

DRAFT UPDATE

Mid-Valley Special Education Cooperative

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Professional Personnel

Student Teachers

The Executive Director is authorized to accept students from university-approved teacher-training programs to do student teaching in the Cooperative. No individual who has been convicted of a criminal offense listed in that would subject him or her to license suspension or revocation pursuant to Section 5/21B-80 of the School Code or who has been found to be the perpetrator of sexual or physical abuse of a minor under 18 years of age pursuant to proceedings under Article II of the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 is permitted to student teach or complete field or other clinical experience.

Before permitting an individual to student teach or begin a required internship participate in any field experience in the Cooperative, the Executive Director or designee shall ensure that:

1. The Cooperative performed a 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(g) complete criminal history records check Check as described below; and
2. The individual furnished evidence of physical fitness to perform assigned duties and freedom from communicable disease pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/24-5.

A 105 ILCS 5/21.9(g) complete criminal history records check pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9 shall include:

1. Fingerprint-based checks through (a) the Illinois State Police (ISP) for criminal history records information (CHRI) pursuant to the Uniform Conviction Information Act (20 ILCS 2635/1), and (b) the FBI national crime information databases pursuant to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (P.L. 109-248);
2. A check of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry (see the Sex Offender Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 152/101 et seq.); and
3. A check of the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry (Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 154/75-105; amended by 97-154).

The School Code requires each individual student teaching or beginning a required internship ~~to~~ provide the Cooperative with written authorization for, and pay the costs of, his or her 105 ILCS 5/21.9(g) criminal history records check (including any applicable vendor's fees). Upon receipt of this authorization and payment, the Executive Director or designee will submit the student teacher's name, sex, race, date of birth, social security number, fingerprint images, and other identifiers, as prescribed by the Department of State Police, to the Department of State Police. T, and the Executive Director or designee will provide each student teacher with a copy of his or her report.

Assignment

The Executive Director or designee shall be responsible for coordinating placements of all student teachers within the Cooperative. Student teachers should be assigned to supervising teachers whose qualifications are acceptable to the Cooperative and the students' respective colleges or universities. ~~A teacher may be eligible for Continuing Professional Development Units (CPDU) for supervising a student teacher or teacher education candidate in clinical supervision.~~

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Comment [APowell1]:

P.A. 99-667 amended the School Code at 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9, 5/21B-15, and 5/21B-80(b) to carve out an exception allowing individuals with convictions involving certain drug offenses to obtain educator licensure or reinstate a license suspension/revocation seven years after the end of an individual's sentence for these certain drug offenses. See 5:30-AP2, *Investigations*, for a list of these carved-out drug offenses.

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Comment [APowell2]:

Updated to clarify School Code requirements for student teacher *complete criminal history records checks*. 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9(g) applies to individuals who will be student teachers or who are beginning a required internship.

PRESS subscriber feedback overwhelmingly prefers that "students doing field or clinical experience other than student teaching" *not* be in the sample default policy language.

OPTION: For boards that want to include students participating in any field or clinical experience, amend this phrase to state "Before permitting an individual to student teach, ~~or~~ begin a required internship, or participate in any field experience in the District, ..."

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Comment [APowell3]:

Repealed, eff. 12-27-13 (School Code provision, 105 ILCS 5/21-14) and eff. 6-30-14 (Administrative Code provision, 23 Ill. Admin. Code 25.875).

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LEGAL REF.: Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, P.L. 109-248.
Uniform Conviction Information Act, 20 ILCS 2635/1.
105 ILCS ~~5/10-21.9, 5/21-14(e)(3)(B)(viii)~~, 5/10-22.34, and 5/24-5.
~~23 Ill. Admin. Code §25.875.~~

CROSS REF.: 5:190 (Teacher Qualifications), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; ~~Criminal~~
~~Background Check and/or Screening~~; Notifications)

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