School of Kinesiology and Recreation  
(PETE) Student Teaching Placement Standards and Guidelines

Selection of Student Teaching Sites—(please initial by each statement)

_____1. Student teaching placements are extremely competitive. All PETE student teaching placement sites will be made by the coordinator of PETE student teaching and are considered final. The College of Education request for geographical placement preferences DOES NOT guarantee that PETE student teachers will receive placements in those preferred areas. Under no circumstances will student teaching placements be changed to better satisfy individual student preferences.

_____2. PETE Student Teacher candidates will be placed at sites based on:

a. Personal interview with the Coordinator of PETE Student Teachers (completed no later than Oct. 12, 2012)

b. Input from PETE faculty on academic performance and professional potential of student teacher candidate including both CUM and MAJOR GPA.

c. The knowledge of the public school sites, public school personnel and the compatibility potential of the student teachers.

_____3. PETE student teacher candidates placed locally could include schools within a 45 mile radius of Bloomington/Normal.

_____4. If a school district denies a requested placement, the Coordinator of PETE Student Teaching will request a new placement for the student teacher candidate. Notification of the placement to the PETE student teacher will be delayed due to added time needed for subsequent placement requests. CECP’s policy is to not ask why a placement was denied. KNR respects this policy.

_____5. If you are required to interview with a school before being placed to student teach and you fail to do this in a timely manner, your student teaching placement could be denied and/or forfeited.

_____6. If the public school administration requests that a student teacher be removed from their school, the student will be removed. Also, if a student teacher is not meeting the expectations and requirements of the KNR PETE faculty, the student teacher can be removed. In either case, there is no obligation on the part of Illinois State University or the PETE program to reassign the student teacher to another school.

Policies for Student Teacher Placements—(please initial by each statement)

_____1. Filling out the student teaching information for De Garmo does not mean you will automatically student teach the next school year. Things that could impact your student teaching: (a) your cumulative and or major GPA drops below a 2.5 any time prior to your student teaching semester (b) you deviate from the academic plan developed with your academic advisor (c) you earn less than a C in any of your classes.

_____2. Student teacher candidates will not be placed in a middle school or high school from where they attended or graduated.

_____3. Student teachers will not be placed at a school where they have a family relative or guardian on the school’s staff or within the student population, or where a strong personal relationship with any of the school staff already exists.

_____4. Teacher candidates are never permitted to contact principals, teachers or administrators regarding clinical or student teaching placement opportunities. Student teacher candidates will not be placed at a school if it is determined that the student teacher candidate or their family members have solicited or contacted a school/district requesting a student teaching placement.

_____5. Student teachers cannot be paid to student teach. (Handbook for Illinois Institution of Higher Education, Rule 17.03-1)

_____6. There are no out of state placements & only Illinois State University KNR faculty are allowed to supervise PETE student teachers.

_____7. Students may not take any class from any institution (including online classes) during student teaching.
**Dates and Deadlines**—(please initial by each statement)

1. All student teaching application materials must be submitted to the College of Education and an interview conducted with the PETE coordinator of student teaching by October 12, 2012 to be eligible to student teach next school year.

2. All teacher candidates must meet all Admission to Student Teaching, Gateway 2 requirements by July 15th if they are to student teach in the fall semester and December 15th if they are to student teach in the spring semester. These are firm dates—No exceptions!

**Transportation**—(please initial by the statement)

1. Student teacher candidates are responsible for having reliable transportation to enable them to be present daily and on time at the assigned school.

**Notification of placements**—(please initial by each statement)

1. Student Teacher candidates will be notified of their student teaching placements by Illinois State University’s Office of Clinical Experiences and Certification Processes (CECP), through a letter sent to their permanent home address on file at Illinois State University. Notification dates will vary widely depending on the semester one is student teaching. Calling the Coordinator of PETE Student Teachers or the CECP office in regard to why a placement letter has not arrived does not expedite the process. It is the public school personnel that must respond to the written request by the university.

2. If you are unsure about anything dealing with student teaching, including interviewing before being placed, coaching responsibilities, working, etc, contact Beth Carpenter before you make any decisions. Choosing to do something on your own without first checking, could cause you to lose a placement.

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**Student Teaching Standards and Guidelines Agreement**

I have read and understand all of the above standards and guidelines for the Physical Education student teaching placements and agree to adhere to the standards outlined above. I understand that neither I, nor anyone else other than Illinois State University can contact schools regarding placements. I further understand that it is not the responsibility of Illinois State to assure that I, as a student teacher, will be able to live at home while student teaching.

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Please print name legibly                      Signature of Student Teacher                      Date

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Signature of Student Teacher Coordinator    Date