

POLICY: Out-of-Area Student Teaching for On-Campus Students
Adoption Date: April 2004

Out-of-area student teaching is defined as student teaching in any Utah School District location other than Cache or Logan City Districts, or districts in other states. Box Elder School District is considered out-of-area unless the USU student teaching supervisor approves of the placement and makes arrangements with Box Elder School District administration for such placement.

Expectation and policy: Each student entering the on-campus teacher education program should expect to maintain residence in Cache Valley until completion of the special education program, including one semester of full-time student teaching arranged in the Cache or Logan City School District. This expectation is necessary because it allows USU student teaching supervisors to take advantage of classroom placements with histories of demonstrated teaching effectiveness, highest quality teaching models, readily accessible mentors, established teaching requirements, and professional relationships developed with local teachers, administrators, and related services personnel.

It is not the prerogative of the student to expect out-of-area student teaching opportunities in any Utah School District location other than Cache or Logan City Districts, or districts in other states.

Only when all of the following conditions are met will out-of-area student teaching be considered.

1. The student maintains an overall minimum GPA of 3.500.
2. The student maintains practicum grades of A or A-. If out-of-area student teaching is being considered for a semester immediately following a practicum placement, assurance of a final grade of A or A- must be determined before such student teaching placement may be considered.
3. Written justification is submitted by the student to the Undergraduate Committee in request of out-of-area placement.
4. Approval of such request is granted by the Undergraduate Committee. Approval requires all of the following:
 - a) Arrangements are made with the out-of-area district administration and supervising teacher (by USU faculty, not the student) to support student teaching.
 - b) The USU student teaching supervisor agrees to travel to the out-of-area site for supervision or for co-supervision with the district's supervising teacher.
 - c) The student's university practicum supervisor submits a written report recommending such placement.
 - d) Practicum evaluations and impressions from practicum cooperating teachers, university practicum supervisors, and other faculty and professionals unanimously indicate exemplary professional behavior of the student requesting out-of-area student teaching.

5. The student provides written agreement to initiate once weekly contacts with the USU supervisor to maintain progress on the student teaching portfolio.
6. The student provides written agreement to attend all student teaching seminars and all other required meetings held on campus in Logan.

Failure to comply with one or more of these requirements will result in prohibiting or terminating the out-of-area student teaching arrangement.

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