WANTED:
COOPERATING TEACHERS!

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WHAT ARE THE REQUIREMENTS?

 ✓ Be a TEACHER to your teacher candidate
 ✓ Be TEAM-Trained
 ✓ Be a strong role model of HIGH QUALITY Physical Education, Health, Adapted PE, etc.
 ✓ Be open-minded to the process.
 ✓ Desire to pass on your love of Teaching PE!
WHAT WILL THE STUDENT TEACHER NEED FROM THE COOPERATING TEACHER?

- They need a strong role model!
- They need your professional feedback.
- They need your patience.
- They need you to be firm, consistent and honest.
- They need you to be aware of the requirements of edTPA.
3 TIPS FROM OUR VETERAN COOPERATING TEACHERS:

1. Be open

2. Encourage student teachers to be themselves

3. Allow them to struggle
3 TIPS FROM A RECENT STUDENT TEACHER:

1. Set us up for success but let us fail when it’s happening naturally.

2. Have a specific time to meet up everyday. Be on the same page and be sure your student teacher is prepared for the rest of their day/week.

3. Set your expectations early and force your student teacher out of their comfort zone.
3 TIPS FROM OUR COLLEGE SUPERVISORS:

1. Allow the student teacher to LEARN from you by actively assisting before becoming the lead teacher of a class.

2. Utilizing the 60/20/20 Method allows for:
   a) ST’s to meet all requirements of CSU’s and edTPA.
   b) CT’s to stay in touch with most challenging classes.
   c) ST’s to continue to see an experienced teacher in action.

3. Use the ST’s (and universities) for information as much as they will use you
WHAT IS EDTPA?

✓ New national assessment for student teachers in all subject areas.
✓ Similar to the former BEST program for beginning teachers.
✓ Nationally Scored and Consequential for Certification!
✓ Rigorous and thorough, yet targets the essence of high quality teaching.
✓ Your student teacher will need your assistance with:
  ➢ Selecting a target class and lesson focus
    ▪ Identifying demographics of school and students
    ▪ Identifying high, middle and low skilled students
  ➢ Advice with lesson planning and assessment
  ➢ Video recording
  ➢ Stress relief!
So, What’s in it For Cooperating Teachers???

✔ An amazing stipend!!!
✔ Another teacher to assist with challenging activities.
✔ A future colleague to discuss relevant topics.
✔ New and innovative ideas for teaching and assessing.
✔ Energy!
✔ Connection with the CSU’s.
HOW DO I SIGN UP?

✔ If you are not already TEAM trained, let your building administrator and district facilitator know that you would like to attend a training.

✔ If your training is close to expiring, complete the online mentor update.

✔ Once you are trained, let your building administrator and district facilitator know that you are interested in hosting a teacher candidate.

✔ Reach out to the University!!! If we know that you are interested and available we can request a specific teacher when we send the request to the district.
QUESTIONS?
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