

School Board of Clay County

June 1, 2023 - Regular School Board Meeting

Title

C11 - Affiliation Agreement between Clay County District Schools and University of Phoenix (UoP).

Description

This agreement is between Clay County District Schools and University of Phoenix for UoP students to participate in internships, practicums, and observations under the direction of a certified educator in Clay County schools.

Gap Analysis

Without this agreement, interns and pre-interns cannot be placed in Clay County District Schools and would thereby prevent potential teacher candidates from choosing Clay to begin their career.

Previous Outcomes

Clay County District Schools currently has agreements with 26 Colleges/Universities, and CCDS has an expired agreement with University of Phoenix that they would like to renew. This contract will remain in effect until terminated by either party.

Expected Outcomes

Placement of interns provides teacher candidates with real-world experiences that better prepares them for the rigors of classroom teaching. With this agreement, UoP will be eligible to place teacher candidates throughout the duration of this agreement.

Strategic Plan Goal

Goal 5: Develop and support great educators, support personnel, and leaders.

Strategy 5.1: Recruit, screen, hire, and retain top candidates that reflect the diversity of each school, our district, and community.

Recommendation

That the Clay County School Board approve the agreement between Clay County District Schools and UoP.

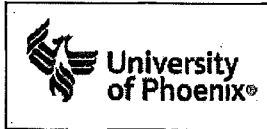
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Financial Impact

\$0.00 (include funding source)

Review Comments



UNIVERSITY OF PHOENIX SCHOOL AFFILIATION AGREEMENT

This Affiliation Agreement made and entered into this 2nd day of June, 2023, by and between The University of Phoenix, Inc., an Arizona for-profit corporation, hereinafter referred to as the "UNIVERSITY" and School Board of Clay County, Florida, an entity domiciled in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the "SCHOOL."

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Agreement is to provide education experiences for selected UNIVERSITY students, hereinafter "STUDENTS", which take place at the SCHOOL and in which the SCHOOL will participate.

II. OBLIGATIONS OF THE UNIVERSITY

1. The UNIVERSITY will offer educational programs accredited by appropriate organizations; and will determine standards of education, hours of instruction, learning experiences, administration, matriculation, promotion, and graduation.
2. The UNIVERSITY will keep all records and reports on STUDENT experiences in accordance with UNIVERSITY policy and regulatory requirements.
3. The UNIVERSITY will plan with the SCHOOL, in advance, its schedule of STUDENT assignments to the designated areas, including dates and numbers of STUDENTS.
4. The UNIVERSITY agrees to inform STUDENTS that STUDENTS shall be responsible for following the rules and regulations of the SCHOOL, including recognition of the confidential nature of information regarding pupils and their records.
5. The UNIVERSITY will provide to the SCHOOL a copy of course objectives for the learning experience. The SCHOOL, together with the UNIVERSITY, will make arrangements for evaluating the learning experience.
6. For STUDENTS enrolled in the UNIVERSITY teacher licensure program, the UNIVERSITY will assign a Faculty/Site Supervisor who will collaborate with the SCHOOL'S Cooperating Teacher. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Cooperating Teacher" shall be defined as the district educator who has been assigned to supervise the STUDENT.

For STUDENTS enrolled in The UNIVERSITY principal licensure program, the UNIVERSITY will assign a Faculty/Site Supervisor who will collaborate with the SCHOOL'S Mentor. For purposes of this Agreement, the term "Mentor" shall be defined as the district school administrator who has been assigned to supervise the STUDENT.

7. STUDENTS are not employees, agents, subcontractors or representatives of the UNIVERSITY.

8. To help defray costs associated with the placement of STUDENTS at the SCHOOL, the UNIVERSITY shall pay compensation in accordance with Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein, upon completion of STUDENT'S assignment at the SCHOOL, or at such other time as the parties agree.
9. The UNIVERSITY represents and warrants to the SCHOOL that it is familiar with sections 1012.32, 1012.321, 1012.465, 1012.467, and 1012.468 of the Florida Statutes regarding background investigations. The UNIVERSITY agrees to instruct its assigned STUDENTS to comply with all requirements of the above-cited statutes and background screening(s) at STUDENT'S expense and shall provide the SCHOOL with proof of clearance/compliance upon request. The UNIVERSITY agrees that its duty to defend, hold harmless, and indemnify the SCHOOL extends to any liability, damages, penalties, and costs which result from its failure to comply with the requirements of this provision.

III. OBLIGATIONS OF THE SCHOOL

1. The SCHOOL shall maintain sole responsibility for the instruction, education and welfare of its pupils. SCHOOL shall be responsible for providing adequate staffing necessary to maintain the highest level of quality education for its pupils.
2. The SCHOOL agrees that STUDENTS assigned to it for counseling, administration, teaching, and/or observation experiences are under the supervision, control, and responsibility of the SCHOOL.
3. The SCHOOL shall retain the right, in its sole discretion, to request the removal of any individual from any area of the SCHOOL premises. STUDENTS shall be instructed by the UNIVERSITY to promptly and without protest leave an area whenever they are requested to do so by an authorized SCHOOL representative.
4. The SCHOOL shall provide as required by the degree program either qualified Cooperating Teachers and/or Mentors for STUDENTS. Cooperating Teachers and/or Mentors will be resource persons for STUDENTS and UNIVERSITY faculty while at the SCHOOL. Cooperating Teachers and/or Mentors selected by SCHOOL will: a) assist in orienting STUDENTS to the SCHOOL, the classroom, administrative staff and the pupils; b) explain all applicable SCHOOL and district policies, rules, and regulations to STUDENTS; c) provide prompt and substantive feedback to STUDENTS regarding all performance activities and interactions with SCHOOL personnel, pupils, and parents; d) complete evaluations of STUDENTS' progress and submit them to the University Faculty/Site Supervisor, after reviewing them with the applicable STUDENT; e) immediately inform the University Faculty/Site Supervisor of any concerns regarding a STUDENT; f) establish a time to meet and discuss with STUDENTS their activities, impressions, reflections, and suggestions for goals and areas of improvement; g) for teacher candidates supervise STUDENTS on a daily basis if the Cooperating Teacher is absent from the classroom for any reason, a certified substitute must be assigned to the classroom. Under no circumstance can a STUDENT, even if he/she is certified, serve as the substitute of record during the student teaching experience unless a separate agreement has been negotiated in writing by the SCHOOL and the UNIVERSITY.
5. The SCHOOL shall provide to UNIVERSITY and STUDENTS the policies and procedures and other relevant materials to allow STUDENTS to function appropriately within the SCHOOL.
6. STUDENTS assigned to the SCHOOL shall follow the SCHOOL'S protocols for health and safety. The SCHOOL will provide necessary emergency medical services to STUDENTS.

7. The SCHOOL shall permit STUDENTS access to the library facilities/curriculum laboratories available to their personnel. STUDENTS may not remove materials from the SCHOOL without appropriate approval.
8. The SCHOOL shall keep confidential and shall not disclose to any person or entity (a) STUDENT applications; (b) STUDENT health records or reports; and/or (c) any STUDENT records as defined in the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, 20 U.S.C. § 1232g, concerning any STUDENT participating in the education experiences provided by SCHOOL, unless such disclosure is authorized by the STUDENT or is ordered by a court of competent jurisdiction. SCHOOL shall adopt and enforce policies and procedures necessary to protect the confidentiality of STUDENT records as defined herein.
9. For teacher candidates: STUDENTS shall not be considered employees or agents of the SCHOOL with the exception of STUDENTS who are current teachers of record and are approved by the UNIVERSITY and SCHOOL to complete their teaching internship (clinical practice) in their own classroom.

For principal candidates: STUDENTS shall not be considered employees or agents of the SCHOOL with the exception of STUDENTS who are current teachers of record (including teacher leaders, instructional coaches, etc.) and are approved by the UNIVERSITY and SCHOOL to complete their administrative internship at their school site.

IV. INDEMNIFICATION

1. Each party (the "Indemnifying Party") shall indemnify, defend and hold harmless at the request of the other party (the "Indemnified Party") from and against any and all claims, losses, liabilities, costs, and expenses excluding attorney's fees, established by judgment or alternative resolution award, arising from (a) any material breach of this Agreement or (b) the negligent acts or omissions in the performance of obligations hereunder by the Indemnifying Party or any employee, agent, or other representative of the Indemnifying Party. Nothing herein shall be construed as a waiver of SCHOOL's sovereign immunity as set forth in F.S.768.28.
2. UNIVERSITY and SCHOOL shall provide prompt notification to one another and, to the extent allowed by law, shall reasonably cooperate with one another in the defense of, any lawsuits, claims, or threatened claims that pertain to services provided pursuant to this Agreement.

V. INSURANCE

1. UNIVERSITY shall maintain, as a minimum, Commercial General Liability Insurance written on an occurrence basis with insurance companies acceptable to SCHOOL for limits of not less than \$1,000,000 per occurrence and \$2,000,000 aggregate, as assurance of its accountability for any such losses, claims, liabilities, or expenses.
2. Upon written request, UNIVERSITY shall provide SCHOOL with a certificate evidencing such insurance coverage.
3. Insurance required by UNIVERSITY to be maintained hereunder may be provided under: (a) an individual policy; (b) a blanket policy or policies which may include other liabilities, properties and locations of UNIVERSITY or its affiliates; (c) a plan of self-insurance,

provided that UNIVERSITY or any guarantor of UNIVERSITY'S obligations under this Agreement maintains, during the period of such self-insurance, a net worth of at least Fifty Million Dollars (\$50,000,000); or (d) a combination of any of the foregoing insurance programs.

VI. REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

1. Each party to this Agreement represents and warrants that (i) it has the full power and authority to enter into this Agreement and to carry out the transactions contemplated hereby applicable to it; and (ii) it has taken all action necessary to authorize the execution, delivery and performance of this Agreement, and this Agreement has been duly executed and delivered to such party.

VII. GENERAL PROVISIONS

1. Neither the SCHOOL nor the UNIVERSITY will discriminate against any person because of race, color, religion, sex, or national origin, nor discriminate against any STUDENT or student applicant with a disability pursuant to law as set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act.
2. This Agreement is not intended and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture or association between the UNIVERSITY and the SCHOOL and their employees, STUDENTS, or agents, but rather is an Agreement by and among two independent contractors. Each STUDENT is placed with the SCHOOL in order to receive educational experience as part of the academic curriculum; duties performed by a STUDENT are not performed as an employee of the SCHOOL but rather in fulfillment of the academic requirements of the educational experience and are performed under direct supervision by SCHOOL personnel. Unless required under state law, the SCHOOL nor the UNIVERSITY is required to provide workers' compensation coverage for the STUDENTS participating in the educational experience. UNIVERSITY acknowledges that nothing in this Agreement shall be construed to confer any right upon the UNIVERSITY or UNIVERSITY personnel to participate in, control, or direct operations at the SCHOOL.
3. The SCHOOL shall timely notify the UNIVERSITY when any UNIVERSITY employee or STUDENT has been involved in a reported incident and the UNIVERSITY shall have the opportunity to participate in any on-going investigation and shall have access to any oral or written reports and any other documentation related to the reported incident.
4. In the event SCHOOL does not agree to the compensation set forth in Exhibit A, SCHOOL and its employees shall not be entitled to compensation from the UNIVERSITY for services or actions of benefit to the UNIVERSITY which are part of or related to the educational program, however, as a professional courtesy, the Cooperating Teacher and/or Mentor may be entitled to payment of the reasonable and customary honorarium or, alternatively, may at some campuses have the opportunity to enroll in a UNIVERSITY course upon completion of the supervisory assignment.
5. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement as to the rights and obligations of the parties hereto and supersedes all prior and contemporaneous agreements and undertaking of the parties pertaining to the referenced subject matter.

6. Amendments to this Agreement may be made at any time, provided, however, that any amendments, modifications or alterations shall be made only in writing and shall become effective only upon the written approval of both the UNIVERSITY and the SCHOOL. Further, this Agreement may not be assigned by either party without prior written approval of the other party.
7. No waiver or breach of any term or provision of this Agreement shall be construed to be, nor shall be, a waiver of any other breach of this Agreement. No waiver shall be binding unless in writing signed by the party waiving the breach.
8. In the event that any provision of this Agreement shall be held void, voidable, or unenforceable, the remaining provisions of this Agreement shall remain in full force and effect in accordance with its terms disregarding such unenforceable or invalid provision.
9. This Agreement is not intended to create any rights or interests for any other person or entity other than the SCHOOL or the UNIVERSITY.
10. This Agreement will be governed by the laws of the State of Arizona and shall in all respects be interpreted, enforced, and governed by Arizona laws.

VIII. DISPUTE RESOLUTION

1. In the event a controversy, claim or dispute ("Dispute") arising out of or relating to this Agreement arises between the Parties, either Party may request by notice to the other Party that the dispute be escalated to the Parties' respective senior management personnel. Upon request, each Party's respective senior management personnel will conference by telephone or in person with the other Party's senior management personnel within a reasonable period of time not to exceed fifteen (15) calendar days of such notice to determine if the dispute may be resolved. If such senior management personnel are unable to resolve the dispute within thirty (30) calendar days of such meeting, either Party may resort to mediation or otherwise seek recourse from the courts. Either Party may seek injunctive or other urgent equitable relief at any time.

IX. TERM AND NOTICE

1. This Agreement shall become effective on June 2, 2023, and shall remain in effect until terminated by either party in accordance with this section. Either party may terminate this Agreement without cause by giving ninety (90) days prior written notice to the other party of its intention to terminate. Notwithstanding any such termination, all STUDENTS already enrolled in and participating in education experiences at SCHOOL at the time of the notice of termination shall be given a period of time not to exceed six (6) months from the date of the notice of termination during which to complete their education experiences at SCHOOL.
2. Any notice given under this Agreement may be given by personal delivery, overnight air express, or certified United States mail, return receipt requested. Notice shall be deemed to be given either (a) upon actual receipt, if notice is by personal delivery or by overnight air express; or (b) five (5) business days after mailing, if the notice is by United States mail, return receipt requested. Notice under this Agreement shall be given in writing to the parties at the addresses stated below, or to such other persons or places as either party may from time to time designate by written notice to the other party.

