

Policy 4.5

Secondary Intern Placement Policies

To ensure the most objective and beneficial student teaching internship, Secondary Education students will not be placed in a school that falls into one of the following categories.

1. A high school or middle school that the intern attended
2. A school where the intern's family members or others with strong personal connections attend or are employed

Rationale

1. The Secondary Department faculty feels it is important that each student experience a variety of school experiences, settings and environments.

If they return to a school they attended or go to a school that falls into one of the categories above, they are already familiar with the clientele of the school, the school rules, disciplinary procedure; the community and socioeconomic structure.

2. The Secondary Department faculty believe it may be difficult for a student to receive an objective evaluation when that student was known by teachers or administrators who, in many cases, formed an opinion (positive or negative) about the student.
3. Exceptions to this policy are made only in very unusual circumstances. A student wishing to request an exception should follow the Office of Field Experience Petition process.