

WALLINGFORD- SWARTHMORE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: EMPLOYEES

TITLE: STUDENT TEACHERS/
INTERNS

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	<p>307. STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS</p>
<p>1. Authority</p>	<p>The Board encourages cooperation with colleges and universities within the state to assist in the training of student teachers and interns.</p> <p>The Board recognizes the responsibilities and opportunities involved when providing placement for student teachers and interns from colleges and universities in a local school for the purpose of completing their student teaching and interning experiences.</p>
<p>SC 510</p>	<p>The Board establishes that district schools shall accept student teachers and interns from accredited institutions with which the district has a cooperative agreement approved by the Board.</p>
<p>SC 111 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6344</p>	<p>Student teachers and interns shall not be accepted into district schools unless they have complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse and the district has evaluated the results of those screening processes.</p>
<p>SC 111, 111.1</p>	<p>Prior to being accepted into district schools, student teachers and interns shall report, on the designated form, arrests and convictions as specified on the form. Candidates shall likewise report arrests and/or convictions that occur subsequent to initially submitting the form.</p>
<p>SC 111</p>	<p>While serving in district schools, student teachers and interns shall use the designated form to report to the Superintendent or designee, within seventy-two (72) hours of the occurrence, an arrest or conviction required to be reported by law.</p>
<p>23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6344.3</p>	<p>While serving in district schools, student teachers and interns shall be required to report to the Superintendent or designee, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of notification, that s/he has been listed as a perpetrator in the Statewide database, in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law.</p>

<p>SC 111</p>	<p>A student teacher or intern shall be required to submit a current criminal history background check report if the Superintendent or designee has a reasonable belief that the student teacher or intern was arrested or has been convicted of an offense required to be reported by law, and the student teacher or intern has not notified the Superintendent or designee.</p>
<p>SC 111 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec 6344.3</p>	<p>Failure to accurately report such arrests and convictions may, depending on the nature of the offense, subject the individual to disciplinary action, including denial of acceptance, termination if already accepted, and/or criminal prosecution.</p>
<p>2. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>Placement of student teachers and interns is made through the cooperative decision of the building principal and other appropriate administrators. When a student teacher is assigned to a cooperating teacher who is a regular member of the professional staff of the Wallingford-Swarthmore School District, it is understood that the professional staff member has prime responsibility for the students assigned to his/her care.</p> <p>The Superintendent or designee shall ensure distribution of student teachers throughout the district so that no single group of students or teachers will be subject to excessive student teacher classroom hours. The students' well-being and the quality of instruction they receive are to be the prime factors in determining the continuing placement of student teachers.</p>
<p>SC 1418 Title 28 Sec. 23.43, 23.44, 23.45 Pol. 314</p>	<p>Student teachers and interns shall comply with the health examination requirements of the state and Board policy applicable to district staff.</p> <p>While serving in district schools, student teachers and interns shall be responsible for their conduct to the supervising teacher/administrator and building principal.</p>
<p>Pol. 907</p>	<p><u>Observers</u></p> <p>Student teachers, interns and faculty of other educational institutions shall be offered the opportunity to visit district schools and observe classes. Such observers must be treated as any other visitor and shall be under the direct supervision of the principal or designee.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 510, 1418</p> <p>State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 et seq.</p>

	<p>State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.43, 23.44, 23.45</p> <p>Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy – 314, 907</p>
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