

Student Teaching Absence Policy

The student teaching practicum is a full-time obligation designed to meet the requirements of state and national accreditation agencies. Regular attendance and punctuality are critical to the success of student teaching.

- **Student teachers will follow the calendar of the school district in which they are placed and not the schedule of Missouri Baptist University.**
- **There are no “sick days” or “personal days” in student teaching; however, absences from the school placement may be excused for personal illness and/or death(s) in your immediate family, in which case documentation may be required. If a student teacher is absent more than three consecutive days due to illness, he/she must present a physician’s statement to the cooperating teacher and university supervisor.**
- **Excessive absences are unacceptable. The student teacher will be expected to make up missed days or may be withdrawn from student teaching. The decision to make up excessive absences is a cooperative one between the university supervisor and cooperating teacher.**
- **Student teachers must notify the cooperating teacher and the university supervisor of any absence or anticipated absence.**

Any questions about absences should be referred to the Director of Field Experience.