

Educator Preparation Provider/Local Education Agency State Recognized Partnership Agreement

Educator Preparation Provider (EPP)	Middle Tennessee State University
Local Education Agency (LEA)	Cannon County Schools
Academic Year of Agreement	2024-2025

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PRE-RESIDENCY / RESIDENCY 1 / RESIDENCY 2

CLINICAL AND FIELD EXPERIENCE AGREEMENT

MIDDLE TENNESSEE STATE UNIVERSITY

and the

CANNON COUNTY SCHOOL SYSTEM

This Affiliation Agreement is made by and between the College of Education, Middle Tennessee State University, hereinafter referred to as "Institution," and the above-named local education agency of the State of Tennessee, hereinafter referred to as "LEA". The purpose of this agreement is to establish an understanding regarding the administration of the clinical and/or field experiences for selected students of the Institution, hereafter referred to as "Teacher Candidates," who are pursuing teacher certification.

A. Purpose

- 1. This Agreement shall provide clinical and/or field experiences to Teacher Candidates enrolled in the Institution's Teacher Education program.
- 2. The clinical and field experiences for Pre-Residency, Residency 1 and Residency 2 Teacher Candidates shall be provided at the LEA's facilities located at multiple school sites within the school district, hereinafter referred to as "Facility".
- The clinical and/or field experiences that may be provided are generally defined as follows:
 - "Pre-Residency" education courses which occur prior to the Residency 1 and Residency 2 semesters, which may require a practicum or field experience in a PreK-12 school setting
 - "Residency 1" occurs the semester before Residency 2 (student teaching) and requires teacher candidates to be placed in a PreK-12 setting for approximately 50% of the school week
 - "Residency 2" generally referred to as student teaching, occurs after successful completion of Residency 1 and requires teacher candidates to be placed in a PreK-12 setting 100% of the school week
- B. Terms and Conditions

- 1. Term The term of this Agreement shall be five years commencing on <u>March 1, 2024</u>, and ending <u>February 28, 2029</u>.
- Amendment This Agreement may be modified only by written amendment executed by both parties.
- 3. Termination Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause upon giving 60 days prior written notice to the other party of its intention to terminate. Notwithstanding any such termination, all Teacher Candidates already enrolled in and participating in education clinical and/or field experiences at a school at the time of the notice of termination shall be allowed to complete their clinical/field experience with the LEA.
- Placement of Teacher Candidates As mutually agreed between the parties, the Institution shall place an appropriate number of Teacher Candidates, if available, at the Facility each academic term.
- Discipline While enrolled in clinical and/or field experiences at the Facility, Teacher Candidates and Institution faculty will be subject to applicable policies of the Institution and the LEA.

The LEA shall timely notify the Institution when a Teacher Candidate has been involved in any incident that would require the LEA to investigate, and the Institution shall have the opportunity to participate in any such investigation to the extent that the LEA's policies and procedures governing confidentiality may allow.

6. Dismissal; Reassignment – Teacher Candidates may be dismissed from participation in the Institution's program only after the appropriate disciplinary or academic policies and procedures of the Institution have been followed. However, the Superintendent of the LEA may immediately remove from the Facility any Teacher Candidate who poses an immediate threat or danger, or at any time that may seem necessary, pending investigation.

The parties may agree in writing to remove a Teacher Candidate from the Facility or to reassign a Teacher Candidate within the same or another Facility.

C. Provisions Applicable to the Institution

- 1. The Institution shall offer teachers or other training educational programs, which are accredited by appropriate organizations, and approved by the Tennessee State Department of Education and Tennessee Board of Education.
- 2. The Institution shall require the appropriate university official to collaborate with the appropriate LEA administrator on all clinical and field placement requests for Pre-Residency, Residency 1 and Residency 2 placements. The Institution shall:
 - a. Verify the eligibility of each such Teacher Candidate to participate in a clinical or field experience.
 - b. Co-determine the appropriate placement of students in collaboration with LEA.