

**PROCEDURES TO STUDENT TEACH OR OBSERVE IN A CLASSROOM IN  
MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM FOR STUDENTS ATTENDING  
REGIONALLY ACCREDITED UNIVERSITIES OUTSIDE OF MOBILE COUNTY**

**OBSERVATION/PRE-SEQUENCE STUDENT:**

- Observation/Pre-Sequence student must be enrolled in a teacher education program.
- Observation/Pre-Sequence student must have completed background check through the Alabama State Department of Education. (**CLICK HERE** for additional information.)
- Observation/Pre-Sequence student who is an employee of Mobile County Public School System must take personal leave or unpaid leave while doing observations and cannot complete observation hours in the same school he/she is assigned as an employee.
- Observation/Pre-Pre-Sequence student must submit the ***APPLICATION FOR STUDENT TEACHING OR OBSERVATION*** form HR-400 for permission to do observations or pre-sequence prior to reporting to any school in the Mobile County Public School System.
- Observation/Pre-Sequence student must present approved form from the Division of Human Resources to the principal prior to reporting to the school.

**STUDENT TEACHER:**

- Student Teacher must have completed background check through the Alabama State Department of Education. (**CLICK HERE** for additional information.)
- Student teacher who is an employee of Mobile County Public School System must take a leave of absence, if eligible, or must resign prior to student teaching. Student teacher cannot student teach in the same school he/she is assigned as an employee.
- Student teacher should be eligible to graduate at the end of the semester he/she is student teaching.
- Student teacher must have passing scores on the appropriate Alabama prescribed subject assessments(s) required. Out-of-state student is advised to frequently review information accessible on the ALSDE Web site for updated Alabama Educator Certification Testing Program (AECPT) test requirements.
- Student teacher must submit the ***APPLICATION FOR STUDENT TEACHING OR OBSERVATION*** form HR-400 for permission to student teaching prior to reporting to any school in the Mobile County Public School System.
- Student teacher must present approved form from the Division of Human Resources to the principal prior to student teaching.

**COOPERATING TEACHER:**

- Cooperating teacher must have a master's degree and a minimum of three years teaching experience in Mobile County Public School System.

**SUPERVISING TEACHER:**

- Supervising teacher must be a person who has been approved by the Division of Human Resources. The person must have current Alabama administrative certification, be a retired Mobile County Public School System administrator, or a faculty member in the College of

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Education at a local university so that he/she can be available to work with the student teacher and/or cooperating teacher on an as needed basis.

- Supervising teacher cannot be an employee of the Mobile County Public School System.
- Supervising teacher must observe student teacher a minimum of three times during the semester.

**FIELD PLACEMENT SUPERVISOR:**

- Field Placement Supervisor must make initial contact with the Division of Human Resources for tentative permission to place student teacher in a school in the Mobile County Public School System prior to contacting principal to request permission to place a student in the school and to obtain name of cooperating teacher.
- Field Placement Supervisor will submit name of student teacher, cooperating teacher, supervising teacher, and school assignment to the Division of Human Resources for approval.

**Be aware that a person who completes a state-approved program at a regionally accredited institution in another state will not be eligible to receive an Alabama certificate unless he or she earned a renewable professional educator certificate from another state. Important information is provided on:**

<http://www.alsde.edu/sec/ec/Pages/outofstatecertificates-all.aspx?navtext=Out of State Certificates>

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**Definitions:**

**Student Teacher:** A student who is enrolled in a Teacher Education Program in a regionally accredited university who is required to complete a semester of full-time student teaching/internship in a classroom with a cooperating teacher in the student's subject area.

**Observation/Pre-Sequence Student:** A student who has been admitted to a Teacher Education Program at a regionally accredited university and who is required to observe a teacher and/or teach one or more lessons during the semester he/she is enrolled in a college education course or who is required to observe in a school setting at the beginning and/or ending of a school term.

**Cooperating Teacher:** A Mobile County Public School System teacher with a master's degree in the subject area and tenured in the district. The teacher must be approved as a cooperating teacher by the principal and the Division of Human Resources.

**Supervising Teacher:** A person with Alabama administrative certification, a retired Mobile County Public School System administrator, or a faculty member in the College of Education at a local regionally accredited university who has been contracted by the out-of-state university that the student attends to monitor and evaluate the student while he/she is student teaching or observing.  
**NOTE:** Employees in the Mobile County Public School System cannot serve as the supervising teacher.

**Field Placement Supervisor:** An employee in the College of Education of a regionally accredited university that coordinates the placement of the student teacher/student observer and the assignment of the supervising teacher.

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APPLICATION FOR STUDENT TEACHING OR OBSERVATION

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
(FULL LEGAL NAME)

UNIVERSITY: \_\_\_\_\_ E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Street) (City) (St) (Zip)

Telephone (Home) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

I AM REQUESTING PERMISSION TO DO THE FOLLOWING:

\_\_\_\_\_ STUDENT TEACH \_\_\_\_\_ OBSERVATION

DATES: FROM: \_\_\_\_\_ TO: \_\_\_\_\_

SCHOOL: \_\_\_\_\_

COOPERATING TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(For Student Teaching Only) (Local MCPSS Teacher)

SUPERVISING TEACHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
(College or University Representative)

THE FOLLOWING MUST BE ON FILE PRIOR TO REPORTING TO ANY SCHOOL IN THE MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM:

- Background clearance from the Alabama State Department of Education
- Passing scores on the appropriate Alabama Praxis II prescribed subject assessment (for student teachers only)
- Approved Leave of Absence for Mobile County Public School System Employees
- Signature of Principal approving the request
- Signature of Field Placement Supervisor requesting the placement
- Approval from the Mobile County Public School System Division of Human Resources

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Applicant Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Principal Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Field Supervisor Date

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_____ Background Clearance	_____ Passing Praxis Scores (if Student Teaching)	_____ Approved LOA (if MCPSS Employee)
_____ Approved	_____ Disapproved	
_____ HR Personnel Administrator (of the school where college student will be)		