

Dear School Leader,

Thank you for considering the opportunity to host one of our TeacherReady pre-service teachers as a classroom volunteer at your school. We deeply appreciate your support in helping future educators gain valuable early experience in the field.

## About TeacherReady

TeacherReady is a state-approved Educator Preparation Institute (EPI) within the CAEP-accredited Professional Education Unit at the University of West Florida. As an alternative, competency-based pathway to teacher certification, our fully online program prepares aspiring educators to earn professional certification in the state of Florida.

## Volunteering Requirement

As part of their preparation, TeacherReady students are required to complete a minimum of six hours of volunteer service in a school setting while our Clinical Experience Placement team works to secure a formal placement with a qualified mentor teacher in their certification subject area.

During this initial volunteering period, students benefit from exposure to:

- The structure and dynamics of today's classrooms
- Classroom organization and instructional routines
- Effective classroom management strategies, including rules, procedures, and consequences

We kindly ask that you utilize our pre-service teachers as you would other school volunteers—whether assisting classroom teachers, supporting small group instruction, or helping with other school-based activities. Our students are expected to comply with all school and district requirements for volunteers.

Thank you again for your time and consideration in supporting the development of future educators. If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to reach out.

Warm regards,

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