

OSU College of Education Teacher Candidate Placement Policy

The Oregon State University (OSU) College of Education guarantees only one student teaching placement that meets the minimum placement requirements for each program (outlined below). This guaranteed placement will be in the teacher candidate's primary endorsement area and will be within a 60-mile radius of the hosting OSU campus (Corvallis or Cascades). There are many local resources for transportation available. See your advisor if you need assistance. Placement in a district that is further than 60-miles from the hosting OSU campus will be considered upon request and must be approved by the Program Lead and the Director of Licensure.

Please note: we are unable to fulfill placement matching requests based on preferences of gender, race, ethnicity, or other background detail. Due to the number of placement requests and other requirements that the University must meet, no guarantees can be provided pertaining to clinical experiences relative to travel distance, specific site, specific grade level, or clinical/mentor teacher. The University cannot guarantee that a teacher candidate who refuses an assigned placement will be reassigned, due to the large number of placement requests and school timelines. We will not place a teacher candidate at a school where a relative or member of household of the teacher candidate works or attends. Such information should be disclosed by the teacher candidate, in the Placement Preference form, at the time of program application.

If a teacher candidate requests a placement change for any reason after their initial placement has been confirmed, this new request is not guaranteed. The termination of a teacher candidate's first placement on behalf of the student and/or school district will require a Plan of Assistance, written by the Program Lead, that articulates conditions for the placement and may result in the teacher candidate being unable to complete the student teaching requirements for their program. A placement change initiated by College of Education faculty may not require a Plan of Assistance. All Plans of Assistance will be facilitated by the Program Lead and Director of Licensure, at a minimum.

AG: One placement (fall-winter)

BS in Teaching in Elementary Education: One placement (fall-spring)

Clinically-based Elementary MAT and BS: Two placements (one per each year of the program) made in concert with district administration

Cascades MAT: Two placements (fall/winter and spring)

Double Degree: One placement (fall-spring)

ESOL: An ESOL placement is considered a second placement in addition to a teacher candidate's primary placement. As such, ESOL placements are not a guarantee.

MS Ed: One placement (fall-spring)

Music: One placement (fall-spring)

PE: Three placements (fall, winter, and spring)

NOTE: If a student has a disability or special circumstance that may inhibit them from completing a placement in accordance with the above policy, they may request an accommodation. This accommodation request must be reviewed and approved by the OSU Disability Access Services (DAS) office in Corvallis. Please send your accommodation request to DAS via phone (541-737-4098) or email (Disability.Services@oregonstate.edu).

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