

Proposal for Amended Calendar Change in the Teacher Education Unit

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The College of Education's Teacher Education Unit requests a change in the already-amended College of Education calendar for student teachers. Candidates who are enrolled in the Teacher Education Program are required to student teach as the culminating or capstone experience for program completion and teacher certification.

Prior Approved (April 1, 2013 by Senate Council):

The Teacher Education unit in the College of Education is governed by a Program Faculty. The Program Faculty is comprised of faculty within the unit, faculty in related units outside the unit, and school administrators. The council has determined that it would enhance program quality and ensure compliance with the state regulation if student teachers begin this experience prior to the beginning of the official University class start date. The proposal is a direct result of a mandate promulgated by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) regarding student teaching (16 KAR 5:040) that will take effect September 1, 2013. Since student teaching is a critical part of this clinically based program and the state regulation mandates that candidates complete a minimum of 70 instructional days in the school to be eligible for certification, faculty members believe this change is warranted.

Therefore, the College of Education requests permission to amend the calendar for student teachers each semester on the Monday of the week prior to the official beginning of classes. During the 2013-14 academic year this would be August 19 for the fall semester and January 6 for the spring semester. *Students who student teach during the spring semester would not take the University's Spring Break but would take their school's appropriate spring break.*

New Proposal:

The state is continuing with the 70 required days for student teaching. With the addition of the fall break, beginning Fall 2019, and feedback from our school partners, we would like to amend our calendar for student teachers:

Fall Semester:

- Student teachers would attend orientation the day prior to their student teaching placement
- Student teachers would begin when their school district started (i.e., August 14, 2019 for Fayette County Public Schools)
- Students will take their school's fall break, not the UK fall break

Spring Semester

- Student teachers would attend orientation the day before their student teaching placement begins or the afternoon of the first day of when their school district opens
- Student teachers would begin the spring semester when their school district started (i.e., January 6, 2020 for Fayette County Public Schools)
- Students will take their school's spring break, not the UK spring break

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