



**SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA
STUDENT PLACEMENT AGREEMENT**

This Agreement ("Agreement") is made by and between Saint Mary's College of California ("Saint Mary's"), a non-profit public benefit corporation and Mt. Diablo Unified School District ("Institution") on this 1st day of August 2024 ("Effective Date").

RECITALS

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's desires to place Saint Mary's students enrolled in teacher training curricula and/or Saint Mary's students enrolled in counselor or psychology training curricula (collectively, "Students"), in appropriate locations whereby Students may gain practical teaching, school counseling or school psychology experience as an important element of Students' education and training by Saint Mary's School of Education; and

WHEREAS, Saint Mary's is accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges and is approved by the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing ("CCTC") as a teacher and counselor education institution that enrolls Students in a teacher training and/or a school counselor or school psychology education curriculum and Institution benefits from the services and assistance of Students in Institution's teaching, school counseling or school psychology environments; and

NOW, WHEREFORE, it is mutually agreed between the parties hereto as follows:

TERMS

1. Incorporation of Recitals

The Recitals appearing above are admitted by the parties to be true and correct and are incorporated into this Agreement as if fully set forth herein.

2. Term

This Agreement is effective as of the Effective Date and covers all applicable instructional periods commencing on or about the first day of **August 2024** and ending before the first day of **August 2027**.

3. Definitions

3.1 "*Student Teaching*" means active participation in the duties and functions of classroom teaching under the supervision and instruction of Institution's employees who hold valid credentials issued by the CCTC, other than emergency or provisional credentials, authorizing them to serve as classroom teachers in the Institutions or classes in which practice teaching is provided. "*Student teaching*" further means, as appropriate, "*School Counseling or School Psychology Field Experience*" which is the active participation in the duties and function of school counseling under the supervision and instruction of Institution's employees who hold valid credentials issued by the CCTC, other than emergency or provisional credentials, authorizing them to serve as counselors in Institution classrooms and programs in which school counseling or school psychology field experience is provided.

3.2 "*Location*" means any applicable Institution site or campus when Institution is a public school district with multiple locations or campuses on which Student Teaching, School Counseling or School Psychology will occur. If Institution is located on a single campus, such as an independent school, a private school, or a public institution located on a single site, then "*Location*" shall be read to mean "*Institution*."

- 3.3 “*Master Teacher*” means the Institution teacher, school counselor or school psychologist, holding a valid credential or license issued by or approved by the CCTC, who is or will be providing supervision to Students assigned to the Location. Also referred to as “*Field Supervisor*” in the context of school counseling or school psychology.

4. Parameters

- 4.1 Institution and Saint Mary’s shall, from time to time, adjust the number of Students per semester that will be placed with Institution.
- 4.2 Saint Mary’s shall pay to Institution a fee of twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) per semester unit of experience provided to Students in teacher training programs who are placed at Institution Location(s). Invoices must be received by Saint Mary’s (via email to KSOE Business Operations) by May 15th (of the fiscal year in which the placement occurred) to be eligible for payment.

5. Obligation of Institution

- 5.1 Institution shall provide Students with hands-on experience through Student Teaching, School Counseling or School Psychology in a classroom or other appropriate environment.
- 5.2 Institution shall ensure that Students are supervised when at the assigned Location. Institution shall ensure that each Student is provided with adequate opportunity to complete all Student Teaching, School Counseling or School Psychology requirements of the Saint Mary’s credential program as may be necessary for the Student to earn his/her semester units.

6. Obligation of Saint Mary’s

- 6.1 Saint Mary’s may consult with the Principal or Vice Principal at the Location, as well as consulting with the prospective Master Teachers/Field Supervisors regarding the placement of Students at Institution Location(s).
- 6.2 The assignment of a Student to practice teach or practice school counseling or school psychology at an Institution location shall be deemed to be effective for the purpose of this Agreement as of the date the student presents to the proper authorities of Institution the placement verification form or other document given to the student by Saint Mary’s effecting such assignment, but not earlier than the date of such assignment as shown on such form or other document measuring the amount of supervision provided.

7. Fee Computation

Saint Mary’s will accept invoices by Institution periodically throughout the term of this Agreement and Saint Mary’s shall make payments in accordance with the invoice terms. However, before closing the assignment of each student teacher, **but no later than May 15th of each fiscal year**, Institution shall submit to Saint Mary’s any final invoices for payment.

8. Termination

- 8.1 This Agreement may be terminated for any reason or without reason by either party by providing (30) thirty-calendar day’s advance written notice of the Termination to the other party. Upon termination of this Agreement, all fees shall be prorated to reflect only those services rendered and shall be invoiced as contemplated under the terms of this Agreement.
- 8.2 Institution, for good cause, may refuse to accept for Student Teaching, Student School Counseling or School Psychology, any Student that Saint Mary’s proposes to assign to Institution. Institution, for good cause and after consultation with Saint Mary’s, may terminate the assignment of any Student assigned to Institution. The termination of any individual Student shall not terminate this Agreement and Saint Mary’s may, during the term of this Agreement, seek to assign additional or different Students to Institution.

9. Applicable Laws, Codes and Regulations

- 9.1 Saint Mary’s, upon written request by Institution and upon receipt of appropriate materials from Institution, will instruct students on applicable state and federal law relating to unlawful discrimination, including harassment. Institution shall clearly indicate to Saint Mary’s any laws, codes, or regulations of which Saint Mary’s students must be informed.
- 9.2 Institution warrants that it and its facilities comply with all applicable laws, codes, and regulations that pertain to the operation of an educational facility, including but not limited to laws and regulations concerning unlawful discrimination, harassment, and accessibility.

10. Relationship of Parties

This Agreement shall not be construed to make the parties partners, joint ventures, brokers, employees, principal, or agent, nor shall either party hold itself contrary to these terms and neither party shall be bound by any representation, act, or omission of the other.

11. Indemnity

- 11.1 Saint Mary’s agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Institution against all claims, suits, liabilities and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees, for claims or suits arising out of or related to the negligence or intentional wrongful acts of Saint Mary’s.
- 11.2 Institution agrees to defend, indemnify and hold harmless Saint Mary’s from any claims, suits, liabilities and costs, including but not limited to, reasonable attorneys’ fees, for claims or suits arising out of or related to the negligence or intentional wrongful acts or omissions of Institution or its employees.

12. Assignment

This Agreement may not be assigned by either party without the advance written consent of the other. This Agreement shall be binding upon the heirs, successors, and assigns of both parties.

13. Notices

All notices or correspondences regarding this Agreement shall be directed to the following addresses:

If to Saint Mary’s:

Saint Mary’s College of California
 KSOE C/O Dora Scott
 1928 St. Mary’s Rd., PMB 4350
 Moraga, CA 94575-4350
 Email: das19@stmarys-ca.edu

If to Institution: (please complete below)

Attn: _____

14. Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act

All parties will maintain in strict confidentiality all student information and will not share, sell, or use such information for any purpose other than in a manner that is fully in compliance with the terms of the federal Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (20 U.S.C. § 1232(g)) ("FERPA") and all other applicable laws regarding the disclosure, maintenance and preservation of confidentiality of student records. All parties further agree to abide by the limitations on re-disclosure of personally identifiable information from education records set forth in The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (34 CFR § 99.33 (a)(2)).

15. General Data Protection Regulation

The parties acknowledge that personally identifiable information may be protected by other regulations including the General Data Protection Regulations ("GDPR") of the European Union, and that generally this data cannot be shared, sold, or used for any purpose other than in a manner that is fully in compliance with such regulations, and all other applicable laws regarding the disclosure, maintenance and preservation of personally identifiable information.

16. Governing Law

This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of California, for any lawsuits or disputes between the parties arising from or incident to this Agreement.

17. Entire Agreement

This Agreement constitutes the entire understanding between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof and may be amended only upon the prior written agreement of the parties.

18. Severability

If any term or provision of this Agreement is declared by a court of competent jurisdiction to be illegal, void, or unenforceable, that shall not affect the validity and enforceability of the remaining portions of this Agreement.

19. Non-Waiver

The failure of either party to exercise any of its rights under this Agreement for a breach thereof shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such rights, nor shall the same be deemed to be a waiver of any subsequent breach, either of the same provision or otherwise.

WHEREFORE, each party has caused this Agreement to be executed, in no fewer than two (2) counterparts, on their behalf personally or by a duly authorized representative, all as of the Effective Date of this Agreement.

SAINT MARY’S COLLEGE OF CALIFORNIA MT. DIABLO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Signature: _____

Sandra Kim

Vice President for Finance and Administration

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Title: _____

Date: _____