



PA State System of Higher Education Board of Governors

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Policy 1988-04-A: *Stipend for Cooperating Teachers*

See Also:

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A. Purposes

1. To establish a uniform and appropriate stipend payable to a school district or a cooperating teacher for services provided by an individual teacher who serves as the mentor and supervisor of a student teacher.
2. To specify the semester stipend per full-time student and the basis for prorating that stipend for service for a partial semester, for a part-time student, or for joint service by more than one teacher.

B. Definitions

Cooperating teacher - an employee of the school district with whom the State System university contracts for student teacher placement and whose responsibility is the supervision and mentoring of student teachers.

Full-time student teacher - a student registered for 12 credits or more of student teaching in the semester.

Stipend - an amount to be remitted by the university to the school district, or cooperating teacher jointly designated by the district and university, upon satisfactory completion of the service.

C. Stipend

A university shall agree to pay a per semester rate—or a daily, or percent of day, pro rata amount for less than full semester/full day service—for each student assigned to a cooperating teacher. The Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education will set the rates annually.

D. Professional Development

The university shall provide professional support and development opportunities of first year cooperating teachers.

E. Implementation Date - Fall Semester 1988