

I. Procedure Name:

Field-based Learning Experiences and Directed (Student) Teaching

The supervised field-based experience and directed (student) teaching provides an opportunity for college/university students to gain valuable knowledge and experience that would occur outside the college coursework.

II. Objectives:

- a. To provide the college/university students with the opportunity to utilize knowledge and practice new skills learned in their coursework.
- b. To help the college/university student identify his or her professional strengths and weaknesses and areas of knowledge for further study.
- c. To contribute to the college/university student's professional education through assignments that are useful to the field organization and that refine the student's professional skills.

III. Basic Procedures:

Colleges or universities seeking placement for students in need of field-based learning experiences and directed (student) teaching experiences will contact the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. A board approved, multi-year agreement must be in place prior to requesting placement. The following actions will take place to ensure an appropriate and successful experience for each college/university student.

- a. Any college/university seeking placement for students in need of field-based learning experiences and directed (student) teaching experiences must agree to enter into a multi-year agreement that has been approved by the Escambia County School Board.
- b. The district should be contacted no later than three months prior to the placement deadlines (September 15 for spring placements and April 15 for fall placements) to begin the contract approval process.
- c. The multi-year, board approved agreement must originate from the district approved agreement template. The Escambia County School District will not negotiate an agreement that originates from any college or university.

- d. In order for college/university students to be placed in the fall semester of a school year, placement requests must be received by April 15.
- e. In order for college/university students to be placed in the spring semester of a school year, placement requests must be received by September 15.
- f. Any exceptions to the above deadlines must have prior approval by the Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction.
- g. The college/university is required to provide a coordinator to work directly with Escambia County School District supervising personnel to support students during the field experience.
- h. The appropriate Escambia County School District level director will be responsible for selecting the school and the supervising teacher who will provide a high-quality educational experience for college/university students.
- i. All college/university students participating in a field experience, directed (student) teaching, etc. are required to comply with district background screening and fingerprinting requirements before entering any Escambia County School.