

## DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD OF PASCO COUNTY

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October 15, 2013

### **MEMORANDUM**

TO:

Honorable School Board Members

FROM:

Michael J. Woodall, CPPO, Purchasing Agent W.

RE:

Office for Human Resources & Educator Quality

Student Teaching Agreement University of South Florida

The agreement between the School District and the University of South Florida will be at no cost to the District. This agreement gives University of South Florida the opportunity to conduct teacher training programs to obtain student teaching experiences. The District will host teacher candidates in its schools.

At this time, we respectfully request your approval to enter into the agreement with the abovereferenced entity. The services and training are outline in the agreement and are attached for your perusal. The agreement will cover the period of October 15, 2013 through June 30, 2014. The attached agreement has been reviewed by the District School Board's Attorney, Ms. Nancy Alfonso on August 27, 2013.

Should you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Pat Sinclair. If you have any purchasing related questions regarding the agreement, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

MJW/dr Attachment(s)



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September 5, 2013

TO:

Michael Woodall, Director of Purchasing

FROM:

Patricia Sinclair, Supervisor

Christine E. Pejot, Esq., Director

Office for Human Resources and Educator Quality

RE:

University of South Florida Student Teaching Agreement

The Student Teaching Agreement between University of South Florida and the District School Board of Pasco County Schools has been entered at no cost to the district. The District will host Final Internship students in its schools.

University of South Florida is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS).

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## Student Teaching Affiliation Agreement

This Student Teaching Affiliation Agreement ("Agreement") is entered into on this 1st day of August 2013, upon Board approval between University of South Florida, Board of Trustees a public body corporate for and on behalf of its College of Education; located at 4202 East Fowler Avenue, STOP 105, Tampa, Florida 33620 ("USF") and the District School Board of Pasco County, located at 7227 Land O' Lakes Blvd., Land O' Lakes, FL 34638 (the "District").

- 1. Purpose. The purpose of this Agreement is to establish the terms and conditions under which USF students may participate in Student Teaching Internships, Practicums, and Observations at the schools located in the District.
- 2. Student Placements. The District shall accept USF students for placement in Student Teaching Internships, Practicums, and Observations on the terms and conditions set forth herein.

## 3. Policies Governing USF Student Placements.

a. Placements for all clinical field experiences will be arranged by the designated representatives of the District in collaboration with representatives of USF. USF student applications for final internship will be submitted to the District by the appropriate representative according to the dates agreed upon by the parties:

Submission of applications for final internships for Fall Semester-April

Submission of applications for final internships for Spring Semester-September

- b. Under no circumstances will USF students be allowed to contact principals, administrators, or teachers to request a specific preferred placement.
- c. USF student applicants for college practicums or final internships cannot be placed in a school in which the applicant has a relative who is an employee or a student.

# 4. College or University Responsibilities.

- a. USF will provide a university supervisor for each practicum student or final intern placed in a District school. Each university supervisor will meet the minimum qualifications set forth by the Florida Department of Education which presently include the following:
  - i. Three or more years of K-12 Teaching Experience
  - ii. Evidence of Clinical Educator Training or commensurate clinical training



- iii. A master's degree or higher in an appropriate educational field.
- b. USF supervisors will observe, evaluate, support, and provide feedback to USF students in field placements.
- c. USF will provide to each cooperating teacher a packet of materials and information regarding policies, expectations, and responsibilities related to practicum students and final internships.
- d. USF will provide USF students with a field experience orientation in which they will be informed that they must a) abide by the policies, rules, and regulations of the placement school, b) follow the principles in the Educator's Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct, and c) recognize the confidential nature of information regarding K-12 students and their records.
- e. USF will ensure that USF students placed in a District clinical field experience shall, at each USF student's own expense, submit to and pass a fingerprint-based background check as required by Florida Statutes prior to any direct contact with District students under this Agreement and prior to entering District school grounds when students are present.

## 5. District Responsibilities.

- a. In accordance with applicable Florida Statutes, District cooperating teachers who work with pre-service teachers in final internship field placements must meet the minimum qualification set forth by the Florida Department of Education which presently includes the following:
  - i. have three years of K-12 teaching experience
  - ii. have a valid teaching certificate in the assigned teaching area
  - iii. have evidence of Clinical Educator Training
  - iv. demonstrate effective classroom management strategies
- b. The District school will make available to the practicum student or final intern the instructional materials required in the classroom in which he/she has been assigned.
- c. The District school will provide appropriate orientation for the practicum student or final intern in regard to policies, rules, and regulations for the assigned school and classroom.
- d. The District school will provide the practicum student or final intern appropriate feedback, timely evaluations, and scheduled meetings to discuss performance.

CONTRACT REVIEWED
AND APPROVED:

- 6. Confidentiality. USF and the District shall inform each USF student of federal and state laws governing the confidentiality of District student information, including FERPA. The parties agree that any breach of confidentiality by a USF student shall be grounds for immediate termination of the student's clinical experience.
- 7. Indemnification and Hold Harmless. As provided for under common law, and to the extent specifically authorized by Section 768.28, Florida Statues, USF hereby agrees to indemnify and hold the District harmless from and against all damages of any nature whatsoever which are caused or materially contributed to by the negative acts of any officer, employee, and agent or other representative of USF and which are not caused or materially contributed to by any officer, employee, agent or other representative of the District.
- 8. Insurance. During the term of this Agreement, USF shall maintain in full force and effect commercial general liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate.
- 9. **Notices.** Notices under this Agreement shall be mailed or delivered to the parties as follows:

To the District:

Mike Woodall

District School Board of Pasco County

7227 Land O' Lakes Blvd. Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

To USF:

University of South Florida

Att'n Associate Dean for Educator Preparation

4202 East Fowler Avenue

EDU STOP 105 Tampa, Florida 33620

10. Term and Termination. The term of this Agreement begins October 15, 2013 and ends on September 30, 2014. Either party may, upon thirty (30) days written notice to the other party, terminate this Agreement.



- 11. Assignment. The provisions of this agreement shall inure to the benefit of and shall be binding upon the successors of the parties hereto. Neither this agreement nor any of the rights or obligations hereunder may be transferred or assigned without prior written consent of the other party.
- 12. Modification of Agreement. This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by all parties.
- 13. Partnership/Joint Venture/Employment. Nothing herein shall in any way be construed or intended to create a partnership or joint venture between the parties or to create the relationship of principal and agent between or among any of the parties.



14. Nondiscrimination. The parties shall comply with Title VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Title IS of the Education Amendments of 1972, section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the Americans with Disability Act of 1990 and the regulations related thereto. The parties will not discriminate against any individual including but not limited to employees or applicants for employment and/or students because of race, religion, creed, color, sex, age, disability, veteran status, or national origin. This section shall not apply to discrimination in employment on the basis of religion that is specifically exempt under the Civil Rights Act of 1964 (42 U.S.C. §2000 e).

In witness thereof, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered by their respective officials thereunto duly authorized as of the date first above written.

University of South Florida	District School Board of Pasco Count
By: Vasti Jones	Ву:
Name: Vasti Torres	Name:
Title: Dean, College of Education	Title:
"USF"	"District"

