Montana Teacher Residency Program vs Traditional Student Teaching

Montana Teacher Residency Program

Year-long Student Teaching

•Follow the district calendar during Residency

Finish Last Classes Online During Residency

- •Guaranteed 20% of time to work on coursework
- •Especially great for students eligible to student teach in spring

Monetary Benefits

- •Monthly \$1,400 stipend
- ·Last-dollar-in Tuition waiver
- Housing assistance
 - Varies by Resident and district

Gain Extended Classroom Experience Under a Teacher Leader

- •Create better relationships with students and their guardians
- •Receive a clearer understanding of a teaching career
- •Build greater confidence in teaching and feel more prepared for own classroom

Required to teach in a Montana school for 3 years after completion

Traditional Student Teaching

Complete During Spring or Fall Semester

 Generally, 12-16 weeks of student teaching
 Will vary based on degree(s) and university/college regulations

All or Most Classes Finished Before Student Teaching

Some circumstances vary

No Monetary Benefit

•Not eligible for monthly stipends, tuition scholarship, or housing assistance

Gain Experience Under Guidance of Mentor Teacher

- •Work closely with mentor teacher to understand the education career
- •Gain insight of how to manage student relationships and interacting with their guardians

Options to Teach Out of State or Country

•Better option for students from outside of Montana wanting to return home before or after student teaching

No Requirement to Teach after Completion

•Student teachers can teach outside of Montana or work in another education field

