

TEACHER EDUCATION CENTER

The Teacher Education Center is a cooperative effort by the Mercer County Board of Education, Bluefield State College and Concord College to bring about overall general improvement to the quality of the educator. The Center has a coordinator who correlates efforts, creates a meeting of minds, establishes a common ground for the discussion of problems and combines fragmentary efforts of the sponsoring agencies into a well-planned, smoothly operating program conducted with coordinated precision for the purpose of giving the student teacher the benefit of the most complete educational experience possible.

The coordinator works with county personnel aimed at proper placement of student teachers; she consults with the college directors of student teaching, the public school superintendent and the supervising public school teacher in order to establish a cooperative effort on the student's behalf.

The coordinator organizes and directs orientation designed to acquaint the student teacher with the personnel, policies, services and educational program of the county.

The program gives both teachers and student teachers an opportunity to communicate ideas and provides an avenue of feedback. The coordinator reminds the supervising teacher that working with a student teacher provides an opportunity for the public school teacher to keep abreast of current trends and new techniques in education.

An array of current materials and equipment are housed in the Center and may be borrowed by principals, teachers, student teachers, and members of the county staff. The coordinator strongly recommends use of the video tape equipment for self-evaluation and planned improvements of teaching techniques.

The County Instructional Department maintains a cooperative relationship with the Student Teacher Center in planning and conducting inservice programs. Principals are encouraged to utilize this valuable resource in planning for faculty meetings and other inservice work.

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