion of all forms and recommendation letter.