

Dear ASU Practicum Mentor Teacher,

On behalf of the Department of Teacher Education at Augusta State University, I would like to thank you for agreeing to supervise one of our practicum teacher candidates. Your teacher candidate will officially be completing a practicum experience within your classroom or within your school for a total of 75 days (minus furlough days). They are required to do whatever you would normally do as a classroom teacher (attend faculty meetings, participate in bus duty, field trips, etc.) and they are required to be in your classroom during regular work hours.

As a Mentor Teacher, you are required to complete our online training found at http://www.aug.edu/teacher_development/master-mentor-training.htm. We have also developed a special place on our website to give you practical information about supervising a practicum teacher candidate. Please visit http://www.aug.edu/teacher_development/Welcome.html and click on Mentor Teachers (under the Practicum title). We hope that information will be helpful as you plan for their practicum experience. I have been assigned to be your teacher candidate's University Supervisor and I will be responsible for supervising their practicum experience this semester.

As you know, this experience is the culminating activity in all teacher preparation programs. Successful completion of this experience is required of all teacher candidates seeking a degree and certification in a teacher preparation field of study. In this experience, our teacher candidates will spend an entire semester working with a Mentor Teacher in a school classroom. At the end of this semester's experience, candidates are expected to demonstrate all of the prerequisite skills required of an entry-level teacher.

On our website is a list of practicum requirements (EDTD 6910 syllabi). These requirements are very similar to those expected of our undergraduate apprentices. These requirements are NOT your responsibility to keep up with – they are the responsibility of your teacher candidate.

Please let me know if you have additional questions or concerns. We also need for you to complete the Mentor Teacher Update form (on our website) and return it to Julie Gray. This will ensure that you receive a small stipend for your assistance. Again, thank you for the contributions you are making to the field of education. We are pleased to have you as a part of our ASU team! Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or concerns.