

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.

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

Information from UNK Counseling

Diminished mental health, including significant stress, mood changes, excessive worry, or problems with eating and/or sleeping can interfere with optimal academic performance. Problems with relationships, family worries, loss, or a personal struggle or crisis can also contribute to decreased academic performance.

UNK Counseling provides mental health services to support the academic success of students. Counseling Services, a part of Student Health & Counseling department, provides full range of short-term professional mental health services. Services include confidential personal counseling, group counseling, substance use counseling, crisis intervention, outreach programming, and consultation to help you manage personal challenges that may threaten your well-being. It is not my intention to know the details of what might be bothering you, but simply to let you know I am concerned and that help, if needed, is available. Getting help is a smart and courageous thing to do -- for yourself and for those who care about you. You can contact UNK Counseling at 308-865-8248 or visit their website for more information: https://www.unk.edu/offices/counseling_healthcare/counseling_care/index.php