

**AGREEMENT FOR COOPERATION IN A
STUDENT TEACHING OR FIELD EXPERIENCE PROGRAM**

This agreement entered into by and between MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, and LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT defines the mutual consideration of the parties for the MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY Student Teaching or Field Experience program for the **2020-2021** school year.

1.0 Scope of Agreement

- 1.1 This agreement shall set forth the procedures for possible placement of students for student teaching or field experience, any termination or change of assignment, supervision, the status and authority of students.

2.0 Placement of Student Teaching or Field Experience Students

- 2.1 The placement of students shall be accomplished on a cooperative basis involving MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA and LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.
- 2.2 Placement shall be initiated by the Chairperson, Department of Education, through application from each student, setting out the student's background and the type of assignment appropriate for the student's needs.
- 2.3 The university reserves the right to decline the services of any given cooperating teacher.
- 2.4 LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT reserves the right to refuse placement of any given student.

3.0 Termination or Change of Assignment

- 3.1 The Chairperson, Department of Education, at any time, may terminate or change the assignment of any student. Prior to doing so, the chairperson shall make reasonable efforts before such time to consult with all parties concerned regarding the reasons for termination or changes in assignment.

4.0 Supervision of the Student

- 4.1 Members of the university faculty will serve as supervisors of the students for the student teaching or field experience program, in cooperation with the cooperating teachers, who guide, direct, and evaluate the student.
- 4.2 The student shall be subject to the rules and regulations of the cooperating school system and to those established by the Chairperson, Department of Education, as well as the Code of Ethics of the profession.

5.0 Status and Authority of Students

5.1 Students shall have status and authority in accordance with Section 272.27, Code of Iowa.

5.2 Students actually engaged under the terms of this contract shall be entitled to the same protection under the provisions of Section 670.8, Code of Iowa, as is afforded by said section to officers and employees of the LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, during the time they are so assigned.

6.0 Standard Student Teaching or Field Experience Assignment to the LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

6.1 The **standard student teaching assignment** shall be eight weeks of consecutive full days, excepting trimester registration week in the high school. Students may be assigned for one or two eight-week blocks of full day student teaching upon mutual agreement of the university and LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT.

6.2 The **standard field experience assignment** shall be for approximately eleven weeks (20-70 hours). Students will arrange hours with their cooperating teacher.

6.3 MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY, CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA, agrees to compensate the cooperating teacher(s) from LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT in the amount of \$165 for the **standard student teaching assignment** of eight weeks of consecutive full days. **This applies to student teaching assignments only, not field experience assignments.**

6.4 Payment will be made at the termination of the student teaching period.

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MOUNT MERCY UNIVERSITY



Associate Provost


Chairperson, Department of Education

2/22/2020
Date

LINN-MAR COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Superintendent

President, Board of Education

Date