

CECIL COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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COOPERATING TEACHER GUIDELINES ASSOCIATED WITH TEACHER EDUCATION PLACEMENTS

The Cecil County Public School (CCPS) system is pleased to cooperate with colleges and universities in response to requests for training experiences for post-secondary students enrolled in teacher education and other professional preparation programs.

CCPS will provide cooperating teachers who will supervise a student teacher or other assigned teacher education student for the purpose of fulfilling the teaching experience of the approved educator preparation program.

Cooperating Teacher Qualifications

- Five years (minimum) experience as a successful classroom teacher.
- Tenured in the CCPS system.
- Holds valid teaching certificate with proper endorsement for the teaching assignment.
- Holds an Advanced Professional Certificate (APC)*
(*not required for field placements or methods placements)
- Shows commitment to life-long learning as evidenced by work towards a master's degree, workshops, college credits, or other types of activities that assist the teacher in increasing his/her knowledge and performance related to the teaching profession.
- Must show proficiency in observation trends:
 - No observation below effective
 - No evaluation below effective
- Recommended by the school principal.

Cooperating Teachers must demonstrate:

- Skill in effective classroom management techniques that promote an environment conducive to student learning.
- Best practices for the delivery of instruction.
- Mastery of the content knowledge or subject matter being taught.
- Knowledge of school/community relations.
- Strong oral, written, and communication skills.
- Excellent human relations skills.
- Desire, willingness, and ability to contribute to the mentoring and development of a teacher education student.

Restrictions

- Cooperating teachers are limited to accepting one student teacher placement per school year.
- Principals should not approve multiple years of student teacher placements with the same cooperating teacher.

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