

FIELD EXPERIENCE

Information

Dear Cooperating Teacher,

Thank you for agreeing to work with our student during his/her field experience. Your willingness to share your space, your skills and your insight is instrumental in the development of aspiring educators.

It is our goal to help each student develop into a teacher who is caring, inclusive, ethical and responsive. We know that you will serve as a mentor in these areas. Your field student is involved in the process of *learning how to teach*; therefore, needs your support and guidance. We hope he/she actively participates in the ongoing activities of the classroom and does not merely observe classroom events.

FIELD EXPERIENCE EXPECTATIONS:

- The requirements for field hours depend on the student's program, but are generally met with approximately one half-day per week during the semester. He/she may seek additional learning opportunities. The student will set up a schedule that will be compatible for both of you.
- The student should be involved actively in the whole classroom. Our website houses suggested field activities to facilitate the student's interaction. You can see those suggestions at oakland.edu/sehs-sfs/field-placements. Additionally, students will have specific coursework to complete within this experience. Field placement time is to be co-planned early in the term in order to accommodate the requirements of both your school and the university.
- In addition to working with students in your classroom, the OU student may also participate in professional work. Designing instructional opportunities, administering and reflecting on diagnostic measures, participating in professional development, or collaborating with building colleagues would all be considered valuable professional preparation.
- Because of liability issues, the OU student should not be left unsupervised with learners.

We thank you for your generous assistance in facilitating student learning. We welcome your feedback during the field experience. If we may be of any help to you, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Sincerely,

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