

Welcome,

You are about to embark on one of the most significant experiences of your time here at Appalachian State University. We would like you to view your student teaching experience as an opportunity to test your abilities, your knowledge, and your skills during this time. Student teaching offers the opportunity to ready yourself for what is one of the most challenging and yet rewarding professional careers any person could choose. Your cooperating teacher, your university supervisor, and all the other support personnel who will be with you during this experience will form a community of practice within which we want you to succeed. We all want you to emerge from this experience with a new-found confidence in your skills and knowledge and with a commitment to provide the very best education you can for the students who become your responsibility.

This Handbook is designed to make the student teaching experience a meaningful professional experience for you, the teacher candidate, and all the other professional personnel with whom you will be working. During student teaching, you will find many occasions when you will need further information, resources, and contacts. We hope that this Handbook will serve a useful purpose for you during these times. We welcome your feedback about the usefulness of the Handbook and about ways that we can make the student teaching experience meaningful for all our teacher candidates.

Best wishes for a successful student teaching experience.

Sincerely,



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