

STUDENT TEACHERS

The school division will accept student teachers from accredited institutions only. All student teachers shall meet the same health requirements as staff members. The Superintendent/Designee shall have the responsibility for the assignment and placement of student teachers in the school system.

The first responsibility of the supervising teacher is the education of the students for whom he/she is responsible.

Teachers who serve as supervising teachers will have at least three years of teaching experience, with at least one of those years having been in the school to which the teacher is assigned.

All teachers who serve as supervising teachers will be recommended by the principal of the school to the Superintendent/designee.

Information concerning students may be available to student teachers at the discretion of the supervising teacher and/or principal. Student teachers will respect the confidential nature of the information provided.

Student teachers will follow all policies and regulations of the Albemarle County School Board that apply to teachers.

Except as otherwise stated in this policy, student teachers shall not be considered employees of Albemarle County Public Schools for any purpose. However, liability insurance coverage may be provided, depending on the extent of division's current coverage.

Student teachers may be used as substitute teachers, only in the classroom where placed until student teaching is completed. In such cases, student teachers shall be considered temporary employees and shall be paid according to the substitute rate of pay currently in effect.

The school administration will determine the maximum number of student teachers that can be accepted effectively into Albemarle County Public Schools during a given academic year.

Student teachers will be under the administrative direction of the principal of the school.

The school administration will select as supervising teachers those staff members who are professionally qualified and who have demonstrated superior techniques.

The supervising teacher, at all times, will be responsible legally and professionally for the scholastic and personal welfare of the class.

A class will have no more than one student teacher during the regular school year. A supervising teacher will have only one student teacher per year. Exceptions may be granted by

~~the Superintendent/Designee in extremely unusual cases in which the interests of all parties will best be served by these exceptions.—~~ No supervising teacher will have more than one student teacher assigned per school year.

Similarly, field placements shall be subject to approval by the building principal taking into consideration the request, the impact on the class and the ability/willingness of the teacher to accommodate the field placement.

A principal may reject or terminate any student teacher who has a negative effect on the instruction or welfare of students.

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