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To: School District Administrators, Principals, Human Resource Directors

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Subject: Changes to Student Teaching Placement Requirements

Effective July 1, 2024, changes to the administrative code governing student teaching, PI 34, go into effect. The options for completion of student teaching requirements are listed below. Items two through five are the new flexibility options available to all preparation programs. Only one of the flexibility options may be applied to a candidate's student teaching placement. The options below are available statewide to preparation programs under the rule change.

1. Full days for a full semester of the cooperating school district.
2. The length of the semester of the student's institution of higher education if the educator preparation program determines a student meets completion requirements. (If an institution of higher education operates on a calendar other than semesters, the duration of student teaching shall be no less than 15 weeks).
3. Full days for a full semester of the cooperating school with an option to substitute teach for no more than ten full days during the semester if agreed to by the educator preparation program. Short-term substitute teaching may only occur in the classroom of the cooperating teacher and if the student possesses a short-term substitute teaching license.
4. Half days for two full semesters following the calendar of the cooperating school if agreed to by the educator preparation program. The two semesters must be completed within two years following the first day of the first semester of student teaching.
5. For programs that are not operated by institutions of higher education, the duration of student teaching shall be no less than 15 weeks, if the educator preparation program determines a student meets completion requirements.

Please reach out to the preparation program(s) you work with to discuss how they are approaching student teaching placements based on the rule change. If there are questions about this rule change, you can reach me at jennifer.kammerud@dpi.wi.gov.