







WHAT IS A COOPERATING TEACHER?

A cooperating teacher is a classroom teacher that mentors a student teacher through job-embedded professional learning to equip the student teacher with the necessary skills to become an effective and proficient educator in FBISD.

CHARACTERISTICS OF A COOPERATING TEACHER

As a key person to the growth and development of a teacher candidate, a cooperating teacher is ...

 <p>An advocate for professional learning</p>	 <p>Able to build and nurture relationships</p>	 <p>Skillful in communication</p>
 <p>Knowledgeable in content and practice</p>	 <p>Proficient or above in all T-TESS dimensions</p>	 <p>Committed to district and campus goals and priorities</p>

APPLICATION PROCESS

Cooperating teachers must have at least 3 years of classroom experience and exude the characteristics listed above. Qualified teachers are accepted and entered into a pool where they are eligible to be selected as a mentor for a student teacher based on university/program and certification needs. Accepted teachers who continue to maintain the characteristics of a cooperating teacher may be invited to remain in the pool to mentor a student teacher for up to 3 years, before having to reapply. If selected, cooperating teachers receive a \$350 stipend per semester.

Cooperating teacher candidate will...

- 1- Submit an application: [Application Form Link](#)
The form will include:
 - Open ended questions based on the characteristics of a cooperating teacher
 - Video Introduction Artifact
 - Professional Learning Transcript from eLearning: [Job Aid](#)
 - Cooperating Teacher Professional Agreement
- 2- Share the link with your administrator to obtain a recommendation: [Administrator Recommendation Form](#)
Administrators should be the campus principal and/or T-TESS appraiser that has observed the candidate in professional practice.

NOTIFICATIONS

- Submit applications **ASAP** to be considered for placement in the upcoming semester.
- Notification into the cooperating teacher pool will be sent if application is accepted based on the cooperating teacher requirements and scoring rubric.
- Notification of student teacher placements are made as Educator Preparation Programs submit requests and are ongoing until all placements are made.
- Notification included with placement of district orientation to be completed before first day with student teacher.