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To: Cooperating Teachers

From: Julie Rich, Program Coordinator and Field Placement

The clinical practices are the very core of teacher education. Without practical application time for students to apply the theories learned, our teacher candidates would indeed be less prepared. The laboratory experience that the public school sites provide is the most precious of resources. By acting as a mentor to a Teacher Candidate you are not only giving back to the educational profession, you are giving back to your communities at large. California State University San Marcos thanks you!

Please be sure to review the section for Cooperating Teachers in the Clinical Practice Handbook (<https://www.csusm.edu/soe/currentstudents/credential/singleclinicalpractice.html>). Our mission statement and the chart of expectations will help guide your coaching. Please review the Cooperating Teacher Brochure on our website. A minimum of three years of teaching experience is required to host a Teacher Candidate.

Please feel free to contact me at any time for help or information concerning your Teacher Candidate or University Supervisor. Although I am not in my office every day to check my voicemail messages, I do check emails daily. Thank you and have a wonderful semester.

Again, thank you so much for your willingness to work with our teacher candidates!

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