

Student Teaching Contract for Athletic/Co-Curricular Participation

The Department of Education recognizes and values the importance of athletics and extracurricular activities in the lives of Cornell students and thus strives to be as supportive as possible. However, such participation is impacted during the student teaching experience for three reasons:

1. Students will complete a full work day, typically from 7:30 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.
2. Students may have a 30 minute commute to and from their school each day.
3. After working all day, students will often have several hours of preparation and grading each night.

For these reasons, we strongly advise students to student teach in their off-season, but we also realize that they may not be able to do so because of scheduling conflicts. Students who must student teach during their season must meet with their respective coach(s) to discuss the following expectations:

1. Meet with the respective sponsor/coach(s) to discuss in advance all possible practice and/or game conflicts.
2. Notify the respective sponsor/coach(s) that you cannot leave the school building until the end of the contract day (most likely 3:45 p.m.) and that on some days you may be required to stay later than the contract day.
3. Notify the respective sponsor/coach(s) that you may miss some games, rehearsals, competitions and/or meetings and that you will not be allowed to leave school early to participate in these events.
4. Notify the respective sponsor/coach(s) that you must attend bi-weekly seminars on Tuesday at 5:30 during the semester in which you student teach. The dates will be posted in the syllabus.

Both the student and the respective sponsor/coach should sign this contract to indicate that these expectations were discussed. Signature of this form indicates to the Department of Education that both the student teacher and the sponsor/coach will honor these expectations.

Student Signature

Date

Coach/Sponsor Signature

Date

Director of Student Teaching

Date