

Policy 438 STUDENT TEACHERS

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to affirm that the Northfield School District cooperates with approved teacher preparation institutions for the purpose of student teacher placement to the extent such placement is consistent with the educational program of the district. Preparing the next generation of teachers is essential in preparing every student for lifelong success.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

The district will consider student teachers from approved teacher preparation institutions. Student teachers will be supervised by experienced educators and will be evaluated by the teacher preparation institution.

III. STUDENT TEACHER ASSIGNMENTS, RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The superintendent and/or the director of special services are authorized to negotiate and execute agreements with college/university level teacher preparation institutions. All agreements must be filed with the superintendent's office.

- B. Building principals and/or the director of special services will be the main point of contact for teacher preparation institutions to place student teachers. Building principals shall only accept student teachers from teacher preparation institutions approved by the superintendent or director of special services.

- C. Student teachers must adhere to the policies of the district. They will not be issued a school email address or computer equipment and must use their own computer and email account.

- D. Student teachers must complete the district volunteer background check before their first day of placement.

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INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 659

Northfield, Minnesota

Legal References: Minn. Stat. § 123B.23 (Liability Insurance, Officers and Employees)
Minn. Stat. § 123B.25 (Legal Actions Against Districts and Teachers)
Minn. Stat. § 122A.69 (Practice or Student Teachers Notification Statement)