

STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS

The Fall Mountain Regional School District School Board recognizes that the public schools serve as the primary resource in the training of student teachers.

The student teaching program is based on the belief that the understandings, attitudes, and skills which are desired for the prospective teacher can be developed most effectively when there is opportunity for the student to:

1. Engage in or participate in an intensive and continuous period of "full-day" experience with a given group of learners uninterrupted by campus classes, and where, under competent guidance he/she may carry major responsibilities in planning and directing the learning process.
2. Experience stimulating and challenging opportunities growing from contacts with, and participation in, the total on-going educational program both in and out of the classroom.
3. Gain information and understanding concerning the school in all of its relationships -- pupil, teacher, administrator, parent, and community.

Assignments for student teachers and conduct of the student teaching program will be in accordance with the "Guide to Student Teaching Experiences in Cooperating Schools" published by Keene State College, member of the University System of New Hampshire.

The Fall Mountain Regional School Board believes that the assistance of a student teacher in no way relieves the regular teacher of his educational responsibilities.

The regular teacher is expected to be fully cognizant at all times of his class' progress and whatever individual problems may exist therein.

The regular teacher is expected to be in the classroom at all times that the student teacher is teaching, except for the minimum time required to give the student teacher a reasonable amount of experience.

It is to be the responsibility of the appropriate principal to monitor the activities of student teachers to insure that his performance is not to the detriment of the class and that the regular teacher's time and efforts are not diverted from his major objective.