



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 expend up to \$150 per teacher in professional support and development of first year cooperating teachers.

E. Implementation Date - Fall Semester 1988