

STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT

THE DOMESTIC DEPENDENT ELEMENTARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOLS

South Carolina/Ft. Stewart/Cuba DISTRICT

And

THE BOARD OF REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY SYSTEM OF GEORGIA

This document is an agreement between the Domestic Dependent Elementary and Secondary Schools, South Carolina/Ft. Stewart/Cuba District, (hereinafter DDESS) and The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia By and on Behalf of Valdosta State University (hereinafter the University) to provide practical opportunities for teaching/counseling experience to students of the University.

The DDESS Student Teaching Program is designed to provide student teaching opportunities to students enrolled full time in approved teacher, counselor, or other education programs at regionally accredited U.S. colleges and universities. The program will permit students to fulfill their student teaching requirements in an intercultural setting while they are developing essential professional skills.

DDESS agrees to permit students from the University to perform student teaching duties in schools designed by DDESS. DDESS will select and place student teachers from the requests received from the university. DDESS will advise the University of the Number of student teachers it can accommodate and the locations at which student teachers may volunteer their service.

The University agrees to nominate students for participation in the program and to retain full responsibility for their education, including instruction, grading, critiques, and evaluations. It further agrees to furnish its own supervisors, who are not employees of DDESS, where student teachers are placed under this program. The University's supervisors will be available for consultation and will provide any written and oral assessments necessary to award student credit for their student teaching experience. Compensation of supervisors and grading and evaluation of student teachers are the sole responsibility of the University. The university further agrees that appropriate state or federal agency criminal/background check investigations covering at least two (2) years must be completed prior to final student teacher/intern placement. DDESS retains the right to refuse to accept any student teacher/intern whose record indicates prior criminal history, as required by Department of Defense (DoD) Instruction 1100.21, paragraph 5.6 and DoDEA Administrative Instruction 4700.3, paragraph 5.4.6. A completed Student Teacher/Intern Application and a written statement attesting to the completeness and validity of the background check must be received by DDESS in order to allow the Teacher Candidate to have unsupervised classroom experience.

Before any Teacher candidate can begin the student teaching/internship program, he or she must complete a School Volunteer Application, a Questionnaire, and sign DD Form 2793 "Volunteer Agreement for Appropriated Activities or Non-Appropriated Fund Instrumentalities" as required by DoD Instruction 1100.21, paragraph 5.4.1 and DoDEA Instruction paragraph 5.4.5. This condition of participating in the program insures that each Teacher Candidate acknowledges that his or her services to DDESS are provided purely gratuitously as an incident to furthering the Teacher Candidate's practical education, that no compensation or benefits can or will be provided by DDESS for those services, and that services may

be denied or discontinued without benefit of notice at any time when deemed necessary by DDESS. University students are not entitled to compensation and service is not creditable for leave accrual, service credit, or any other employee benefit. Further University students may not expect to be hired by DDESS as a provision of their student teaching/internship experience or this agreement.

DDESS agrees to oversee student teachers during their practice teaching and to provide to the student's supervisor at the University, written and oral assessments, if required. DDESS will provide student teachers with information about the location to which assigned and other pertinent information to assist the student teacher in preparing for the internship. It is understood that no stipends or payments in kind may be accepted by any DDESS employee for assisting or advising in the student teaching program. The University agrees not to provide or offer any additional compensation to DDESS employees for their assistance to this program. It is further understood that all services to DDESS by the students and their supervisors are purely gratuitous and that DDESS may not furnish them any compensation, travel allowances, or any other reimbursement or payment in kind.

The University agrees to provide DDESS a written description of its requirements for the student teaching program, including its method of maintaining attendance and performance record for student teachers. Any forms, such as student teacher attendance records or evaluation forms, which must be completed by DDESS representatives, will be provided as part of this agreement (prior to placement of any student teachers in this program). The University's request for student teaching assignments and a list of its nominees will be provided by the deadline of April 30th for Fall placements and by October 31st for Spring placements. All lists of nominees and requests for placement (including any applications forms required by DDESS) shall be sent to the District Superintendent's Office, 376 Davis Ave., Ft. Stewart, GA 31545

DDESS will notify the University of the student selection and assignment for the program at the earliest practicable date. DDESS, in its sole discretion, may refuse to select nominated students for the program, and it retains the right to refuse to permit any student to participate or continue in the program for any reason and without prior notice.

Neither party to this agreement has furnished or shall furnish monetary consideration to the other under this agreement. This is the sole agreement between the parties, and no other written or oral representations shall be honored. Either party may cancel this agreement at any time and for any reason. Copies of this agreement shall be furnished by the University to each of its student teachers and supervisors.

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Superintendent, (Signature)

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8/18/2016
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Brian Gerber
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