GROUNDS FOR DISMISSAL FROM STUDENT TEACHING

A. Conduct

1. Teacher Candidates in a teacher education program are expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times. Teacher Candidates may not engage in acts of behavior which are professionally inappropriate for teachers or which are unlawful for any citizen. If the candidate engages in any of the following acts, it may result in dismissal from student teaching:
   a. Teacher Candidates may not date pupils, parents of pupils enrolled in the school, or school or University personnel during the clinical experience. If you feel you are under any pressure to engage in inappropriate social activity, contact your University field instructor or the Associate Director of Clinical Studies.
   b. Teacher Candidates may not socialize with school pupils except in an official capacity at officially sponsored school events.
   c. Teacher Candidates may not drink, smoke, be under the influence or be in the possession of alcoholic beverages or illegal drugs on school property, nor with or in the presence of any school pupil(s).
   d. Teacher Candidates may not use sexually explicit, obscene, profane, abusive, or derogatory language on school premises or at school-sponsored events; nor may they suggest access to inappropriate material (e.g., on the Internet).
   e. Teacher Candidates may not take pupils off school property unless accompanied by the clinical educator or another full-time employee assigned by the principal.
   f. Teacher Candidates may not leave school early, be late to school or seminars, or have absences on a consistent basis.
   g. Teacher Candidates must not exhibit any behaviors that interfere with the school’s learning environment.

2. If at any time your conduct causes the clinical educator, the principal or the University field instructor to determine that your presence in the classroom has become detrimental to the well-being, safety, and/or educational program of the pupils in the class, you will be removed from your school and your placement could be terminated by the University.

3. As a result of any serious violation of the student code of conduct and/or the professional dispositions policy, you could be removed from your school and the University could terminate your placement.

B. You will be withdrawn from your student teaching placement if 1) the clinical educator decides that you cannot return to the classroom due to your behavior, 2) your performance on the summative evaluation is consistently unsatisfactory or 3) there is not satisfactory progress on assignments. Unsatisfactory performance on the summative evaluation includes:
   - A score of a 2 in more than one criterion within each domain
   - A score of 1 for any criterion

Please note that any score below a 3 in the dispositions section of the summative evaluation may result in a disposition hearing (see the official professional dispositions policy on the OCS website at www.ocs.udel.edu)

C. You may not begin a second student teaching placement until all first placement assignments have been completed.