

Dear EIU Cooperating Teacher:

As we begin the semester I want to take this opportunity to thank you for agreeing to serve as a Cooperating Teacher for an EIU Student Teacher. Your willingness to serve as a coach and mentor for our students as they take that final step to becoming a licensed teacher is critical to the success of our profession and for the future of our schools and communities.

This web resource contains the following information that we hope you will find useful as you work with your student teacher.

- Student Teaching Handbook (including an Quick Reference for Cooperating Teachers)
- Mid-Term Student Teaching Evaluation
- Final Student Teaching Evaluation
- Information on Continuing Professional Development Credit and Tuition Waivers (including required evaluation of continuing education activity)
- Information about ElU's Teacher Education programs

In addition, here are a few other links that we thought you might find useful about EIU:

- <u>EIU</u>Website (<u>https://www.eiu.edu/</u>)
- EIU Undergraduate Admissions (<u>www.eiu.edu/admissions/</u>)
- EIU Graduate Programs including on-line programs for which you can use waivers
- (<u>www.eiu.edu/graduate/</u>) we offer online master's degrees in Curriculum and Instruction, Special Education, and several other content-specific master's degrees

We are also pleased to provide you with several EIU items for your classroom. We hope you will display these (especially when your student teacher is in your classroom) and help share the good news about teacher education at EIU.

Once again, thank you so much for your service; if I can ever be of assistance please let me know.

Sincerely,

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