HAMBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT SECTION: EMPLOYEES

TITLE: STUDENT TEACHERS/

**INTERNS** 

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		307. STUDENT TEACHERS/INTERNS
1	. Authority	The Board encourages cooperation with colleges and universities within the state to assist in the training of student teachers and interns.
	SC 510	The Board establishes that district schools shall accept student teachers and interns from accredited institutions with which the district has a cooperative agreement approved by the Board.
	SC 111 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6344	The Board directs that student teachers and interns shall not be accepted into district schools unless they have complied with the mandatory background check requirements for criminal history and child abuse and the district has evaluated the results of those screening processes.
2	Delegation of Responsibility	The Superintendent or designee shall be responsible to assign student teachers and interns to the schools.
		Recommendations for selection of cooperating teachers shall be made by the building principal, with the agreement of the college or university supervisor.
		The principal may choose to observe and/or evaluate student teachers. Accordingly, the principal will use the district Teacher Performance Evaluation form and include a preconference and postconference. A copy of the evaluation is given to the student teacher and the principal maintains a copy for one (1) year.
	SC 1418 Title 28 Sec. 23.43, 23.44, 23.45	Student teachers and interns shall comply with the health examination requirements of the state and Board policy applicable to district staff.
	Pol. 314	While serving in district schools, student teachers and interns shall be responsible for their conduct to the supervising teacher/administrator and building principal.

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		Student teachers shall not be given the responsibility of substituting for the cooperating teacher. In the absence of the cooperating teacher, a certified substitute shall be employed to assist and supervise the student teacher.
		Arrest Or Conviction Reporting Requirements
	SC 111	Prior to being accepted into district schools, student teachers and interns shall report, on the designated form, arrests and convictions as specified on the form. Student teachers and interns shall likewise report arrests and/or convictions that occur subsequent to initially submitting the form.
	SC 111	While serving in district schools, student teachers and interns shall use the designated form to report to the Superintendent or designee, within seventy-two (72) hours of the occurrence, an arrest or conviction required to be reported by law.
	23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6344.3	While serving in district schools, a student teacher or intern shall be required to report to the Superintendent or designee, in writing, within seventy-two (72) hours of notification, that s/he has been listed as a perpetrator in the Statewide database, in accordance with the Child Protective Services Law.
	SC 111	A student teacher or intern shall be required to submit a current criminal history background check report if the Superintendent or designee has a reasonable belief that the student teacher or intern was arrested or has been convicted of an offense required to be reported by law, and the student teacher or intern has not notified the Superintendent or designee.
	SC 111 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6344.3	Failure to accurately report such arrests and convictions may subject the student teacher or intern to disciplinary action up to and including dismissal from the program and criminal prosecution.
3.	Guidelines	<u>Observers</u>
	Pol. 907	Student teachers, interns and faculty of other educational institutions shall be offered the opportunity to visit district schools and observe classes. Such observers must be treated as any other visitor and shall be under the direct supervision of the principal or designee.
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References:
School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 510, 1418
State Board of Education Regulations – 22 PA Code Sec. 8.1 et seq.
State Department of Health Regulations – 28 PA Code Sec. 23.43, 23.44, 23.45
Child Protective Services Law – 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq.
Board Policy – 314, 907