

Proposal for Calendar Change in the Teacher Education Unit

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The College of Education's Teacher Education Unit requests a change in the calendar for student teachers. Candidates who are enrolled in the Teacher Education Program are required to student teach as the culminating or capstone experience for program completion and teacher certification.

The Teacher Education unit in the College of Education is governed by a Program Faculty. The Program Faculty is comprised of faculty within the unit, faculty in related units outside the unit, and school administrators. The council has determined that it would enhance program quality and ensure compliance with the state regulation if student teachers begin this experience prior to the beginning of the official University class start date. The proposal is a direct result of a mandate promulgated by the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board (EPSB) regarding student teaching (16 KAR 5:040) that will take effect September 1, 2013. Since student teaching is a critical part of this clinically based program and the state regulation mandates that candidates complete a minimum of 70 instructional days in the school to be eligible for certification, faculty members believe this change is warranted.

Therefore, the College of Education requests permission to amend the calendar for student teachers each semester on the Monday of the week prior to the official beginning of classes. During the 2013-14 academic year this would be August 19 for the fall semester and January 6 for the spring semester. *Students who student teach during the spring semester would not take the University's Spring Break but would take their school's appropriate spring break.*

Please contact me if you need additional information. We appreciate your consideration