

Process and Criteria for Mentor Teacher Selection

Clinical Experience

Student Teaching Program

- Considering the location of the student's residence during the student teaching experience, the supervisor will select a school district with which WIU has an established partnership.
- The paperwork requesting a position for the student teacher is submitted to the District Central Office by the student teaching supervisor for consideration.
- If agreeable, the district will forward the application to a building principal for consideration.
- The building principal/assistant principal/department chairperson will review the application. If it is agreeable, he/she will contact an appropriate faculty member in the building.
- The faculty member will review the application and if agreeable accept the request to mentor a WIU student teacher.
- The acceptance or rejection of the application is relayed to the WIU student Teacher Supervisor by the District Central Office.
- The mentor teacher must be certified to teach in the subject area and grade level identified as required in the student teaching application paperwork.
- The mentor teacher must have at least 3 years of successful teaching experience in the public schools.
- The mentor teacher must be employed by a public school district.
- The mentor teacher must be recommended by the building principal.
- Past positive experience with pre-student teaching/student teaching students is preferred of the mentor teacher.
- A master's degree is preferred but not required of the mentor teacher.
- Student teaching supervisors will review their notes relating to mentor teachers who have participated in the positive experiences of our student teachers and would be desirable mentor teachers for the future.
- A conversation will be held each semester with the Coordinator for University Field and Clinical Experiences and Student Teaching Supervisors to review the role of the mentor teacher and the selection criteria.