

**Memorandum of Understanding  
Between  
Western Kentucky University  
And  
Elizabethtown Independent Schools**

This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") is entered into by and between the Western Kentucky University, an agency and instrumentality of the Commonwealth of Kentucky ("Western Kentucky University"), and Elizabethtown Independent Schools, effective as of the last date signed below.

WHEREAS, there currently exists a teacher workforce shortage throughout the Commonwealth of Kentucky but most acutely in the rural areas of the Commonwealth;

WHEREAS, it has been established through the training paradigms of several universities throughout the country that teachers who are from and train in rural areas are more likely to remain in those areas to teach;

WHEREAS, to address this teacher workforce shortage, Western Kentucky University is partnering with area school districts to support students who are recognized by their school districts as being future certified teachers in high need areas;

NOW THEREFORE, Western Kentucky University and Elizabethtown Independent Schools agree as follows:

1. Western Kentucky University will match tuition funds provided by the district for district-selected students accepted and completing WKU Teacher Preparation Programs up to the cost of tuition.
2. Students need to apply for the program with their district every year to ensure continued funding.
3. To the extent possible, the culminating student teaching experience will take place in the district.
4. WKU will provide opportunities for students to access on-campus (Bowling Green) education activities remotely through distance technology on a case-by-case basis.
5. Funds from the district will flow to the College Heights Foundation as a third-party scholarship.
6. Should funds from the district need to be held for subsequent years with possible distribution to outside entities, those funds will be held by the College Heights Foundation in an account in the individual school district's name.

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Dr. Corinne Murphy, Dean  
College of Education and Behavioral Sciences  
Western Kentucky University

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