

## STUDENT TEACHER, FIELD & PRACTICUM PLACEMENT PROCESS

**All student teacher, intern, field, and practicum placements** are coordinated through the Department of Human Resources and your university placement coordinator in the Teacher Education/ Field Experience office. **Please do not directly contact FCPS principals or teachers to arrange placements.**

Other than students enrolled at KCTCS, FCPS HR will not accept placement requests from individual students. Please have your professor contact your placement coordinator to arrange placement requests.

### **FOR STUDENTS – INTERN/FIELD/PRACTICUM STUDENTS**

#### **1. How do I apply to complete a field placement or practicum in a FCPS school?**

- a. Contact your professor or Office of Teacher Education Services/ Field Experiences to request a placement.
- b. Complete a volunteer application here: <https://webapps.fcps.net/volunteer/>  
*Please be sure to mark if you are a current FCPS employee or you've recently applied for employment with FCPS.*
- c. Wait to receive confirmation of your assignment from your professor.
- d. Contact the assigned teacher to schedule dates of observation in the classroom.  
You can find teacher contact information under the "schools" tab at [www.fcps.net](http://www.fcps.net).

#### **2. I've volunteered before. How do I know my volunteer application is still valid?**

Volunteer applications are valid for four (4) years. Please call the Recruitment & Retention Office at (859)381-4345 for any additional questions.

#### **3. I've volunteered before, but I need to change my school location; how do I do that?**

You will follow the link for volunteering (<https://webapps.fcps.net/volunteer/>) and check the additional school in which you are currently assigned and submit.

#### **4. I was assigned to a teacher or school and it's not what I wanted; can I request to change my placement?**

FCPS requests the right to change placement requests at any given time. Placements can only be changed at the request of the FCPS teacher or the placement coordinator in the Teacher Education/ Field Experience office. Please contact your university to work through any changes.

#### **5. What's the timeframe for which I would expect to be placed?**

Placement requests may take a minimum of two to three weeks from the time the university submits placements to us.

#### **6. How many placements are placed in FCPS?**

FCPS works with over thirteen local universities. We place a minimum of 600 field and practicum students each school year.

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## FOR COORDINATORS/UNIVERSITY ADVISORS/PROFESSORS:

### 1. How do I submit placement requests to FCPS?

All placements will need to go through the university's Teacher Education Services/ Field Experience office. They will process requests and send it to our FCPS office.

Coordinators please submit the following information in an Excel format: **one line per placement** (example below). Request the template from [louise.dobbins@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:louise.dobbins@fayette.kyschools.us)

Student Name	Student Email	Instructor	Course	Grade Level	Concentration Area	Hours	Tasks
Nadiya Smith	smithn@college.edu	Dr. Oak	IAS 575	Secondary	LBD	100	Observations & lesson plans
Nadiya Smith	smithn@college.edu	Dr. Oak	IAS 575	Elementary	Primary	25	Observations & lesson plans

- A. Student's name
- B. Student's email
- C. Instructor's name
- D. Course Number
- E. Grade Level (ex. Elementary, 5-8, 9-12)
- F. Concentration Area (LBD, . special education, math, science)
- G. Number of observation hours needed
- H. classroom requirements (observing; teach a lesson; assist a teacher; tutor/ teach a small group)
- I. any school and teacher preference

### 2. I need to change a placement/ a student is no longer enrolled in my course. How can I make a change?

Please contact your coordinator to request a change in placement. Make sure the FCPS office is aware of the change.

### 3. Now that my students are placed, what steps do they need to take?

Please refer to the "For Students" section for additional information.

### 4. Who can I contact for additional questions or concerns?

Please call (859)381-4217 or email [louise.dobbins@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:louise.dobbins@fayette.kyschools.us)

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### **FOR STUDENT TEACHERS/SOCIAL WORK INTERNS:**

Student teacher placements may be requested by a university supervisor. Requests will then be processed by the FCPS HR Department. The supervisor will need to provide the following information in a Microsoft Excel or Google Docs spreadsheet:

- name of the student(s)
- certification area of placement, number of weeks in placement
- grade levels or specific content information
- any school or teacher preferences

All student teachers are required to have a **FBI national criminal records check and complete an online application**. Student teachers should select '*student teaching*' in their application for the purpose of accessing your individual FBI national criminal records check as needed. Once cleared by the university to student teach, student teachers should bring the following information to the FCPS HR department for the conduction of fingerprints:

- U.S. driver's license; state-issued ID; U.S. passport; U.S. military ID;
- Social Security card (**no copies**)
- Check or money order (**no cash, debit or credit**) for \$40 made payable to FCPS
- After fingerprints, HR will provide a student teacher badge.

We are located at 128 Walton Ave. in Lexington, Ky., and our office is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Questions about fingerprints should be directed to Rebecca Collins at (859) 381-4190 or [rebecca.collins2@fayette.ky.schools.us](mailto:rebecca.collins2@fayette.ky.schools.us)

Questions about **student teachers** should be directed to Louise Dobbins at (859) 381-4217 or [louise.dobbins@fayette.kyschools.us](mailto:louise.dobbins@fayette.kyschools.us)