

CONTRACT FOR STUDENT TEACHING

Name _____
The following are conditions and expectations for student teachers during the professional semester.

Student Teacher Responsibilities:

1. I understand that student teaching must be my Number One priority during the professional semester, in order for me to maximize my experience and my potential for job opportunities.
2. I understand that student teaching is a full-time commitment. I will put in significant and sufficient hours (planning, grading, conferencing, tutoring, etc.), including but not limited to the daily contracted teacher schedule, in order to meet my obligations.
3. I understand that my involvement in co-curricular activities at St. Olaf could affect my student teaching grade, the quality of my student teaching experience, the time I am able to spend with my host teacher and doing other important activities, and my anxiety/stress level.
4. I understand that I am expected to be present every day that teachers at my school are required to be on duty. If I must be absent, I will notify my cooperating teacher in advance. I will obtain approval from the St. Olaf Education Department for absences of more than a few days. I know excessive absences will negatively affect my student teaching grade and/or recommendation for licensure.
5. I understand that I must develop thorough, written lesson and unit plans and always be prepared for the classes which I am responsible to teach. I will discuss my lesson plans with my host teacher(s) in advance.
6. I will develop a habit of reflecting on my teaching, and I will maintain a daily student teaching journal that is reflective of my total experience.
7. I agree to complete all assignments on time.

Student Teacher Expectations:

8. Attributes I will attempt to develop include assertiveness (I will seek participation in the functioning of the school and duties of the full-time teachers), and adaptability (I will strive to demonstrate that I can withstand the pressures of the job, that I can bend but not break).
9. I will be involved in all school activities expected of full-time teachers, including attendance at faculty and departmental meetings, serving duty times, and participating in school functions.
10. I will seek opportunities to be involved with co-curricular activities of the school; I understand that being a teacher includes both in-class and out-of-class responsibilities.
11. During student teaching, I will demonstrate a high work ethic, particularly involving the content and pedagogy for my classes.
12. I will be committed to serving students and the school community. I will seek to see good in each of my students and to work to see they succeed to the best of their abilities.
13. Toward my goal of maximizing my potential for success, I will seek insight and feedback from my host teachers, college supervisors, and colleagues.

I have read this contract and agree to uphold and abide by the conditions and expectations listed.

Signed _____ Date _____