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Authority

The **Joint** Operating Committee encourages cooperation with colleges and universities within the state **to assist** in the training of student teachers **and interns for career and vocational technical education**.

The Joint Operating Committee establishes the school **shall** accept student teachers **and interns** from accredited institutions with which the school has a cooperative agreement approved by the **Joint** Operating Committee.[\[1\]](#)

The Joint Operating Committee directs that student teachers and interns shall not be accepted into the school unless they have complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse and the school has evaluated the results of those screening processes.[\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)

Delegation of Responsibility

The Director **or designee shall be responsible to assign** student teachers **and interns to the school's programs**. The Director shall ensure that no single group of **students** or teachers will be subject to excessive student teacher classroom hours.

Cooperating teachers reserve the right to refuse to accept a student teacher.

Cooperating teachers shall be fully responsible for classes and duties regardless of the presence of **student teachers and interns**.

Recommendations for selection of cooperating teachers shall be made by the building administrator, with the agreement of the college or university supervisor.

Student teachers **and interns** shall comply with the health examination **requirements** of the state and **Joint Operating Committee** policy applicable to school **staff**.[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)[\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)

While serving in the school, student teachers **and interns** shall be responsible for their conduct to the supervising teacher and **building administrator**.

Arrest or Conviction Reporting Requirements

Prior to being accepted into the school's programs, student teachers and interns shall report, on the designated form, arrests and convictions as specified on the form. Student teachers and interns shall likewise report arrests and/or convictions that occur subsequent to initially submitting the form.[\[2\]](#)

While serving in the school's programs, student teachers and interns shall use the designated form to report to the Director or designee, within seventy-two (72) hours of the occurrence, an arrest or conviction required to be reported by law.[\[2\]](#)

While serving in the school's programs, a student teacher or intern shall be required to report to the Director or designee, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of notification, that s/he has been listed as a perpetrator in the Statewide database, in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law.[\[9\]](#)

A student teacher or intern shall be required to submit a current criminal history background check report if the Director or designee has a reasonable belief that the student teacher or intern was arrested or has been convicted of an offense required to be reported by law, and the student teacher or intern has not notified the Director or designee.[\[2\]](#)

Failure to accurately report such arrests and convictions may subject the student teacher or intern to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program and criminal prosecution.[\[2\]](#)[\[9\]](#)

Guidelines

Observers

Student teachers, interns and faculty of other educational institutions shall be offered the opportunity to visit the school and observe classes and programs. Such observers must be treated as any other visitor and shall be under the direct supervision of the building administrator or designee.[\[10\]](#)