

	MURFREESBORO CITY SCHOOL BOARD POLICY		
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	STUDENT TEACHING, INTERNSHIPS, AND PRACTICUMS	IS 18	4/79
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The Board encourages and authorizes the Director of Schools to arrange for the supervision and training of a reasonable number of student teachers, interns, and practicum students in the Murfreesboro City Schools.

Student teachers should be placed with experienced teachers of demonstrated competence. While no staff member of the Murfreesboro City Schools will be required to supervise student teachers, it is expected that teachers will volunteer to do so from time to time. Teachers new to the system and those having three or less years of teaching experience normally will not be asked to undertake such responsibilities. Only exceptionally strong teachers should be permitted to take the responsibility of supervising two student teachers (one-half semester each) in an academic year.

The Board authorizes the Director of Schools to honor reasonable rules, regulations, and training guidelines for student teaching, internships, and practicums developed by the teacher training institutions.

Teacher preparation institutions will be expected to provide liaison personnel who will discuss with the building principal and with the teacher to whom the student teacher is assigned the broad objectives which the institution believes should be sought for the student. Such personnel will visit the classrooms to observe the student teacher at work.

Students serving internships and practicums in services other than teaching should have on file with the Director of Schools or the Director's designated representative a letter from the supervisor of the student at the university stating that the student possesses the necessary skills to deliver the proposed services under proper supervision. The staff member in the Murfreesboro City Schools most qualified to provide such supervision normally would be designated as the on-site supervisor.