

## **Student Teaching Writing Sample**

- Use one of the following options to complete your writing sample.
- The writing sample is a formal, five-paragraph essay (introduction, a paragraph addressing each of the three main points, and a conclusion).
- We will share this essay with potential cooperating teachers and principals to help them determine whether they will accept you as a student teacher in their setting.
- Carefully proofread your writing for structure, spelling, grammar, punctuation, capitalization, clarity, organization, and use of professional language.

### **Option 1: My path to becoming a teacher: Past, present, and future**

In a five-paragraph essay, address all of the following main points:

- Past – What experiences or influences in your past have led to your decision to become a teacher?
- Present – What personal and professional qualities do you believe you already possess that lead you to believe you will be a good teacher?
- Future – What professional areas do you most want to work on as a student teacher and beginning teacher in order to eventually become an accomplished teacher?

### **Option 2: Educational Philosophy**

In a five-paragraph essay, address all of the following main points:

- Describe a significant philosophy, theory, or approach to education that you find to be important or valuable to you at this time.
- Discuss how this philosophy, theory, or approach to education has already shaped your views on education as you enter student teaching.
- Provide an example or two of how you will implement that philosophy, theory, or approach in your daily practices as a teacher.

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### **Option 3: Planning, Instruction, and Assessing**

In a five-paragraph essay, address all of the following main points:

- What is your process for planning an effective lesson or unit?
- When engaged in instruction, how do you ensure that all of your learners are actively engaged with the lesson?
- What do you believe is most important in determining how to assess student learning?