



Gainesville City Schools  
508 Oak Street  
Gainesville, GA 30501

## **Student Teaching FAQs**

### **1. How do I get approved for placement in Gainesville City Schools?**

In order to be considered for placement, a placement request must be submitted by your college or university field placement office.

### **2. I only need to complete a few hours of observation, and my school's field placement office will not send a request for me. Can I still complete my observation hours in Gainesville City Schools?**

No, if you have been instructed to complete **observation hours only** by your professor or advisor, please complete the GCSS Request and Information Sheet and return via email to [priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net](mailto:priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net). Your college professor will then be contacted to verify your observation hours.

### **3. How long does a placement take to be approved?**

Please allow at least three weeks for a request to be received and moved through the placement process.

### **4. Can I student teach in schools where my children attend or where my relatives work?**

No, students may not student teach in the same school where their children attend or where immediate family members are employed.

### **5. Can I be paid while I am completing my student teaching?**

No, GCSS employees may not be paid during their student teaching assignment.

### **6. Should I contact the school where I am interested in completing my placement?**

Please do not contact the schools directly. Any questions regarding your placement should be directed to Priscilla Collins at [priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net](mailto:priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net).

### **7. My school does not have a MOU or partnership agreement with Gainesville City Schools. Can I still complete my placement there?**

No. In order to be placed in a GCSS school for your student teaching experience, your college/university must have a MOU/ partnership agreement with us. If you are unsure if your school is a GCSS partner, please contact Priscilla Collins, Chief Achievement and Accountability Officer at [priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net](mailto:priscilla.collins@gcssk12.net) or 770 536-5275.