LUZERNE INTERMEDIATE UNIT #18

SECTION: PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES

TITLE: STUDENT TEACHING, INTERNS, APPRENTICES AND PRACTICUM

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	407. STUDENT TEACHING, INTERNS, APPRENTICES, AND PRACTICUM EXPERIENCES
1. PURPOSE	The Board encourages cooperation with colleges and universities in training of student teachers, interns, apprentices, and students completing practicum experiences. Therefore, subject to approval by the Board, the Intermediate Unit will accept student teachers, interns, apprentices, and students completing practicum experiences from accredited institutions of higher learning.
2. AUTHORITY	The Board shall approve the acceptance of student teachers, interns, apprentices, and students completing practicum experiences to serve within the Intermediate Unit programs and departments.
SC 111 Title 22 Sec. 8.1 et seq 23 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 6301 et seq SC 111	Student teachers, interns, apprentices, and students completing practicum experiences shall be unpaid unless a stipend is awarded for the contributions made to the Intermediate Unit. A stipend must be agreed to by the Executive Director and is subject to Board approval.
	Student teachers, interns, apprentices, and students completing practicum experiences shall comply with all applicable policies and regulations.
	While serving in the Intermediate Unit, student teachers, interns, apprentices, and students completing practicum experiences, shall be responsible for their conduct to the supervisor or administrator of the assigned program.
	No candidates shall be approved to work as a student teacher, intern, apprentice, or in a practicum experience until: (1) such candidates have complied with the mandatory background checks for criminal history, child abuse, and where appropriate, FBI check, and (2) the Intermediate Unit has evaluated the results of these checks.
	Each candidate shall report, on the designated form, arrests and convictions as required by law. Failure to accurately report such arrests and convictions may, depending on the nature of the offense, subject the individual to criminal prosecution.

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POL. 907	Student teachers, interns, apprentices, and students completing practicum experiences, and or their supervising faculty from the accredited institution, shall be offered the opportunity to visit and observe in the Intermediate Unit. Such observers shall be treated as any other visitors and shall be under the direct authority of the supervisor or administrator of the assigned program.
4. DELEGATION OF RESPONSIBILITY	The Executive Director shall review the assignment of student teachers, interns, apprentices and students completing practicum experiences throughout the Intermediate Unit.
	References:
	School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 111, 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 – 414, 907
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