Student Teaching Placement

From: Student Teaching Placement
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Cc: Office of Educator Preparation
Subject: Fall 2022 ST Updates and Announcement
Attachments: Pre-Semester Start-Up Assignments.pdf

Dear Students,

We are approaching the start of the semester. Please review the information regarding your student teaching placement, start of the semester expectations and COVID19 updates. *If you no longer plan to student teach, please reply to let us know.*

District Orientation

- Please continue to **monitor your email** for important information regarding Mandatory District Orientation (note not all district have orientation).
- Information will be delivered by email from the district and/or OEP.
- **Failure to attend district orientation can result in the cancellation of your assignment and possible postponement of your Student Teaching experience.**

Placements

- We are still receiving placement information for districts.
- Your specific **placement details** that include campus and cooperating teacher information will be shared with you by your assigned student teaching faculty supervisor **the week of August 15-19.**
- Your faculty supervisor will provide you with guidance on how to contact your cooperating teacher and how to introduce yourself. As you begin your partnership with your cooperating teacher, start with a spirit of gratitude and positivity.
    - *Some of you may have received information on your placement at the district orientation.*

Faculty Orientation Seminar

Your student teaching faculty member will be reaching out to **schedule the first orientation meeting from August 12-20th.**

- **You must be available to attend.**
- Your orientation seminar meeting will include information regarding student teaching assignments, expectations, district orientation dates (if any)
- There are some Pre-Student Teaching Assignments to complete before the faculty orientation seminar.
- Interns will need to review documents and arrange a time to meet with faculty supervisors as we understand that you are under contract during the day.

Pre-Student Teaching Assignments

Attached are assignments that must be completed before the orientation seminar.

- Review and complete the assignments in the attached document.
- These must be done before the faculty Orientation Seminar.
- The assignments can also be found on this is link.

Start Date

- **The first day of student teaching is August 22nd.** Your Student Teaching experience will take place face-to-face, and you will join your cooperating teacher's classroom in person.

COVID-19

On July 20th, Texas State students were sent an email encouraging them to get tested before coming to campuses for the fall semester. Those with a positive test should follow CDC COVID-19 Quarantine and Isolation guidelines

- Positive tests no longer need to be reported to Bobcat Trace, the university's COVID-19 case notification system. Bobcat Trace has been discontinued as reporting has been decreasing and the data are less reliable for assessing campus transmission.
- The CDC COVID-19 Community Level is now a more reliable tool for assessing transmission and severity of disease, as well as providing guidance on prevention measures. The TXST COVID-19 Information Center webpage provides the campus community with helpful information about vaccination, on-campus testing, steps to take if infected or exposed, how to respond to positive case reports, travel information, and a list of Frequently Asked Questions. Those who may have additional questions will be able to submit them via email.
- **You are expected to be aware and follow your school district's protocols, procedures and policies regarding COVID-19.** This includes decisions on masks policies. Each school district is making decisions and different districts have a specific language on this requirement. **Request this information from your cooperating teacher prior to your first day and look up this information on the district's website.**

This is an exciting time as you are about to start your Clinical Teaching experience. It is important that you continue to read your email daily for updates and it is important that you complete the required assignments.

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