

COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT
by and between
UNIVERSITY OF NORTHERN IOWA AND EDUCATIONAL AGENCIES
for the 2013-2014 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.

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- 5.3 The students shall be subject to the policies, rules and regulations of the cooperating educational agency, UNI Office of Student Field Experiences, University of Northern Iowa and the Professional Code of Ethics.
- 5.4 All interaction between the cooperating teacher/educational agency supervisor or nonpublic cooperating educational agency and the student shall occur without regard to religious education, religious indoctrination, religious beliefs, or involvement with religious activities. Students shall not be present or participate in the instruction or discussion of religious subjects or any other religious activity of the cooperating educational agency.

6. Evaluation

- 6.1 Evaluation of the students shall be a shared responsibility. The coordinator or supervisor, the cooperating teacher/educational agency supervisor, the student, and others knowledgeable about the performance of the student shall be involved. Evaluation is comprehensive, continuous, specific, and individualized. The evaluation in the nonpublic educational agency shall be based on non-religious criteria.
- 6.2 Mid-term and final evaluation conferences are required of student teachers. The student teacher, cooperating teacher, coordinator or supervisor shall participate. The cooperating teacher(s) and coordinator or supervisor shall collaborate in the preparation of the final evaluation for each student. However, the coordinator, as the designated UNI official, is responsible for the final evaluation.

7. Status, Authority, and Tort Liability Protection of Students

- 7.1 Students shall have status and authority in accordance with section 272.27 Code of Iowa.
- 7.2 Students actually engaged under the terms of this contract in a public school shall be entitled to the same tort liability protection under the provisions of section 670.8 Code of Iowa, as is afforded by said section to officers and employees of the school district/agency during the time they are so assigned.
- 7.3 Students actually engaged under the terms of this contract in a non-public school shall be named as additional insured under the liability insurance coverage of the cooperating nonpublic school during the time they are so assigned. The cooperating nonpublic school shall provide a certificate of insurance to the University of Northern Iowa as evidence of such coverage prior to the beginning of the student teacher's activities pursuant to this agreement.

8. Substitute Teaching

- 8.1 Students shall not be used as substitute teachers.

9. Compensation to Cooperating Teachers for Work with Student Teachers

- 9.1 The University of Northern Iowa agrees to pay compensation to cooperating teacher (262.75 Code of Iowa) in the amount of four-hundred dollars (\$400) per student teacher assigned who completes the full semester student teaching period. Assignment of less than a full semester will be compensated on a prorated basis for a cooperating teacher's work with a student teacher.
- 9.2 For student teacher placements, cooperating educational agencies agree to provide a listing of the cooperating teachers assigned in their district and to forward social security numbers when direct payment is made to cooperating teachers OR allow the University of Northern Iowa to request from the individual cooperating teachers their social security number and home address for direct payment to cooperating teachers.

APPROVED

 Designee, Cooperating Educational Agency



 Designee, President of University of Northern Iowa

Date: _____

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