



# 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