

## VISTA UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

### Certificated Personnel

#### **BOARD POLICY NO. 4122: CERTIFICATED STUDENT TEACHERS (TO INCLUDE OTHER PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION PROGRAM CANDIDATES)**

In order to recruit and retain employees committed to the district's goals for student learning, the Board of Education recognizes the importance of providing professional preparation opportunities including student teaching. The Board of Education endorses the College/University professional preparation programs (i.e. student teaching, Pupil Personnel Services Credential programs, and other professional preparation programs) as a means to promote increased involvement between the schools in Vista Unified School District and local colleges or universities.

The Board of Education may elect to take on student teachers or other professional preparation program candidates to assist future professionals in meeting state credentialing requirements by linking teaching theory with practice.

The Superintendent or designee may initiate an agreement with an accredited college or university to provide supervised professional experiences within the district as part of an approved state credentialing preparation program. This agreement must be approved by the Board of Education prior to candidate placement within Vista Unified School District.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that the district collaborates with the approved college or university in the selection, placement, support, and performance assessment of candidates (to include student teachers, candidates in the Personnel Services Credential program, and other professional preparation program candidates).

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that candidates placed in the District possess a California Certificate of Clearance.

The Board of Education understands that the relationship between the Master/Supervising Teacher and college/university candidate (including student teachers and other candidates) is designed to enhance classroom practice of both the candidate and the Master/Supervising Teacher.

“The Legislature finds and declares that the competence and performance of teachers are among the most important factors in influencing the quality and effectiveness of education in elementary and secondary schools.” (2007 California Education Code Article 7. Professional Preparation)

#### **Legal Reference:**

CALIFORNIA EDUCATION CODE  
44320-44324 Professional Preparation  
44259 Professional Preparation

#### **Cross Reference:**

BOARD POLICY  
4111 Recruitment and Selection  
4112.21 Interns  
4112.8 Employment of Relatives

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