



*South Washington County Schools  
Cottage Grove, MN*

## **903.1 STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The School Board, recognizing its responsibility to improve the quality of teacher training and the contributions student teachers can make to the South Washington County Schools, encourages and authorizes the Superintendent to arrange for the supervision and training of a reasonable number of such teachers in our schools each year.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The importance of the teacher training function to the future of education and the need to assure high quality performance in our schools requires student teachers to be placed with experienced teachers of demonstrated competence. While no staff members of South Washington County Schools will be required to supervise student teachers, it is anticipated that professionally interested teachers will volunteer to do so from time to time. Teachers new to the district and those having three years or less of teaching experience will not be asked to undertake such responsibilities.

Recognizing the special skills and expertise of the teacher training institutions and their staff, the School Board authorizes the Superintendent to honor those reasonable rules, regulations and training guidelines of the teacher training institution.

The teacher training institution will be expected to provide liaison personnel who will discuss, with the building principal and with the teacher to whom the student is assigned, the broad objectives that the institution believes should be sought for the student. Such personnel are free to visit the classrooms to observe the student teacher at work.

It is expected that the teacher training institution will arrange the schedule of the student teacher to provide sufficient time in the classroom in order that continuity of experience for the student teacher and the students is insured.

**POLICY ADOPTED:** June 21, 2007

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