

Attendance

Student teachers spend 15 hours per week in the placement, generally from 9:00-12:00 noon every morning for the entire semester. It is recommended that student teachers arrive 10-15 minutes early to set up. Lateness will not be tolerated and should be reported to the college supervisor. Students are encouraged to spend at least two full days in the center in order to experience the entire day's activities. There will be several Fridays during the course of the semester when student teachers will be meeting at the College or visiting other centers, instead of going to student teaching. Students will follow the vacation schedule of the early childhood placement center rather than the MCCC vacation schedule during the semester of student teaching. Please check your center's vacation schedule at the beginning of the semester.

Substitute Coverage

Student teachers should not be included in the ratio or used as substitutes during student teaching. Student teachers do not get paid during the hours when they are student teaching. They are receiving college credit for their participation in this field experience. Student teaching should be viewed as part of a college program. Students may accept job offerings at the center after student teaching hours, although it is not recommended. Any unusual circumstances must be arranged with the college supervisor.

Absence

Student teachers should not be absent during student teaching except for illness or family emergency. In the case of absence, it is the student teacher's responsibility to notify the center director or cooperating teacher as early as possible. More than two absences must be made up in order to pass student teaching. Student teachers should be notified if the center is closed due to snow or any other emergency.