

STUDENT TEACHERS AND INTERNS

The School Board, recognizing both its responsibility to improve the quality of teacher training and the contribution that student teachers and interns can make to the Maine Educational Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing/Governor Baxter School for the Deaf (MECDHH/GBSD), encourages the administration to cooperate with teacher-training institutions in the placement of student teachers and interns.

The importance of the teacher-training function to the future of education and the need to assure a high quality of performance of MECDHH/GBSD demands that student teachers be placed only with the most qualified professional staff. Therefore, the designated professional staff who will be allowed to accept the added responsibility of training student teachers must be superior because they continue their primary responsibility of educating the children in their charge. Their commitment is doubled. These individuals must have demonstrated to the administration a capacity and willingness to meet these additional demands. No one shall be requested to act in a supervisory capacity more than twice in any school year when other qualified supervisory personnel are available.

Further recognizing the special skills and expertise of the teacher-preparation institution and its staff, the Board authorizes the administration to honor the reasonable rules, regulations and training guidelines of the sending institution.

As a leader in the field of education of the deaf, MECDHH/GBSD needs to be a resource center for teacher-training programs nationwide. Provided below is a list which includes but is not limited to the following universities and colleges offering graduate school preparation to teachers of the deaf:

- Gallaudet University
- Boston University
- Western Maryland College
- Teachers College, Columbia University

The Board supports the potential rewards for affiliation with these teacher preparation programs.

The school administration shall devise procedures for the performance of student teachers and interns, which meet with requirements of the sending institution, and fit with Board's policies.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA § 1001

Cross Reference: File :KF Governing Use of School Buildings

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