

**Memorandum of
Understanding
Between
Western Kentucky
University
And
Christian County Public
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 Christian County Public School District, 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 Christian County Public School District 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
2. Programs at the undergraduate and graduate levels up to the cost of tuition. Per this agreement, WKU will match Christian County Public School's contribution of 1/3 of each approved candidate's tuition, and the candidate will contribute 1/3 of the tuition cost. In addition, should Christian County identify candidates that qualify for additional tuition support, WKU will match up to 1/2 of a candidate's total tuition cost if the district contributes 1/2 of the total tuition.

3. All other expenses including associated fees and books are the responsibility of the candidate.
4. Students need to apply for the program with their district every year to ensure continued funding.
5. Christian County Public Schools will submit the name of the district GYO Teachers point of contact to WKU.
6. To the extent possible, the culminating student teaching experience will take place in the district.
7. WKU will provide opportunities for students to access on-campus (Bowling Green) education activities remotely through distance technology on a case-by-case basis.

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