

Professional Personnel

Student Teachers, Interns and Practicum Students

SASED recognizes its responsibility to contribute to the general welfare of public education by providing opportunities for teacher and other professional/certified trainees and interns to gain direct experience in our learning environments.

The Executive Director or designee is authorized to accept students from university-approved Teaching, Speech Pathology, Audiology, School Psychology, Social Work, School Nursing, Occupational and Physical Therapy training programs to do student teaching, practicum, or internships with SASED. No individual who has been convicted of a criminal offense listed in Section 5/21B-80 of the School Code is permitted to student teach or complete field or other clinical experience.

Before permitting an individual to student teach, do a practicum, internship or participate in any field experience in SASED, the Executive Director or designee shall ensure that:

1. SASED performed a *complete criminal history records check* as described below; and
2. The individual furnished evidence of physical fitness to perform assigned duties and freedom from communicable disease pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/24-5.

A *complete criminal history records check* pursuant to 105 ILCS 5/10-21.9 shall include:

1. Fingerprint-based checks through (a) the Illinois State Police (ISP) for criminal history records information (CHRI) pursuant to the Uniform Conviction Information Act (20 ILCS 2635/1), and (b) the FBI national crime information databases pursuant to the Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act (P.L. 109-248);
2. A check of the Illinois Sex Offender Registry (see the Sex Offender Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 152/101 et seq.); and
3. A check of the Illinois Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Registry (Murderer and Violent Offender Against Youth Community Notification Law (730 ILCS 154/75-105, amended by 97-154).

Each student teacher, intern or practicum student must provide written authorization for, and pay the costs of, his or her criminal history records check (including any applicable vendor's fees), and the Executive Director or designee will provide each student teacher with a copy of his or her report.

Student teachers, practicum, and intern candidates should be assigned to supervising employees whose qualifications are acceptable to SASED and the students' respective colleges or universities.

LEGAL REF.: Adam Walsh Child Protection and Safety Act, P.L. 109-248.
Uniform Conviction Information Act, 20 ILCS 2635/1.
105 ILCS 5/21-14(e)(3)(E)(viii), 5/10-22.34, and 5/24-5.
23 Ill.Admin.Code §25.875.

CROSS REF.: 5:190 (Teacher Qualifications), 4:175 (Convicted Child Sex Offender; Criminal Background Check and/or Screen; Notifications)

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