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### Professional Personnel

#### **5:260 Student Teachers**

The Superintendent or designee is authorized to accept students from university-approved teacher-training programs to student teach in the District. No individual who has been convicted of a criminal offense that would subject him or her to license suspension or revocation pursuant to [Section 5/21B-80 of the School Code](#) [PRESSPlus1](#) 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.

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

1. The District performed a [105 ILCS 5/10-21.9\(g\) 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 5/10-21.9\(g\) Check](#) 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 Registration Act](#)) [[730 ILCS 154/75-105](#)].

The School Code requires each individual student teaching or beginning a required internship to provide the District with written authorization for, and pay the costs of, his or her [105 ILCS 5/10-21.9\(g\) check](#) (including any applicable vendor's fees). Upon receipt of this authorization and payment, the Superintendent 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 Ill. State Police \(ISP\)](#),

to the ~~Department of State Police~~ ISP. The Superintendent or designee will provide each student teacher with a copy of his or her report.

### Assignment

The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible for coordinating placements of all student teachers within the District. Student teachers should be assigned to supervising teachers whose qualifications are acceptable to the District and the students' respective colleges or universities.

The institution making the assignment shall provide the District with a criminal background check on the candidate prior to the placement.

### LEGAL REF.:

34 U.S.C. §20901 et seq., Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, P.L. 109-248.

~~Uniform Conviction Information Act~~, 20 ILCS 2635/1, Uniform Conviction Information Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-21.9](#), [5/10-22.34](#), and [5/24-5](#).

CROSS REF.: 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Screening; Notifications), 5:190 (Teacher Qualifications)

### **PRESSPlus Comments**

[PRESSPlus 1](#). Consult the board attorney for guidance regarding whether student teachers or interns, who are typically unpaid, qualify as *employees* who must also undergo the sexual misconduct related employment history review (EHR) required by 105 ILCS 5/22-94, added by P.A. 102-702, eff. 7-1-23. Whether or not a student or intern is paid by a district may be determinative. See 5:30-AP3, *Sexual Misconduct Related Employment History Review (EHR)*, available at PRESS Online by logging in at [www.iasb.com](http://www.iasb.com). If a district has an agreement with a post-secondary institution for the placement of student interns, consult the board attorney regarding whether the institution qualifies as a contractor under 105 ILCS 5/22-94(b) that must perform an EHR of the intern. See 4:60-AP4, *Sexual Misconduct Related Employment History Review (EHR) of Contractor Employees*. **Issue 111, March 2023**