

## Option 9 Memorandum of Agreement

This agreement between Kentucky Christian University and \_\_\_\_\_ School District is entered into to provide participants an expedited route to initial Kentucky teacher certification. Participants will earn a bachelor's degree from Kentucky Christian University and initial certification from the Kentucky Education Professional Standards Board within three (3) school years.

By signing this agreement, the \_\_\_\_\_ School District agrees to:

1. Employ the participant in a residency or paraprofessional program within the school district for the duration of the program as long as the participant is making successful progress in the Option 9 program;
2. Ensure the resident receives training on the Professional Code of Ethics for Kentucky School Certified Personnel;
3. Utilize experienced teachers employed by the district to provide coaching and mentoring to the participant;
4. Ensure at least one mentor is certified in the area in which certification is being sought;
5. Ensure the availability of funding for each participant for the duration of the candidate's participation in the program as long as the participant is making successful progress in the Option 9 program;
6. Ensure at least 1 year of employment provides hands-on experience in the area in which certification is being sought;
7. Ensure the candidate completes a minimum of two hundred (200) clock hours of field experience in a variety of primary through grade 12 school settings;
8. Provide opportunities for the student teacher to assume major responsibilities for the full range of teaching duties that are consistent with his/her planned certification content and grade range, during the third year of the residency;
9. Maintain and share with the EPP all required electronic records;
10. Continue this partnership until the district's employed participants for Option 9 certification complete the program or are no longer employed by the district; and
11. If the school district determines to end the partnership, the district shall no longer accept new candidates to the program.

By signing this agreement, Kentucky Christian University agrees to:

1. Accept work experience in place of student teaching;
2. Guarantee the admission requirements will be met; and
3. Assign a university supervisor to work with the participant during the third year of the program.

This agreement is entered into on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_ by

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Superintendent \_\_\_\_\_ School District

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Keeran School of Education Dean  
Kentucky Christian University