

**PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY**  
**LDA – STUDENT TEACHING AND INTERNSHIPS**

*Category: Recommended*

The School Board recognizes the student teacher/intern program as an important aspect of a future teacher's education. Therefore, the Board will cooperate with institutions of higher education in training student teachers.

All persons involved in this program must recognize that the first and primary responsibility of the District is to the students within its schools. If at any time a student teacher/intern becomes unacceptable, the District reserves the right to refuse that student teacher/intern further teaching experience within the District.

Student teachers/interns who work in the District shall be accepted only after approval of the Superintendent and/or the Principal of the building in which the person is to teach.

Student teachers/interns are allowed to substitute for pay for their cooperating teacher as allowed in the student teaching handbook of the institution they represent. If no reference to working for pay is in the handbook, the district restricts them to no more than three non-consecutive days of substitute teaching for their cooperating teacher(s) only, except in emergency situations.

Student teachers/interns shall be subject to a Criminal History Records Check prior to working in the District. The cost of the Criminal History Records Check is to be paid by the school district.

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***District Policy History:***

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