

The Good FIT Program

Guidelines and Procedures for Host Teachers

Overview

The Good FIT (First Introduction to Teaching) Program offers degree-seeking college / university students an early and supportive experience to explore teaching. Good FIT students sign an agreement with FAU-FIAT to work in a classroom one (1) full day (for up to twelve weeks) during the academic semester as well as uphold program procedures and professional guidelines. Good FIT students receive a stipend for their participation.

Role of a Host Teacher and Good FIT student

You have been selected as a model teacher for students who are interested in education as a career. As a key contributor in the Good FIT Program, your professionalism, classroom management, and instructional techniques will be emulated.

At first, you may need to provide direct instructions for common tasks but it is our experience that the Good FIT student adapts quickly. It is important to introduce him/her to your classroom routines, expectations, and review the class list(s) noting any important “need-to-know” information about your students such as severe allergies, serious health problems, extreme behavior problems, mainstreamed ESE students, etc.

Please Note: The Good FIT student must always be under your direct supervision and is not responsible for delivery of lesson plans or evaluating student performance. He/she should assist you in a variety of tasks that give him/her the opportunity to actively experience day-to-day activities in a classroom environment with student interaction.

Suggested Good FIT Activities

- Assist the teacher with preparation for labs, lessons and activities
- Gather, organize and set up materials for activities and labs
- Provide guidance to students working on special projects
- Assist the teacher with monitoring work completed during class
- Facilitate whole group learning by circulating and assisting students
- Support individual students, including those who need extra help, those who need enrichment, and those who need assistance due to absences
- Work with small groups, including supervision or guidance of activities and review of work assignments

Procedures

To provide us with feedback, it is your responsibility to:

1. Attend an orientation meeting facilitated by the local area FIAT coordinator
2. Verify attendance records by signing the *Good FIT Student Participation Log* each day
3. Complete a brief *Evaluation* at the end of the Good FIT student experience
4. Promptly contact the local area FIAT coordinator or an FAU-FIAT administrator should any questions or concerns arise

Recognition

Consistent with the terms of the agreement between your School District and FAU-FIAT, your principal will receive a letter recognizing your individual contribution as a Host Teacher. Your school will receive a stipend from FAU-FIAT for each hosted Good FIT student.