**August Experience Proposal**

Pre-service teacher candidates planning to clinical teach in the Spring semester are required to experience the first days of school. TEA defines first days of school as the first two weeks of that school’s academic year. Those candidates who clinical teach in Spring semesters need to engage in an August experience to fulfill TEA requirements and be eligible for Spring clinical teaching.

WTAMU proposes that those candidates be placed on a campus with one of our district partners for two days.

* Day 1: Work Day for the campus where the candidate may assist the classroom teacher with set up, see what set up entails to prepare for an upcoming school year, and discuss First Days of School with the classroom teacher as the candidate “lends a helping hand.”
* Day 2: In-service within the first two weeks of the campus start date. This may be determined by each campus individually. The WTAMU candidate would observe on this date. The candidate would be available to help or participate in any way the classroom teacher desired. We do request that during the conference period of this day that the WTAMU candidate may confer with the classroom teacher to be able to write a reflectionary paper addressing specific points provided by the WTAMU Office of Teacher Preparation. (See attached suggested talking points for this paper)

**What we need from WTAMU Candidates:**

* Review the listed districts, available dates, and campuses.
* You will need to choose a date and campus for **Day 1—Work Day**, and a date and campus for **Day 2 In-Service Observation**. You need to choose the same campus for both; if this is an issue, please contact us.
* Please return your first and second choices for Day 1 and Day 2 to greidlinger@wtamu.edu if you have any questions, please contact her at 806-651-2668. To make this easy, we have attached a form you can fill out and return with your choices.
* Do not contact districts directly. We will be the ones to contact districts and let them know which dates and campuses you have chosen. The districts will assign you to a teacher on their campus. We will let you know where these placements will be.
* We need to receive your choices in dates and placements no later than **August 5th**, 2019 by 5:00 pm to allow districts time to make the placements and return this information to you.
* You will need to complete district background check by **August 6th**, 2019. We have provided instructions for each district in the attachments on this email.
* Space is limited for each district and each campus. We will assign people on a first come, first served basis. You should indicate a 2nd choice at another district in case we are not able to place you in your first choice; if you have a specific desire for a certain district, you should return your request very quickly.

**Process:**

After receiving feedback and lists of available campuses and dates from our partners, WTAMU will engage in the following steps:

* Notify Spring 2020 Clinical Teachers of this process and provide them the lists of campuses and dates to be able to choose their attendance dates.
* We will require that the candidate pick the same campus/classroom for both dates to receive the full August experience.
* We will not place anyone in a district without district approval and prior knowledge.
* We will ensure all background checks are completed beforehand.
* Please note, we will allow candidates to choose which district and dates they are able to attend.
* Districts may choose how many candidates they will allow to come for the August experience and the grade level and certification areas.

3 participating districts: Hereford ISD, Pampa ISD, and Amarillo ISD (their schedule attached)

**Day 1: Work Day Observations**

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| Campus | Available Dates:  |
| Hereford ISD | 8/6Teacher workday | 8/12Teacher workday | 8/13Teacher workday |  |  |  |
| Hereford HS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hereford JH |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aikman Elem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bluebonnet Elem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest Elem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Central Elem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tierra BlancaEC Center |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| CampusPampas ISD | Available Dates:  |
| Pampa High | 8/13 | 8/15 | 8/16 |  |  |  |
| Pampa JH | 8/13 | 8/15 | 8/16 |  |  |  |
| Austin El | 8/13 | 8/15 | 8/16 |  |  |  |
| Lamar El | 8/13 | 8/15 | 8/16 |  |  |  |
| Travis El | 8/13 | 8/15 | 8/16 |  |  |  |
| Wilson | 8/13 | 8/15 | 8/16 |  |  |  |

Amarillo ISD (attached in Excel spreadsheet)

**Day 2: In-Service Observations** (Dates must be within first 2 weeks of school)

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| CampusHereford ISD | Available Dates: August 14 – 28 (first two weeks of school) |
| Hereford HS |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Hereford JH |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Aikman Elem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Bluebonnet Elem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Northwest Elem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| West Central Elem |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| Tierra Blanca EC Center |  |  |  |  |  |  |

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| CampusPampas ISD | Available Dates:  |
| Pampa High | 8/20  | 8/21 | 8/22 | 8/23 |  |  |
| Pampa JH | 8/20 | 8/21 | 8/22 | 8/23 |  |  |
| Austin El  | 8/20 | 8/21 | 8/22 | 8/23 |  |  |
| Lamar El | 8/20 | 8/21 | 8/22 | 8/23 |  |  |
| Travis El | 8/20 | 8/21 | 8/22 | 8/23 |  |  |
| Wilson El | 8/20 | 8/21 | 8/22 | 8/23 |  |  |

Amarillo ISD: See attachment. Their list is on a spreadsheet. Please indicate which campus and which dates for Day 1 and Day 2.