

PLAN OF SUPPORT DURING THE STUDENT TEACHING EXPERIENCE

While most student teachers move through the student teaching experience with general ease, there are times when an individual student teacher may struggle. When this occurs, the cooperating teacher, in consultation with the college supervisor and Director of Student Teaching, may determine that it is appropriate to create a Plan of Support for the student teacher. The purpose of this procedure is to carefully monitor the student teacher's progress and provide additional, focused support at a midpoint in the student teaching experience. The process is intended to provide a consistent and fair approach to the student teacher while honoring the integrity of the department, College, school and profession. The procedure for establishing and implementing a Plan of Support is as follows:

1. Plan of Support Defined

A Plan of Support is a contract that is drawn up between the student teacher and Education Department. It identifies specific goals for the student teacher and a time frame for these goals to be reached.

The student teacher who is placed on a "Plan of Support" is one who started the student teaching placement without stipulations, but due to struggles and challenges is deemed an appropriate candidate for such designation. A Plan of Support allows the student teacher to continue in the placement under certain defined conditions and with

A student teacher may be placed on a Plan of Support for a number of reasons, some of which may be academic in nature and others of which may be non-academic or related to professional dispositions and behaviors. Academic performance would likely be related to the student teacher's demonstration of content or pedagogical knowledge, while non-academic reasons for placement on a Plan of Support would include the limited or inappropriate display of professional dispositions and behaviors and/or on-going mental or physical health issues.

A. Academic Reasons-The following examples of *academic-related* situations could

The original Plan of Support will be further deleted from any future references.
The student teacher will be notified of this decision by the college supervisor.

B. The student teacher is making steady progress towards his/her goals and other