STATE OF NEBRASKA LEGISLATION THAT GIVES THE STUDENT TEACHER A RIGHTFUL PLACE IN THE CLASSROOM

Student Teacher or Intern Defined
For purposes of sections 79-875 to 79-878, student teacher or intern means a student who is enrolled in a postsecondary educational institution approved by the State Board of Education for teacher training and who is jointly assigned by such institution and a board of education to student-teach or intern under the direction of a regularly employed certificated teacher, principal, or other administrator. Student teaching may include duties granted to a certificated teacher under the rules and regulations of such board and any other part of the school program for which either the cooperating teacher or the principal is responsible.

Student Teacher or Intern: Protection; Rules and Regulations; Comply
A student teacher or intern under the supervision of a certificated teacher, principal, or other administrator shall have the protection of the laws accorded the certificated teacher, principal, or other administrator and shall, while acting as such student teacher or intern, comply with all rules and regulations of the local board of education and observe all duties assigned certificated teachers. (See Appendix: Standards of Ethical and Professional Performance for Public School Certificate Holders for specific criteria.)

Student Teacher or Intern: Responsibilities and Duties
A cooperating teacher, in cooperation with the principal or other administrator, and the representative of the teacher preparation institution shall assign to the student teacher or intern responsibilities and duties that will provide adequate preparation for teaching.

Student Teacher or Intern: Terms, Defined
Whenever in sections 79-875 to 79-878 board of education is referred to and the school that a student teacher or intern is referred to does not have a board of education, such term shall be the person or governing body that administers such school. Source: Laws 1971, LB175, S.1; R.S. 1943, (1994), S. 79-1297; S. 79-1298; S. 79-1299; S. 79-12, 100 Laws 1996, LB900, S. 500-503. Effective date July 19, 1996.

Students with Disabilities
It is the policy of the University of Nebraska at Kearney to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to students with documented disabilities. To receive accommodation services for a disability, students must be registered with UNK Disabilities Services Coordinator, David Brandt, in the Disability Services for Students office, 175 Memorial Student Affairs Building, 308-865-8214 or by email unkdso@unk.edu

Students Who are Pregnant
It is the policy of the University of Nebraska at Kearney to provide flexible and individualized reasonable accommodation to students who are pregnant. To receive accommodation services due to pregnancy, students must contact Cindy Ference in Student Health, 308-865-8219. The following link provides information for students and faculty regarding pregnancy rights. http://www.nwlc.org/resource/pregnant-and-parenting-students-rights-faqs-college-and-graduate-students

Reporting Student Sexual Harassment, Sexual Violence or Sexual Assault
Reporting allegations of rape, domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and stalking enables the University to promptly provide support to the impacted student(s), and to take appropriate action to prevent a recurrence of such sexual misconduct and protect the campus community. Confidentiality will be respected to the greatest degree possible. Any student who believes she or he may be the victim of sexual misconduct is encouraged to report to one or more of the following resources:
- Local Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault Advocacy Agency 308-237-2599
- Campus Police (or Security) 308-865-8911
- Title IX Coordinator 308-865-8655
Retaliation against the student making the report, whether by students or University employees, will not be tolerated.

UNK Student Code of Conduct
As stated in Article II: “...by virtue of being a student, University disciplinary jurisdiction may extend to any violation of the Student Code of Conduct...including on or off campus activities or events, whether or not the act occurs on University premises.” For the complete text of the Student Code of Conduct, go to the UNK Student Handbook.