



## **Guidelines for Offering a Student Teacher Practicum at Woodstock School**

### **Introduction**

Teaching is both a craft and art. The goals of a teaching practicum are to introduce the student teacher to the subject matter, teaching strategies, disciplinary approach, and assessment of an acknowledged master teacher, who can demonstrate both the craft – then “how to” – and the individual insights and beliefs that have guided the excellent practice of that teacher over the years if his or her teaching experience.

These goals cannot be introduced to or practiced by the beginning teacher in a matter of days or even weeks. Woodstock School has determined that the teaching practicum must last at least two months and should not extend beyond three months. It is desirable that the student teacher starts with the teacher and the class at the beginning of the semester, including the faculty orientation days, and ends the practicum one to two weeks before the semester ends, which time can be determined individually. In that way, the beginner can observe how a teacher starts a class, builds the curriculum, and introduces assessments, including final ones.

Then, by the time of a “take over” of a length to be determined by the student teacher’s sending institution, the teacher is well-acquainted with the students, the curriculum, and the pedagogy of the master teacher.

In order to apply for a teaching practicum at Woodstock school, the practice teacher must submit:

1. A letter of introduction from the institution granting the teaching diploma.
2. A transcript of academic courses of date.
3. A letter explaining the applicant’s educational philosophy as well as the preference for grade level or subject matter.
4. A current CV that includes all relevant work with the children.

These documents needs to submitted to the Principal of Woodstock School by February 1 if the student teacher wishes to start the placement by the beginning of the first semester and by 1<sup>st</sup> September if the student wishes to do is practicum during the second semester.

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