STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS: PRACTICUM STUDENTS

A. The Board of Education recognizes an obligation to cooperate in the development of
administrators, teachers and paraprofessionals in the field of education through providing
opportunities for student teaching, internships, observation and similar learning
experiences. There is much potential benefit to the Ingham Intermediate School District,
its constituent districts and to their pupils which can be gained from the presence of such
students in our programs. Also, accepting such students from universities/colleges
establishes relationships with these institutions which can frequently be expanded into
other areas to the mutual advantage of both the institution of higher education and the
school.

B. The superintendent shall cause to be developed such regulations and/or guidelines as
necessary in the assignment of university/college practicum students to staff and
programs operated by the district.

C. DEFINITION – Practicum students - refers to those undergraduate or graduate students
assigned to the school(s) on a part-time basis in order to earn required clock hours of
experience and/or university credits.

D. All persons involved in the practicum student program must recognize that the first and
primary responsibility of the district is to the students within its schools and to the local
districts receiving services. If at any time a practicum student's performance becomes
unacceptable, the district reserves the right to refuse that student continued and future
training experience within the district.

POLICY

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