

**District Memorandum of Understanding
Sacramento Consortium Teacher Induction Program,
Sacramento County Office of Education
and Natomas USD**

The Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) is the Local Education Agency for SCOE's Sacramento Consortium Teacher Induction Program. SCOE partners with Charter, Private and District programs (Program Partners) to administer a Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) approved, job-embedded, two-year Teacher Induction Program (Induction Program) for General Education Multiple and Single Subject and Education Specialist Clear Credential Candidates. This partnership is hereinafter referred to as the Consortium.

The Teacher Induction Program is advised by the Teacher Preparation Council (Advisory Council) and is composed of representatives from SCOE School of Education, Program Partners, and Institutions of Higher Education. It provides feedback to the Induction and Intern Programs and helps enhance PK-20 education collaboration.

The purpose of the MOU is to establish a formal working relationship between the parties to this agreement and to set forth the operative conditions, which will govern this partnership. SCOE and the participating LEAs will form a partnership in providing and coordinating services as part of the Consortium.

I. Parties

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered between the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) and the **Natomas USD** (District) to implement the Induction Program.

II. Term

The effective dates of this MOU are July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022. Either party may terminate this agreement upon written notice submitted to the Advisory Council no later than 180 days prior to the start of the next school year.

III. Responsibilities - General

A. SCOE shall:

1. Be responsible for ensuring that the Induction Program fulfills the applicable standards of program quality and effectiveness adopted by the CTC and the California Department of Education (CDE) through the development of the Teacher Induction Program.
2. Supply to the CTC and CDE reports and other information as requested on all matters related to program requirements and activities.
3. Employ staff to perform services as described in the Consortium Teacher Induction Program Standards and budget guidelines.
4. Provide a workspace for SCOE's Teacher Induction staff including computer, fax access and telephone, and meeting space for program activities.
5. Develop an annual program budget.

6. Establish a payment schedule and reporting requirements for the fee for service for each eligible credential candidate.
7. Develop and establish contracts with outside vendors for professional services as needed and/or required.
8. Facilitate a process for equitable distribution of services to Induction Program credential candidates and Mentors for all Consortium partners.
9. Advise participants of an Early Completion Option for “experienced and exceptional” candidates.
10. Convene the Teacher Preparation Advisory Council and develop other administrative processes in alignment with CTC Teacher Induction Program Standards.
11. Participate in program evaluation.

B. District agrees to the following:

4. The District superintendent (or designee) will serve as the District Advisor. He/she shall provide feedback and support to SCOE’s Induction Program Directors and may serve on the Teacher Preparation Advisory Council.
2. Appoint an Induction Program Coordinator according to established guidelines to oversee all Induction Program activities within the District and assume the responsibilities established by the Consortium.
3. Assess credential candidates to ensure that they meet enrollment criteria. Enroll and serve eligible credential candidates according to induction requirements and criteria established by the Consortium.
4. Identify all teachers who are in their first year of teaching or first year of teaching in the District and other candidates who are eligible for Program services as described by CTC guidelines by September 30, 2021.
5. Confirm all participants by October 31, 2021 for purposes of invoicing.
6. Identify all school sites with eligible credential candidates and provide appropriate and sufficient information to all site administrators.
7. Communicate to all site administrators the Program requirements, including release time to for mentors to participate in required observations (2-3 days) and employer input into the Candidate’s development of an *Individual Learning Plan (ILP)* within the first 60 days of enrollment in the program. **The ILP will be solely used for professional growth and development of the participating teacher, not for evaluation or employment purposes.**
8. Select experienced teachers as Induction Program Mentors according to established criteria as outlined in CTC’s 2016 Teacher Induction Program Standards. Ensure Mentors’ attendance at all required induction events including attendance at required Mentor training.
9. Assign a qualified Mentor to each eligible Candidate within 30 days of enrollment in the Program who meets the Commission’s identified criteria of a valid corresponding Clear or Life Credential, three (3) years successful teaching experience, and English learner authorization. Pair Candidates with Mentors who most closely match their teaching assignment, including grade level, subject matter, and credential.

10. Ensure Mentors will meet in one-to-one consultations with the participating teacher(s) as described in the program.
11. District must assure that each participating teacher receives an average of not less than one hour per week of individualized support/mentoring.
12. Arrange for substitute teachers if necessary to allow for Mentors' observations of their credential candidates.
13. Provide on-going information about Induction Program activities to the District's governing board.
14. Participate in required program evaluation.
15. Agree to all completion requirements as stated in the approved induction program pathway.

IV. Responsibilities – Fiscal

- A. SCOE, in its capacity as the Induction Program's LEA, agrees to the following:
 1. Overall fiscal responsibility for the administration of the Induction Program.
 2. Develop and maintain a balanced budget that allocates amounts sufficient to meet the costs of implementing program responsibilities as described in the Sacramento Consortium Teacher Induction Program Budget.
 3. Expend income according to regularly established policies and procedures.
- B. The District agrees to the following:
 1. Pay \$900 per Teacher Candidate cost-for-service fee per year of a two-year Induction Program. District agrees to pay the full fee unless written notice is provided to SCOE per number 4, below.
 2. In addition to the induction program fee of \$900, there will be an additional one-time fee of \$500 for Education Specialist Level I candidates who are required to demonstrate competency in Level II content standards via the SCOE Teacher Induction Level II Portfolio process. The \$500 fee will support the review of the candidate's portfolio and recommendation for the clear Education Specialist credential.
 3. Pay \$1,400 cost-for-service fee for each Teacher Candidate who has met the criteria for, and has been accepted as, a candidate for the Early Completion Option (ECO), in lieu of the two-year program. ECO candidates may have different ECO completion terms. District agrees to pay the full fee unless written notice is provided to SCOE per number 4 below.
 4. Provide written notice to SCOE of any Teacher Candidate who discontinues program participation. Written notice may be provided via email to kyeagley@scoe.net. Refund total is determined **by date SCOE receives written notice, not teacher drop date.**

SCOE will provide a refund to the District according to the following schedule:

Date SCOE Receives Written Notice	Amount of Refund
Jul. 1- Oct. 31	100% of Teacher Candidate fee
Nov.1- Dec. 31	50% of Teacher Candidate fee
Jan. 1 - Jan. 31	25% of Teacher Candidate fee
Feb. 1-Jun. 30	No refund

5. Designate a Fiscal Contact to maintain fiscal records related to the District's Induction Program and provide them to the Induction Program upon request.

V. Ownership of Materials

Any and all products developed by the Induction Program are the exclusive property of the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE). School districts, their employees, staff, and subcontractors shall not have the right to disseminate, market, or otherwise use the products without the express written permission of SCOE. SCOE and the Induction Program shall have the authority to adapt and adopt materials developed by Induction Program for dissemination purposes.

VI. Compliance with CTC Requirements

Pursuant to Education Code Section 44227 both parties agree to adhere to the General Preconditions (requirements 1-6) established by the CTC, which are attached to this MOU as Attachment 1 and incorporated into the MOU.

VII. General Terms.

A. Entire Contract:

This contract contains the Parties' entire written agreement. Any representations or promises not specifically detailed in this document will not be valid or binding on the Parties to this contract. Any modification to the terms of this contract must be made in writing and signed by all Parties to this contract.

B. Indemnification:

1. District agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless SCOE (including its directors, agents, officers and employees) from any claim, action, or proceeding arising from any actual or alleged acts or omissions of District (its director, agents, officers, or employees) in performing its duties and obligations described in this agreement or imposed by law.

SCOE agrees to defend, indemnify, and hold harmless District (including its directors, agents, officers and employees) from any claim, action, or proceeding arising from any actual or alleged acts or omissions of SCOE (its director, agents, officers, or employees) in performing its duties and obligations described in this agreement or imposed by law.

2. Each party shall be responsible for maintaining the confidentiality of employee data to the extent required by law. If either party fails to comply with this requirement it shall hold the non-offending party harmless and indemnify that party for the breach of confidentiality.

3. The principles of comparative fault shall govern this agreement. This provision shall survive the termination of this agreement.

C. Independent Agents:

This MOU is by and between two independent agents and is not intended to and shall not be construed to create the relationship of agent, servant, employee, partnership, joint venture and/or association. The employees and agents of each party shall not be entitled to the employment benefits of the other by virtue of this agreement. Each party shall remain responsible for worker's compensation and other employment laws for their respective employees.

D. Nondiscrimination Clause:

Any service provided by either party pursuant to this agreement shall be without discrimination based on the actual or perceived race, religious creed, color, national origin, nationality, ethnicity, ethnic group identification, immigration status, ancestry, age, marital status, pregnancy, physical or mental disability, medical condition, genetic information, gender, gender identity, gender expression, sex, or sexual orientation, in accordance with all applicable Federal and State laws and regulations.

E. Force Majeure

No party shall be liable to the other for delays or failures in performance under this MOU for events beyond their reasonable control, including acts of God, war, government regulation, terrorism, disaster, strikes of a third-party, civil disorder, curtailment of transportation facilities, pandemics, infectious disease outbreak, or similar occurrence beyond the party's control, making it impossible, illegal, or commercially impracticable for one or both parties to perform its obligations under this MOU, in whole or in part.

F. Execution of Agreement:

This agreement may be executed in one or more counterparts, each of which shall be deemed an original, but all of which together shall constitute one and the same instrument. Photographic copies of such signed counterparts may be used in lieu of the originals for any purpose.

G. Signatures:

By affixing its signature to this Contract, each Party warrants and represents that each has the authority to enter into this contract and to perform all obligations under the contract, and further that the signatory of this contract is authorized to legally bind the Party.

By: 
Signature of Authorized Official
Sacramento County Office of Education

Printed Name:

Michael A. Smith

Title: Director, Financial Services

Date:

6/1/21

By: _____
Signature of Authorized Official
Natomas USD

Printed Name:

Title:

Date:



Teacher Induction Program Preconditions and Program Standards

Commission on Teacher Credentialing

**Standards Adopted
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Teacher Induction

The Teacher Induction standards govern the program for Preliminary Multiple Subject, Single Subject and Education Specialist teachers complete to earn a Clear Teaching Credential.

Preconditions for Teacher Induction Programs

1. Each Induction program must be designed to provide a two-year, individualized, job-embedded system of mentoring, support and professional learning that begins in the teacher's first year of teaching.
2. The Induction program must identify and assign a mentor to each participating teacher within the first 30 days of the participant's enrollment in the program, matching the mentor and participating teacher according to credentials held, grade level and/or subject area, as appropriate to the participant's employment.
3. Each Induction program must assure that each participating teacher receives an average of not less than one hour per week of individualized support/mentoring coordinated and/or provided by the mentor.
4. Goals for each participating teacher must be developed within the context of the Individual Learning Plan (ILP) within the first 60 days of the teacher's enrollment in the program.
5. The Individual Learning Plan must be designed and implemented solely for the professional growth and development of the participating teacher and not for evaluation for employment purposes.
6. An Induction program sponsor must make available and must advise participants of an Early Completion option for "experienced and exceptional" candidates who meet the program's established criteria.

Induction Program Design for Mentoring Clear Teaching Credential Candidates

Standard 1: Program Purpose

Each Induction program must support candidate development and growth in the profession by building on the knowledge and skills gained during the Preliminary Preparation program to design and implement a robust mentoring system as described in the following standards that helps each candidate work to meet the *California Standards for the Teaching Profession*.

Standard 2: Components of the Mentoring Design

The Induction program's mentoring design must be based on a sound rationale informed by theory and research, and must provide multiple opportunities for candidates to demonstrate growth in the California Standards for the Teaching Profession. The mentoring approach implemented by the program must include the development of an Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) for candidates based on needs determined by the teacher and program provider, in consultation with the site administrator and guided by the Preliminary Program Transition Plan. The ILP must address identified candidate competencies that support the recommendation for the credential. Mentoring support for candidates must include both "just in time" and longer term analysis of teaching practice to help candidates develop enduring professional skills. The program's design features both individually and as a whole must serve to strengthen the candidate's professional practice and contribute to the candidate's future retention in the profession.

Standard 3: Designing and Implementing Individual Learning Plans within the Mentoring System

The Individualized Learning Plan (ILP) must address the *California Standards for the Teaching Profession* and provide the road map for candidates' Induction work during their time in the program along with guidance for the mentor in providing support. The ILP must be collaboratively developed at the beginning of Induction by the candidate and the mentor, with input from the employer regarding the candidate's job assignment, and guidance from the program staff. The ILP must include candidate professional growth goals, a description of how the candidate will work to meet those goals, defined and measurable outcomes for the candidate, and planned opportunities to reflect on progress and modify the ILP as needed. The candidate's specific teaching assignment should provide the appropriate context for the development of the overall ILP; however, the candidate and the mentor may add additional goals based on the candidate's professional interests such as, for example, advanced certifications, additional content area literacy, early childhood education, case management, evidence-based practices supportive of specific disabilities within the candidate's caseload, consultation, collaboration, co-teaching, and collaborating with para-educators and service providers. Within the ILP, professional learning and support opportunities must be identified for each candidate to practice and refine effective teaching practices for all students through focused cycles of inquiry.

The program must assist the candidate and the mentor with assuring the availability of resources necessary to accomplish the ILP. The program must ensure dedicated time for regular mentor and candidate interactions, observations of colleagues and peers by the candidate, and other activities contained in the ILP. In addition, the mentoring process must support each candidate's consistent practice of reflection on the effectiveness of instruction, analysis of student and other outcomes data, and the use of these data to further inform the repeated cycle of planning and instruction. Within the

ongoing mentoring interactions, the mentor must encourage and assist candidates to connect with and become part of the larger professional learning community within the profession.

Standard 4: Qualifications, Selection and Training of Mentors

The Induction program assigns qualified mentors and provides guidance and clear expectations for the mentoring experience based on the program's design. Qualifications for mentors must include but are not limited to:

- Knowledge of the context and the content area of the candidate's teaching assignment
- Demonstrated commitment to professional learning and collaboration
- Possession of a Clear Teaching Credential
- Ability, willingness, and flexibility to meet candidate needs for support
- Minimum of three years of effective teaching experience

Guidance and clear expectations for the mentoring experience provided by the program must include but are not limited to:

- Providing "just in time" support for candidates, in accordance with the ILP, along with longer-term guidance to promote enduring professional skills
- Facilitation of candidate growth and development through modeling, guided reflection on practice, and feedback on classroom instruction
- Connecting candidates with available resources to support their professional growth and accomplishment of the ILP
- Periodically reviewing the ILP with candidates and making adjustments as needed

The program must provide ongoing training and support for mentors that includes, but is not limited to:

- Coaching and mentoring
- Goal setting
- Use of appropriate mentoring instruments
- Best practices in adult learning
- Support for individual mentoring challenges, reflection on mentoring practice, and opportunities to engage with mentoring peers in professional learning networks
- Program processes designed to support candidate growth and effectiveness

Standard 5: Determining Candidate Competence for the Clear Credential Recommendation

The Induction program must assess candidate progress towards mastery of the *California Standards for the Teaching Profession* to support the recommendation for the clear credential. The documentation of candidate progress must reflect the learning and professional growth goals indicated within the Individualized Learning Plan and evidence of the candidate's successful completion of the activities outlined in the ILP.

Prior to recommending a candidate for a Clear Credential, the Induction program sponsor must verify that the candidate has satisfactorily completed all program activities and requirements, and that the program has documented the basis on which the recommendation for the clear credential is made. The program sponsor's verification must be based on a review of observed and documented evidence, collaboratively assembled by the candidate, the mentor and/or other colleagues, according to the

program's design. The Induction program's recommendation verification process must include a defensible process of reviewing documentation, a written appeal process for candidates, and a procedure for candidates to repeat portions of the program, as needed.

Standard 6: Program Responsibilities for Assuring Quality of Program Services

The program must regularly assess the quality of services provided by mentors to candidates, using criteria that include candidate feedback, the quality and perceived effectiveness of support provided to candidates in implementing their Individualized Learning Plan, and the opportunity to complete the full range of program requirements. Induction program leaders must provide formative feedback to mentors on their work, including establishment of collaborative relationships. Clear procedures must be in place for the reassignment of mentors, if the pairing of candidate and mentor is not effective.

The program must provide a coherent overall system of support through the collaboration, communication and coordination between candidates, mentors, school and district administrators, and all members of the Induction system.