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MISSION OF SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

The faculty of the Hofstra University School of Education is dedicated to the preparation of reflective and knowledgeable professionals who use scholarship to inform their practice. Collectively, we strive toward a more just, open and democratic society as we collaborate with and learn from children, adolescents, and adults in diverse social and cultural settings.

We encourage and support the scholarship and practice of our colleagues and students in their professional lives; our endeavors include research that contributes to the knowledge base for educators. Thus, it is our intent to establish the School of Education as a place which nurtures communication, collaboration, and leadership both at Hofstra and in community settings.

DEPARTMENT OF TEACHING, LEARNING AND TECHNOLOGY CONCEPTUAL FRAMEWORK

Reflective Activist Scholar-Practitioners

We seek to prepare reflective, scholar-practitioners who can create socially just, democratic classrooms in which teaching and learning unfold within an ethic of care, with diverse students participating equitably and intellectually as citizens of the classroom community. Our program represents a strong integration of supervised field participation and observation with readings, discussions and assignments driven by research on how people learn and based on theoretical principles of practice. Teaching is an interactive art, science and craft that, in its most developed form, requires advocacy and activism. Thus, we seek to prepare teachers who are master learners.

COLLABORATION BETWEEN UNIVERSITY AND SCHOOL PARTNERS

In accordance with the requirements of Hofstra's accrediting organization, *Association for Advancing Quality in Educator Preparation (AAQEP)*, the parties agree to construct a mutually beneficial partnership for clinical preparation and share responsibility for the continuous improvement of candidate preparation. The parties agree to regularly discuss collaboration in establishing mutually agreeable expectation for candidates' entry, preparation and exit; ensuring that theory and practice are linked; maintaining coherence across clinical and academic components of preparation; and the sharing of accountability for candidate outcomes. The parties also agree to regularly discuss selection criteria for high quality cooperating teachers and supervisors as well as collaborating on their preparation to serve in the role and supporting them during their service. These activities promote the retention of high quality cooperating teachers and university supervisors for the purpose of providing the best possible training of pre-service aspiring teachers.

INTRODUCTION

As prospective student teachers, you are entering an important phase of your professional preparation. You will find student teaching both demanding and exciting. Our goal in the Department of Teaching, Learning and Technology of the School of Education at Hofstra University is to ensure that your experience will prepare you to become effective and reflective beginning teachers. As educators, we value teaching and learning and we want to welcome you as our colleagues.

The teacher education program at Hofstra University consists of several critical phases. At this point in the program, you have completed introductory courses, including methods courses. You have had experiences as a participant/observer in several schools. These experiences were designed to familiarize you with the way that students learn and interact, and the diversity of the student populations and the culture of schools.

The **first phase** of student teaching begins with your assignment to a host school. Many factors are taken into consideration (e.g., selecting highly qualified cooperating teachers, providing a multicultural setting); to ensure that student teaching assignments promote professional growth.

The **second phase** of student teaching focuses on orientation procedures. This phase provides the student teacher with a general understanding of the school and the school's surrounding community. This phase begins on site with the initial visits to the school. During this phase the student teacher meets school administrators, the cooperating teacher and the rest of the staff.

The **third phase** of student teaching, which can take between one and two weeks, involves the student teacher's introduction to various classroom settings. The student teacher observes the cooperating teacher and other school staff, meets the students, and begins to become involved in school activities. Gradually, the student teacher becomes part of the educational team in the school.

The **fourth phase** is the gradual involvement of the student teacher as a classroom teacher. Generally during the second week of student teaching, the student teacher assumes teaching responsibility. During this phase, the student teacher, with the guidance of the cooperating teacher, is planning and implementing instruction.

During the **fifth phase**, the student teacher, with the guidance and support of the cooperating teacher, school supervisors, the Hofstra field supervisor, and the student teaching seminar leader, is the actual teacher in charge of an educational program. During this phase the student teacher assumes the full range of teaching responsibilities, including but not limited to, short term and long term planning, implementation, evaluation of student performance, administrative work, guidance, and reflective professional interaction with colleagues.

Evaluation goes on during the entire student teaching experience with an emphasis on self-evaluative skills which will serve as a basis for continuous growth as a reflective educator. The ability to evaluate one's growth as a teacher develops through self-study, journaling, professional readings, and reciprocal relationships with professionals in the schools and in the university. Through these relationships, the student teacher learns to evaluate goals, teaching skills, and students' learning. These professional relationships involve students in the schools with the cooperating teacher, school administrators and teaching colleagues and in the university with the field supervisor, the student teaching seminar leader and the faculty of the Hofstra School of Education.

STUDENT TEACHING POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

1. **TERM SCHEDULE:** Student teaching involves 5 full days a week for 15 weeks which includes student teaching seminars at Hofstra.

Those certified teachers enrolled in three semester hour programs will student teach five (5) full days a week for eight (8) weeks, including seminars at Hofstra.

2. **ASSIGNMENTS:** Each student teacher receives written instruction from the Office of Field Placement as to who, when, and where to report to commence the assignment. Questions about details should be channeled through the Associate Dean, unless it is clearly a matter for the cooperating teacher at the school to handle. Please note that it is the policy of the School of Education to ensure that all graduates from our programs have had a field placement with diverse populations and in high-need schools as defined by New York State.
3. **ATTENDANCE:** Each student teacher is expected to report to his/her respective cooperating school on time each day of the school week, except when excused by the proper cooperating school personnel in accordance with school policy, and with the permission of the university supervisor. In cases of illness or emergency a student teacher is expected to contact designated cooperating school personnel and the university supervisor. Absences will be made up. Hofstra reserves the right to withdraw students from the cooperating school at anytime and for any reason, in its sole discretion.
4. **TEACHING LOAD:** Student teachers should be given increased teaching and teaching related responsibilities as they progress through the student teaching experience, culminating in full-day teaching responsibility.
5. **SCHEDULE:** Each student teacher should obtain from his/her cooperating teacher the schedule which will be followed. A copy of the completed schedule should be given to the university supervisor by the beginning of the second week. The university supervisor should be notified of any changes in the schedule. Any changes to the student teacher's assignment in the school district must be made through the collaboration of, and with the approval of the university supervisor. Classes for which the student teacher will have major teaching responsibility should be clearly indicated. After-school assignments should be included as well.
6. **TIME REPORTS:** Cooperating teachers must verify the student teacher's hours by completing the time report on Tk20.
7. **Tk20:** All students are required to electronically submit lesson plans and reflective journals to their Tk20 binder:

LESSON AND UNIT PLANS: A student teacher is required to prepare written lesson plans for each different lesson which he/she knows in advance that he/she will teach. The lesson plan and unit plan formats should be acceptable to the cooperating teacher and university supervisor. The lesson and unit plans are to be discussed with and approved by the cooperating teacher prior to their implementation. After a lesson is taught, a conference should be held utilizing a reflective, clinical model. Every student teacher should plan and teach at least one or more complete instructional units. All plans should be available in a binder and shown to the university supervisor during each visit. Cooperating teachers should make inform student teachers of assigned teaching responsibilities on a timely basis.

REFLECTIVE JOURNALS: Student teachers are required to maintain a reflective journal. The journal is a weekly record of your analysis of your own teaching behavior and practices, insights into student learning patterns, and a critical reflection on what you have learned. Only your university supervisor and the co-requisite class professor will have access to this reflective commentary.

8. **CONFERENCES:** Several conferences between the cooperating teacher and student teacher should be held prior to and at the very beginning of the assignment. The university supervisor will call within the first week of the placement to arrange a three-way conference in order to review critical elements of this handbook and the responsibilities and expectations of the cooperating teacher and school. In addition to providing regular feedback on teaching performance, the cooperating teacher should establish a schedule of weekly conferences with the student teacher regarding teaching responsibilities and planned lessons. Three-way conferences should take place with the university supervisor, cooperating teacher, and student teacher after each formal observation.
9. **SEMINARS:** Mandatory student teacher seminars will be conducted by the university supervisors on the Hofstra University campus or on site in the local school districts.
10. **OUTSIDE EMPLOYMENT:** A student is strongly urged to arrange finances so that outside work is not necessary during the student teaching semester. Employment during student teaching is to be discussed with the Associate Dean in advance.
11. **SUBSTITUTE TEACHING:** Student teachers may **not** take the responsibility or place of a qualified teacher or staff of cooperating school. Substitute teaching is not permitted during student teaching, except when there is a school emergency.
12. **UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR:** A selected faculty member of Hofstra University with appropriate teaching certification will be assigned as the university supervisor for each student teacher. The supervisor will visit each student teacher a minimum of three times (four times in some programs) and will engage in pre- and post-conferences. The student teacher, the university supervisor, and his/her cooperating teacher will maintain regular

contact via e-mail or telephone; however, should special circumstances arise, the Office of Field Placement should be informed immediately and brought to the attention of the Associate Dean. Supervisors will schedule advance visits to the school site.

13. **COOPERATING TEACHER:** Cooperating teachers must be certified and have at least 3 years of teaching experience in the area in which they supervise student teachers.
14. **ACCIDENTS:** A student teacher or participant-observer should be very prudent in all matters and especially where safety is involved. Emphasis should be placed on accident prevention when planning and conducting activities. The student teacher should know in advance the local policies, procedures, and limitations relative to safety and accidents. Any school accident involving the student teacher must be reported not only to appropriate cooperating school personnel, and to the university supervisor, but also directly to the Associate Dean at the earliest opportunity, and certainly before the next school day. Students are reminded that it is important to have appropriate medical insurance. For students who do not otherwise have coverage, Hofstra provides access to a voluntary plan available for purchase.
15. **HEALTH:** All student teachers must have updated health records on file at Hofstra including immunizations for measles, mumps, and rubella, and screening for tuberculosis. All student teachers are responsible for meeting the New York State Department of Health requirements and all cooperating school medical clearance requirements applicable to the type of experience to be received at the cooperating school.
16. **INSURANCE:** It is the sole responsibility of the student to obtain and maintain any insurance policies, if necessary as may be required by the cooperating school.
17. **STATUS/RELATIONSHIP:** No student teacher, teacher or staff member of the cooperating school shall be deemed an employee or agent of Hofstra. Neither Hofstra nor the cooperating school shall be obligated to the other or to student teachers for any compensation for services or expenses for medical, meals, travel or incidental expenses incurred by participating in this program.
18. **SOCIAL MEDIA:** Student teachers are expressly forbidden from sharing the electronic addresses of any and all personal social media accounts with students or employees of the school or school district where placed for student teaching. In addition, any personal posts on social media sites that might be considered controversial should be removed. Failure to follow these clear directives could lead to dismissal from the placement and possibly the program.
19. **DISRUPTED LEARNING:** In the case of disrupted instruction that leads to partial or fully online instruction, student teachers will continue to student teach in whatever modes are utilized by the school and cooperating teacher.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR

Preface:

Supervision of student teachers who are completing part of their professional education at an off-campus school site is a central and essential component of the Teaching, Literacy and Technology (TLT) Department's teacher-education programs. Students' off-campus experiences in classrooms and laboratories complement and inform their campus-based studies by providing opportunities for the application and refinement of professional learning.

The university supervisor links the campus, the schoolroom, and the beginning professional educator. The field supervisor is a teacher-educator, a professional who shares responsibility for assisting students to develop their knowledge, skills, attitudes, and beliefs in professionally productive ways within the framework of the university program.

Role and Responsibilities:

The university supervisor is responsible for implementing the requirements, for facilitating the opportunities of the campus-based program, and for assisting students to apply their knowledge and skill to school settings. The supervisor will aid students in improving their professional decision-making abilities through critical self-reflection and self-analysis.

The university field supervisors must be conversant with the philosophy and the implementation of each professional education program whose students they may supervise at off-campus sites. The field supervisors are responsible for being well-informed about the specific content and methodology of the course in each program as well as about current research and trends in professional education.

The field supervisor is a professional and collegial guest in the schools. The supervisor is responsible for establishing and maintaining cooperative relationships between the university and the schools; the supervisor is responsible for first-order remediation of difficulties or differences which may arise and which may affect the student. The supervisor will work collaboratively with the Department Chair and the Associate Dean, and the appropriate subject-matter specialist, in all cases of difficulty or controversy between or among the student, the university, the school, or school personnel.

The university supervisor is responsible for timely and professionally effective performance of the following tasks and activities:

1. **Initial Contact.** The supervisor should make prompt contact with assigned students and complete arrangements for initial site visits within the first week of the placement.
2. **Administrative Visits.** The supervisor should meet the building principal, assistant principal, and/or appropriate department head(s) not later than the time of the first site visit. At that time, the field supervisor will outline the university's expectations for the field-based student and for the cooperating teacher. The supervisor will attend to the requirements and expectations of the local school; in case of apparent dissonance with university rules or policies, the supervisor will not attempt to negotiate with the school personnel, nor to create or to modify university requirements, but will refer the matter(s) expeditiously to the Associate Dean.
3. **Number of Site Visits.** The number of site visits by the supervisor is a function of the educational needs of the student teacher; three visits (four in some programs) should be seen as a minimum, not

as a norm. During the first visit to the school, during a three-way conference, the university supervisor and the cooperating teacher will discuss and identify appropriate experiences in which the student teacher will engage. Additional visits to the school and classroom observations will be scheduled as needed. Classroom observations can be face-to-face or virtual at the choice of the supervisor.

4. Pre-Observation Conference. The supervisor will hold a pre-observation conference with the student a minimum of 48-72 hours prior to the scheduled observation to address the context of the classroom and the lesson, to review the student's proposed plans, and to ensure common understandings and expectations.
5. Observations. The supervisor will observe a student teacher for about 40 to 45 minutes. The length of the supervisor's visit will be modulated by the nature of the student's activities, the level and type of class being observed, the school's right to conduct its work in an orderly way, and the individual needs of the student teacher.
6. Post-Observation Conferences. The supervisor will arrange with the student who has been observed for prompt post-observation conferences. That meeting, and subsequent ones, if required academically, will be tailored to the needs and personal styles of the student and supervisor, but will not comprise less than:
 - a) collaboration concerning the explicit standards, purposes, and criteria which the supervisor and student teacher share;
 - b) solicitation of the student's critical reflection and analysis, **based on data** collected through such forms as transcript, audiotape, and videotape;
 - c) feedback, with appropriate specificity, of professionally significant aspects of teaching during the visit;
 - d) application of the criteria to the observation data, leading to one or more assessments, commitments, and recommendations concerning the student's professional development;
 - e) continuous encouragement of the student to be self-reflective and self-evaluative.
7. Using program rubrics and criteria, the university field supervisor will provide a written summary of the conference to the student, not later than one week after the supervisory visit. The written supervisory communications will be posted electronically to Tk20 as part of the formative assessments as well as being included in the student's physical file.

Supervisors will apply standards and expectations to student teachers which are appropriate for the student's level of professional development and which are consonant with the on-campus professional education program; the supervisory process will be conducted in a formative and cumulative manner, save for the final assessment, which will be summative.

Students will have the right to respond in writing to written supervisory statements and to have their responses appended to the supervisor's notes in university files. In all cases, students will sign the supervisor's written statements, in acknowledgment that they have seen and read them, and are aware of their right to respond in writing.
8. The student teachers will meet weekly in a mandatory seminar setting. The weekly seminar associated with student teaching is an integral part of the Teaching, Learning and Technology teacher education programs.
9. Completion of all *Formative Assessments*, the *Summative Assessment* and the *Supervisor's Field Placement Summary Form* in Tk20 student binders.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COOPERATING TEACHER

The cooperating teacher is responsible for complying with the following guidelines:

1. Formally introduce the student teacher to the pupils as a professional colleague.
2. Arrange for a tour of the school building.
3. Discuss with the student teacher and provide the student teacher with all rules, policies, and regulations of the school, including those pertaining to passes, late slips, the marking system, fire drills, etc. so that students are aware of and may meet the expectations established by the school.
4. Provide the student teacher with appropriate materials such as state and local syllabi, department outlines, teachers' guides to texts, lists of school owned films, and other instructional materials, etc.
5. Allow the student teacher to teach his/her classes without interrupting him/her.
6. Observe daily and provide evaluative feedback regarding lessons taught by the student teacher.
7. Encourage and guide the student teacher to become analytical, reflective, and self-evaluative.
8. Increase teaching responsibility of the student teacher as readiness is demonstrated.
9. Establish a schedule of weekly conferences with the student teacher regarding teaching responsibilities and planned lessons. Regular feedback should be provided in private. All lesson and unit plans should be reviewed prior to teaching.
10. Assist the student teacher to become skillful in the use of audiovisual, technology equipment, software, and all other instructional materials.
11. Provide the student teacher with the opportunity for a variety of experiences related to the multifaceted role of the teacher.
12. Share instructional ideas, insights, organizational tips, materials, and suggestions with the student teacher. However, it is the responsibility of the student teacher to create his/her own lesson plans.
13. Guide, counsel, and nurture the student teacher in all aspects of teaching.
14. Regularly appraise and inform student teachers of their progress.
15. Confer on an ongoing basis with the university supervisor about such matters as identifying appropriate experiences, expectations, and progress of the student teacher.
16. Submit the *Tk20 Sign-Off Sheet*, *Time Report*, *Early Progress Report*, *Summary of Student Teacher Placement*, and the final *Summative Assessment* report in a timely manner at the end of the placement. Vouchers in recognition of service as a cooperating teacher will not be distributed until all required work is completed.
17. In the case of disrupted instruction that leads to partial or fully online instruction, student teachers will continue to student teach in whatever modes are utilized by the school and cooperating teacher.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE COOPERATING SCHOOL

The cooperating school is responsible for complying with the following terms:

1. Make available appropriate classroom space for student teachers and classroom observations, as well as supply qualified cooperating teachers to supervise/mentor student teachers.
2. Permit Hofstra liaisons, supervisors, faculty advisors and/or coordinators to do site visits that are agreed upon in advance.
3. In the case of disrupted instruction that leads to partial or fully online instruction, student teachers will continue to student teach in whatever modes are utilized by the school and cooperating teacher.
4. Permit Hofstra supervisors and student teachers to videotape lessons for the purpose of compliance with New York teacher certification standards as per the following regulation:

Subdivision (b) of section 80-1.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education is amended, effective January 2, 2013 to read as follows:

- **(b) A school or school system shall not prohibit an [employee] individual who is a current or prospective applicant for [permanent] certification from videotaping a classroom for the purpose of meeting the requirements of the teacher performance assessment for certification as a teacher in the classroom teaching service or the performance assessment of teaching skills requirement for permanent certification, transmitting such videotape in the department, or otherwise fulfilling this classroom presentation requirement. A videotape made for this purpose shall be a confidential record of the department and as such, is not subject to viewing or disclosure to any individual or entity other than the applicant for certification, appropriate departmental personnel, and others engaged by the department to evaluate the videotape for purposes of determining the candidate's eligibility for certification.**
5. Make available emergency treatment to student teachers who may become ill or may be injured while at the cooperating school, at the student's expense. Any school accident involving student teachers must be reported to Hofstra.
 6. Comply with all applicable federal, state and local nondiscrimination and equal opportunity laws, orders and regulations. Hofstra and cooperating school shall not engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment against any person because of race, color, creed, religion, sex, age, national origin, disability, sexual orientation, marital status, disability, or veteran status.
 7. Agree to hold free and harmless and to indemnify Hofstra, its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates and students from any and all claims, lawsuits, judgments, and expenses (including reasonable attorneys fees) which Hofstra, its trustees, directors, officers, agents, employees, instructors and students become liable to pay or defend as a result of the injury to person or property arising out of the Placement Site's performance of this Agreement, provided that such loss or damages was not caused solely by the negligence of Hofstra, its trustees, officers, directors, employees, agents, affiliates and students.

ROLE AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE STUDENT TEACHER

Participant-Observation

While enrolled in the general methods courses in education, students are introduced to lesson planning, long-range planning, various teaching methods, working effectively with students who have special needs and other topics that bear directly upon the multidimensional role of a teacher. In addition, students observe and participate in schools. While enrolled in the subject area methods courses, students also continue to observe and participate in activities which are directly related to the teaching of their subject areas. New York State requires that all certification candidates have at least one experience in a NYS designated high needs school district.

Student Teaching

Student teaching is the culminating field experience in the pre-service professional education program. The student teaching experience offers student teachers the opportunity to apply and further develop knowledge and skills of teaching. Critical analysis and reflection are deemed to be integral qualities of this learning process.

In general, student teachers undertake, on a limited basis at first and then increasingly, the duties and responsibilities of the experienced teacher. Unlike the experienced teacher, however, the student teacher is provided with continuous support and supervision by both a cooperating teacher and a university supervisor. By the conclusion of the student teaching experience it is expected that the student teacher will be able to demonstrate the knowledge, skills, and dispositions expected of a professional teacher.

What should a student teacher do at the beginning of student teaching?

A successful beginning as a student teacher is very important. It involves getting acquainted with students in classes, learning as much as possible about classroom organization, becoming familiar with the routines of the school, observing, assisting with classroom activities, and conferring with the cooperating teacher. Detailed suggestions are presented below to help student teachers understand how to utilize their time advantageously during these first few weeks:

- A. Student teachers should learn about the community, school, as well as the students in all classes they teach or observe. This may include:
 1. Making seating charts (as relevant) and learning pupils' names.
 2. Studying individual records for greater understanding of the physical, emotional, and intellectual aspects of each pupil.
 3. Informal discussions with pupils whenever appropriate.
 4. Studying the community in which the pupils live.
 5. Reviewing the school website and the NYS Report Card.
 6. Develop a comprehensive "Context for Learning" with information gleaned from discussion and research.

- B. Student teachers should familiarize themselves with the NYS ELA Standards and New York State content standards for the curriculum they will teach. Simultaneously, student teachers should be reviewing and collecting instructional materials for use. Exploration of technology resources for use in the classroom should be pursued. Students should be able to explain and defend their planning choices.

In planning, consider the following items:

1. Principles of teaching/theorists.
2. Formative assessment data as a rationale for lesson design and presentation.
3. Teaching strategies, methods, and techniques.
4. Methods of involving, engaging, and motivating students.
6. Use of supports and scaffolds for special needs populations and enrichment.
7. Classroom management and procedures, using positive group focus: Routines such as recording attendance, distributing and collecting materials, attention to physical characteristics of the room, and grouping.
8. Regularly assess student achievement on lesson goals.

- C. Student teachers should volunteer services to the cooperating teacher in such activities as:

1. Checking and recording attendance.
2. Helping individuals or small groups of students.
3. Providing feedback on students' written work.
4. Arranging bulletin board displays.

- D. Student teachers should submit a copy of their cooperating teacher's schedule to the university supervisor that they will follow.

1. This schedule copy should be provided to the college supervisor by the second seminar meeting.
2. If there is any reason why student teachers need to deviate from the schedule, they should first clear the change with the cooperating teacher.
3. The university supervisor should be notified promptly of changes in the schedule.
4. Student teachers must promptly notify both the cooperating teacher and the university supervisor whenever they are going to be absent from the cooperating school due to illness or emergency.

What are the continuing responsibilities and role of the student teacher?

1. Assume increasing teaching responsibilities as professional growth indicates.
2. Extensively discuss general professional problems with the cooperating teacher, other members of the school's faculty, and the university supervisor.
3. Use the approved program lesson plan format with engaging materials for every lesson taught.
4. Collect data, and reflectively analyze the lesson.
5. Confer regularly with the cooperating teacher.
6. Provide the university supervisor with a seating chart (secondary level classrooms), lesson plan, specific questions and relevant engaging materials each time the supervisor visits.
7. Be prepared to submit critical analysis and reflection of the lesson plan, the observed lesson, and the student assessment materials.
8. Demonstrate increasing independence as a teacher.

9. Become progressively familiar with students in the classroom, their needs, backgrounds, experiences, strengths, weaknesses, and interests.
10. Become increasingly more effective in self-evaluation.
11. Attend all scheduled student teaching weekly seminars held at Hofstra leaving the cooperating school only in enough time to be on time.

Additional responsibilities related to particular areas may include the following:

A. Understanding students:

1. Familiarization with school services (i.e., guidance, psychologists, social workers).
2. Working with youngsters of varied academic abilities.
3. Working with youngsters who have varied special needs.
4. Providing remedial help and enrichment opportunities to students.
5. Holding conferences with students.
6. Analyzing problems that students present and developing a plan to provide assistance.
7. Working with pupils' cumulative records (in cooperation with teachers and/or guidance counselors).
8. Having conferences with a parent when appropriate (with cooperating teacher's consent and/or participation).
9. Discussing pupils with the cooperating teacher.
10. Keeping parents informed and encouraging parental involvement (in cooperation with teacher).

B. Classroom organization and management:

1. Making seating charts where relevant (to get to know students by name).
2. Becoming familiar with attendance and other procedures.
3. Efficient distribution of materials.
4. Planning and arranging bulletin boards.
5. Regulating lighting, temperature, ventilation.
6. Keeping records of homework/assessment data.
7. Effective utilization of technology resources.
8. Arranging to observe other teachers.

C. Using instructional materials:

1. Using whiteboards, maps, charts, etc.
2. Identifying and using supplementary materials.
3. Using A.V. and technology equipment (e.g., projection devices, computer technology, Smart Boards, subject-specific computer applications).
4. Using appropriate and challenging materials that foster critical thinking and facilitate learning.

D. Class instruction:

1. Developing imaginative assignments that further and extend learning.
2. Employing a wide variety of teaching techniques.
3. Constructing and administering effective assessment instruments.
4. Utilizing small group instruction techniques.

5. Varied methodology in providing full class instruction.
6. Discussing assessment results with students.
7. Preparing daily lesson plans, collecting data, and reflectively analyzing.
8. Preparing unit plans.
9. Co-teaching a lesson or activity with the cooperating teacher.
10. Teaching/modifying a lesson in more than one class period.

E. Evaluating pupil growth:

1. Constructing authentic means of assessment congruent with lesson/unit outcomes.
2. Grading papers and providing regular feedback to students on their progress.
3. Monitoring student progress.
4. Evaluating students by using multiple measures of representation.
5. Recording grades and progress.
6. Assisting with reports, grade cards, etc.

F. Engaging in school activities:

1. Assisting with extracurricular activities.
2. Learning homeroom routines, as relevant.
3. Attending faculty and departmental meetings.
4. Working with faculty committees.
5. Learning school policies and how they are formulated (i.e., fire drills, discipline, home visits, accidents).
6. Learning how curricular decisions are made in the school and school district.

G. Upload all required documentation to Tk20 placement binders: *Context for Learning, Formal Lesson Plans, Weekly Lesson Plans, Weekly Reflections*. A Pass grade for student teaching will not be issued without these tasks being completed.

I. Meeting certification requirements:

1. You are responsible for completing the six required New York State law seminars prior to graduation and passing all required New York State certification examinations related to your area of certification. Please see the Office of Educational Support Services website at: <http://www.hofstra.edu/AcademicsColleges/SOEAHS/cess/index.html> for the most recent information regarding certification requirements.

TIMELINE GUIDELINES Student Teaching in All Areas

These guidelines are intended to provide student teachers and cooperating teachers with a suggested timeline for the semester. Adjustments to this schedule may be appropriate, since we know that student teachers develop at different rates, and we respect the individuality of our cooperating teachers and the culture of each school. However, because student teaching is the capstone of the professional program, we want to ensure that all of our student teachers have had extensive teaching experience prior to certification.

Week O:

- As soon as your placement has been arranged, visit your school, meet the principal, and spend time with the cooperating teacher prior to the beginning of the placement.

Weeks 1-2:

- Arrange a daily time to meet with your cooperating teacher to plan, reflect and review your lesson plans.
- Facilitate arrangements for a three-way conference between your cooperating teacher, your supervisor, and yourself.
- Meet administrators, faculty, and staff members (i.e., nurse, librarian) in your school, including other teachers on your grade level or in your department.
- Become familiar with curriculum, texts, and materials for the classes that you will be teaching.
- Learn and participate in class routines, such as taking attendance, lunch counts, writing the daily schedule on the board, assigning and checking homework, morning meetings, arranging dismissal and fire drill procedures.
- Actively assist the teacher during his/her lessons.
- Consult with your cooperating teacher to do the following:
 - begin to co-teach,
 - work with a small group of children,
 - plan/teach a whole class lesson in one of the academic areas/classes.
- Be sure that your cooperating teacher has submitted the *Sign-Off Form* on Tk20 documenting his/her experience for at least 3 years as a certified teacher.
- Submit the *Context for Learning* form to your Tk20 student teaching binder for discussion and peer review during weekly seminars.

Week 2:

- Begin assuming responsibility for routines and activities.
- Assume responsibility for one academic area of the curriculum or one class (i.e., planning a unit, evaluating what the students learn, setting up activity centers and bulletin boards that reflect the studies in this area).
- In secondary education and special areas, plan and implement lessons including assessment and grading, for a minimum of one class.

Week 3:

- Minimally add a second academic area or class to your teaching responsibilities.
- Continue teaching your unit in the first academic area.
- By the end of week three, be sure that your cooperating teacher has submitted the *Early Progress Report* to Tk20.

Week 4

- Add a third academic area or class to your teaching responsibilities.

Weeks 5-7

- Assume more responsibility for the teacher's program. By this time, it is suggested that you should be teaching all academic areas/classes.
- If your second placement is in another school and/or district, visit and meet the principal and cooperating teacher.
- Be sure that your cooperating teacher has submitted your *Summative Evaluation* on Tk20.

Second Placement:

- Repeat the sequence above, beginning with Weeks 1-2

Final weeks in the second half placement:

- Assume full responsibility for the teacher's program by the final week.

Suggested activities to participate in throughout the semester:

- Volunteer to work in special help classes.
- Ask to participate at Open School or Meet the Teacher Night.
- Request permission to attend grade level/departmental meetings and full faculty meetings.
- Develop exhibits and prepare bulletin boards in the classroom and hallways, with permission.
- Attend school-wide activities, assemblies, concerts, shows, etc.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences.

EVALUATION PROCEDURES

1. Independently and jointly, the student teacher, cooperating teacher, and university supervisor should evaluate and discuss the student teacher's performance progressively throughout the student teaching assignment. The rubrics posted on Tk20 are used in analyzing each lesson observed by the university supervisor, and for evaluating overall student teaching skills. Classroom observations can be face-to-face or virtual at the choice of the supervisor.
2. Emphasis should be placed on the student teacher's self evaluation. Critical analysis, reflection, and decision making are central themes of the university education programs and should be reflected in student teaching. Student teachers must analytically examine their lessons by applying various systems of interaction analysis and/or by posing, answering, and reflecting on a series of questions based on collected data. Such sample sets of questions follow this section. They may be used by student teachers for self reflection and as a basis for discussion with others, e.g., the cooperating teacher, university supervisor, other student teachers, etc.
3. The cooperating teacher agrees to submit an early progress report and a final summative evaluation of the student teacher on Tk20. The early progress report is due after three weeks of student teaching and the final evaluation is due during the last week with the cooperating teacher. It is strongly recommended that the cooperating teacher thoroughly discuss the early and final evaluations with the student teacher prior to submitting them. These evaluations will ultimately be placed in the student's file in the Office of Field Placement.
4. The university supervisor will conduct a conference before and after each classroom observation, and will provide a written summary of the evaluation on Tk20 appended to the Formative Evaluation. It will be posted no later than one week after each supervisory visit. A copy of the written report will be placed in the student's file. Students may choose to respond in writing to written supervisory statements and have their responses appended to the supervisor's notes. The supervisory process will be conducted in a cumulative and formative manner except for the final assessment, which will be summative. The university supervisor will also work to help the student teacher become self directed.
5. All written evaluations are confidential, except for professional interpretation by the university supervisor or Associate Dean when recommendations are requested. Students may review their own files at any time.
6. Each supervisor will submit a final grade of Pass/Fail for student teaching. The grade will be submitted to the Hofstra University Registrar by the university supervisor, for recording on the student's official transcript.

COOPERATING TEACHER GUIDELINES FOR COMPLETING STUDENT TEACHING EVALUATION REPORTS

The Department of Teaching, Learning and Technology would appreciate your careful evaluation of our student teachers. Since evaluations by cooperating teachers are regarded as highly significant, the valuable time and effort that you put into this task will not be treated lightly. You are encouraged to share the evaluations with your student teacher before submitting them.

Stated below are several guidelines which you should keep in mind as you complete the evaluation forms on Tk20. Note that these guidelines are not restrictive, but serve as a reminder of a number of salient points we believe should be made about a student teacher. As you complete the forms, think of the type of information you would desire if our positions were reversed.

1. The student's personal and professional qualities, especially as they affect associations with pupils, staff, parents, and the learning process.
2. The student's professional competence, such as:
 - a. the student's general command of the subject matter,
 - b. preparation of lesson plans and units,
 - c. planning for the development of academic language growth,
 - d. use of effective instructional methods,
 - e. use of effective assessment methods,
 - f. provisions for an environment which facilitates learning, pupil involvement, and mutual respect,
 - g. class and time management,
 - h. reflectivity regarding self and students.
3. The student's participation in areas such as:
 - a. before and after school help to students,
 - b. co-curricular activities,
 - c. conferences with parents,
 - d. attendance at meetings.

So that the university supervisor's follow-up conference can be conducted promptly, the final grade submitted, and letters of recommendation written, please complete the evaluations as soon as possible on Tk20.

Please be prepared, upon request, to write letters of reference for your student teacher during their job search as well as to serve as a reference on resumes.

Thank you very much for all that you have done and will do for our student teacher.

SOME GUIDING QUESTIONS DESIGNED TO ASSIST THE STUDENT TEACHER'S SELF-EVALUATION OF A LESSON

You are required to post weekly reflections of your learning and professional progress on Tk20.

The types of questions that follow are indicative of questions a reflective educator would use to evaluate their professional progress.

THE LESSON

1. How is the purpose of the lesson defensible in light of acceptable educational theory?
2. How have you made the purpose of the lesson clear to your students?
3. How effective was the beginning of the lesson in establishing the purpose?
4. How do your activities provide for varied learner needs?
5. How are your purposes, activities, and assessments aligned with each other?
6. How do you plans incorporate opportunities to include students' conceptual ideas/questions?
7. How did you introduce the lesson in a way that quickly captured the students' interest and immediately involved them in the lesson as active participants?
8. In what ways did the elements of the lesson result in outcomes congruent to the goals?
9. How did the lesson increase the students' knowledge and skills?
10. What assessment information did you use to set learning goals for the lesson?
11. How did your chosen methods relate to best practice research?
12. Retrospectively, how would you have changed the lesson to improve student learning?
13. What have you learned about student growth based upon your analysis of assessment data related to the lesson? Identify learning patterns.
14. Based on your assessment data, what would you teach next?
15. How did you support and scaffold students with various learning needs?
16. How did you provide feedback to guide student learning during and after the lesson?
17. In what ways did you effectively use various instructional aids, materials, and available technology?
18. How did you incorporate academic language growth for students within the lesson?

THE STUDENTS

1. What have you learned about the personal assets of your students and how are using the information to meet their needs?
2. What are the developmental considerations of your students at the level at which you are student teaching?
3. In what ways have you developed an environment of mutual respect and understanding?
4. How do you use students' assets and interests to engage them in the learning process?
5. What evidence is there that you respond to individual student needs?
6. What do you do to facilitate learning for students with disabilities/exceptionalities?
7. What do you do to facilitate learning for students from culturally diverse backgrounds?
8. What do you do to facilitate learning for students who are English language learners?
9. How do you help students take responsibility for their learning/actions?
10. What opportunities do you provide for student feedback on the effectiveness of your teaching?

THE SUBJECT MATTER

1. In what ways have you worked to develop content competency for the curriculum for which you are responsible?
2. In what ways do you integrate other disciplines where appropriate?
3. How is the nature and structure of the discipline reflected in the organization and presentation of the subject matter?
4. How does the subject matter as taught have value?
5. In what ways are you assisting students to make connections between the content you teach and past experiences?
6. In what ways are you presenting the subject matter so that students critically examine and think through the content?
7. How have you integrated academic language and syntax patterns related to the academic content area for which you are responsible?
8. How does your knowledge of New York State curriculum relate to the content area?
9. How do you use your knowledge of the subject matter to build students' academic language capacity especially as it relates to the ELA and Math Common Cores?

MANAGEMENT

1. What efforts have you made to master routine classroom management matters (i.e. paper distribution, taking attendance)?
2. In what ways have you set up the room to facilitate student interaction and group work?
3. If available, how were you able to use teachers' aides effectively?
4. How were you able to maximize the time available for instruction?
5. How were you able to establish a positive classroom environment that led to student engagement and cooperation?

THE STUDENT TEACHER

1. In what ways do you exhibit your enthusiasm and passion for teaching?
2. In what ways have you attempted to establish a professional working relationship with your colleagues?
3. How do you create an environment that supports individual and collaborative learning and encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self motivation?
4. In what ways do you show that you value the role of learners in promoting each other's learning and how do you recognize the importance of peer relationships in establishing a climate of learning?
5. How do you foster respectful communication among all members of the learning community?
6. What is your understanding of the range of types of assessment and how to design or select appropriate assessments?
7. In what ways do you provide timely and effective descriptive feedback to learners on their progress?
8. In what ways are you making accommodations in assessment for learners with disabilities and language learning needs?
9. How are you using new and emerging technologies to promote and support student learning?
10. How do you demonstrate your flexibility and reciprocity in the teaching process to adapt instruction to learner responses, ideas, and needs?
11. In what ways do you see yourself as a learner and seek opportunities for analysis and reflection to improve your practice?
12. In what ways are you reflecting upon your own personal biases to act more fairly?
13. In what ways have you embraced the challenge of continuous improvement and change?
14. How do you encourage thinking of various sorts—convergent, divergent, evaluative, etc.—whichever and whenever appropriate?
15. What techniques have you used to improve your teaching (i.e., videotaping, student feedback surveys)?
16. In what ways are assignments intended to reinforce or extend learning beyond the classroom?



COOPERATING TEACHERS

Information on how to assess student teachers and view student work in Tk20

To complete assessments in Tk20, you must first log into the system by clicking on the Tk20 Access Link which will be sent to you via email with the Subject Title - Field Assessment for Student's Name". [NOTE: Tk20 no longer requires a USER NAME and PASSWORD.]

I. Viewing student Assignments in Tk20

1. When you receive the email containing the Tk20 Access Link, **SAVE IT and DO NOT DELETE IT**. When you are ready to evaluate your student, click on the Tk20 Access LINK, and you will immediately see your student's Binder with a split screen, and a Vertical Line running down roughly the middle of the screen. To the left of the Vertical Line you will the student's Assignment Tabs. To the right of the Vertical Line you will see your evaluation Rubrics.
2. Select and click on one of the Assignment Tabs.
3. **Students will be submitting weekly lesson plans, unit plans, and other documents for your review.** A split screen will appear with the student's Assignment Tabs artifacts on the left side of the screen and a list of all relevant assessment instruments on the right side of the screen. On the left side, the binder is divided into multiple tabs; each tab contains different assignments artifacts that have been submitted by the student.
 - a. Select the appropriate assignment tab, and then toggle down to the bottom of the screen and click on one of the student assignments. To view an assignment, click on **DOWNLOAD**, and then click on **OK**. After viewing the assignment you can exit by then clicking on the X in the upper right hand corner of the screen.
 - b. Follow this example for all of the artifacts you need to review.

II. Completing assessments in Tk20

1. Once you have finished reviewing the student's artifact(s), you are ready to begin completing the four assessment tool(s).
2. To complete an assessment, select the name of the assessment tool on the right side of the screen. In order to give yourself more room on your screen, the vertical line can be moved to the left by placing your cursor on the line, THEN LEFT CLICK, AND WHILE HOLDING THE LEFT CLICK, DRAG TO THE LEFT
3. Depending on how the assessment tool was configured, you might see a rubric format with radio buttons or you might see text boxes with spaces for comments, or a combination of both. Complete the assessment tool as required.
4. Once you are finished filling out the assessment tool, select **Save, or, SAVE DRAFT**. . Tk20 will not let you **Submit** the assessment until you have completed all questions/all boxes in all assessments. However, once you select **Save, or, SAVE DRAFT**, the student will be able to see the assessments you have completed so far.

5. In addition to the student work, you will be required to complete the following four assessments:
 - a. Week 2 early evaluation form
 - b. Final week of the placement summative assessment form
 - c. Sign-off sheets (week 1)
 - d. and the attendance sheet (final week)
6. **Complete this process during the term of the Placement** finishing all assessments. When you have completed the last assessment tool, select **Submit**.
 - a. Please note that Tk20 will not let you **Submit** the assessment until you have completed *all* assessments, so be sure that you have clicked on a score (or N/A) on all rubric questions, made any relevant comments in the comment box, and indicated a grade of **either PASS, or, FAIL for each of the four assessment rubrics**.
 - b. If you think the student did at least passable work, enter a P. If not, **a FAIL is required**. This will not necessarily be the final course grade for the student – that is assigned by the Field Supervisor – but the system requires all fields to be completed before you can eventually **submit**.
 - c. After you select **Submit**, the evaluations will lock, so please ensure that they are complete!

III. Help Resources

- A. Additional Hofstra-specific information:

Go to www.hofstra.edu/Tk20 for detailed instruction sheets (many including screen shots). Look at the bottom of the page for your relevant section (categorized by Student, Faculty and Cooperating Teachers). [Please note that your university supervisor will be sending you detailed instructions on how to navigate within Tk20.]

- B. You may also contact your campus Tk20 Unit Administrators for assistance.

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Administrator: Sheri L. Suzzan, EdD, Associate Dean

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Online tutorials are available at <https://hofstra.tk20.com>. **BEFORE** you log in on the left part of the page, select the **Tutorials** tab in the center of the page, and use the table of contents to locate the tutorial you wish to view.



STUDENT
Field Experience Information Sheet
Completing a Field Experience Binder in Tk20

To complete a Field Experience Binder in Tk20, you must go to www.hofstra.edu and log into your portal. Once logged in, look for my apps and then select Tk20 assessment ICON. If you have paid for your account, you will go directly into your Tk20 home page; if you have not yet purchased your account, you will be prompted to do so.

I. Viewing the Binder

1. Find the **Pending Tasks** section in the **Home** tab.
2. Select the link that says, “**Please start the Field Experience (name of Binder).**” Or, you click on the **Field experience Tab** and then click on your **Binder**.
3. You will see the following tabs that appear with the Binder:
 - **<Binder Name - e.g., SPED Inclusive - first placement>** will appear as the title of this sub-tab. This tab shows the name of the course to which the binder is tied, the binder's due date, and instructions for completing the binder. It will also show the school site information where you will be doing your field placement.
 - **Tabs:** The Field Experience Binder is divided into different tabs. Each tab contains directions explaining what artifact templates must be created and attached in the Field Experience Binder. Depending on your discipline, the tabs may list different items, but common to most are tabs for Site Summary, Mini-Lesson Plans, Mini-Lesson Plan Reflections, Formal Lesson Plans and Reflections, and Evaluation of Clinical Supervision Experience.
 - **Assessments:** In this tab, you can view the assessment instrument(s) that the assessors will use to evaluate the binder.
 - **Standards:** This tab allows you to view the standards that you must meet in this assignment (*currently not being used*)
 - **Extensions:** This tab provides information on any extensions that have been granted to you by your assessors.
 - **Feedback:** This tab contains any feedback that has been given by any of your assessors. It is a good idea to check here periodically for comments that may assist you in completing your binder.
4. Once you view the Field Experience Binder details and understand what is required, you are ready to create your artifacts.

II. Creating and Attaching an Artifact

1. After logging into Tk20 you will see your WELCOME PAGE.
2. Please click on the Field Experience Tab and then find and click on the Binder that you wish to work on, OR, click on the Pending Tasks Tab and then find and click on the Binder that you wish to work on.
3. Then please click on one of the black assignment Tabs and you will see one or more SELECT BUTTONS.
4. In order to upload and save assignments, click on the first SELECT BUTTON and you see two BLACK TABS, namely, **CREATE FILE** and **SELECT EXISTING FILE**.
5. In choosing SELECT EXISTING FILE, please then click on the radio button for an already created file, then ADD, and then SAVE DRAFT.

6. If the desired file does not exist, then you need to create an assignment file on your workstation and give it a NAME.
7. Then please click on the appropriate Binder Assignment Tab, click on create file, EDIT FILE, CLICK ON SELECT FILE, find the File that you created on your workstation. CLICK ON **SELECT ADD** and then SAVE DRAFT.

III. Submitting/Completing the Binder

1. Each time you attach artifacts to your Field Experience Binder, **CLICK ON SAVE DRAFT.** at the bottom of the page. Do not select **SUBMIT** until the Field Experience Binder has been completed in its entirety and you are ready to submit it for final review and assessment.
2. Keep in mind that you can add and delete items at any time during the semester up until you are ready to **SUBMIT** the Field Experience Binder.
3. Your assessors will be able to monitor your progress and give feedback throughout the semester as you update your binder.
4. If any of your assessors have completed an assessment form, the *completed* form will be visible to you under the Assessments tab of the binder. Incomplete assessment forms will merely show as blank.
5. Once you click **SUBMIT**, you will not be able to go back and make any changes to the binder. If you clicked **SUBMIT** too early, the only way to open up your binder is for your University Supervisor to grant you an extension.
6. **PLEASE NOTE: VERY SPECIFIC STUDENT DIRECTIONS WILL BE SENT TO YOUR ATTENTION VIA EMAIL AT THE BEGINNING OF THE SEMESTER.**

IV. Reminder about important distinctions between Field Experience Binders and Course-Based Assessment submissions

By the time you reach student teaching, you will have likely submitted several class assignments through Tk20. There is an important distinction in how you save and submit your work.

- For **COURSE-BASED** assignments prior to field experiences, your professor was not able to see your work until you clicked **SUBMIT**.
- For documents (lesson plans, reflections, etc.) as part of an entire field experience binder, your professor WILL be able to see what you have uploaded along the way, but only if you click **SAVE DRAFT** a second time. You will only click **SUBMIT** (as indicated above) when you are totally finished with everything.

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