



2020-2021 MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
for the
California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program
between
Davis Joint Unified School District
and



Dixon Unified School District (Participating District or LEA)
School District/LEA Name Here

General

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into between the Davis Joint Unified School District (DJUSD) – Local Educational Agency (LEA) for the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program (CATIP) – and the participating district or LEA listed above (referred to as "District" in this MOU) to participate in the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program.

The effective date of this MOU is September 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021. The terms of this agreement shall remain in force unless mutually amended.

Purpose

The purpose of this Memorandum of Understanding is to establish a formal working relationship between the parties of agreement and to set forth the operative conditions that govern this partnership. The assumption of continued partnership for the **2021-2022** school year is made unless the District notifies the CATIP in writing on or **prior to January 31, 2021.**

Responsibilities – General

A) CATIP agrees to:

- 1) Provide support for direct program administration to conduct the accredited induction program per guidelines set forth by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and California Department of Education (CDE);
- 2) Provide office space, equipment, and meeting space for program activities;
- 3) Facilitate a process for equitable distribution of services to Teacher Candidates and Mentors in all participating districts and schools;
- 4) Convene a Teacher Induction Program Advisory Committee, establish regular meetings, and provide data on program requirements and clear credentialing;
- 5) Establish and maintain accurate program records and reports;
- 6) Maintain State of California approval and accreditation as an Induction Program and Credentialing Agency;
- 7) Advise Teacher Candidates about their involvement in the Induction Program and provide formative feedback about candidates' progress toward completion of the program;
- 8) Recommend for the California Clear Credential and process all credential applications for eligible Teacher Candidates;
- 9) Arrange for and monitor University of California, Davis Extension continuing education units for Teacher Candidates and 1st and 2nd year Mentors;
- 10) Provide the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program Assessment System materials to Teacher Candidates and Mentors (e.g. individualized learning plans, weekly conversation logs, curriculum, etc.);
- 11) Provide training in the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program coursework, including the Teaching Performance Expectations (TPE), California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP), student academic and CTE content standards, Agriculture and Natural Resources Model Pathway Standards, and Induction Standards to Teacher Candidates and Mentors;
- 12) Provide relevant and research-based mentoring skills training to Mentors;
- 13) Provide induction program information to site administrators/district coordinator;
- 14) Select, monitor, and supervise professional development facilitators in accordance with Induction Program Standards;
- 15) Provide materials, facilitation, and presentation support for professional development facilitators;
- 16) Develop and establish contracts with outside vendors for professional services as needed Teacher Candidates/Mentors professional development and support;
- 17) Provide the Advisory Board, district superintendents and site administrators with information, clarify roles and responsibilities, and provide verification and accountability specific to the teacher credential process;

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- 18) Communicate with and advise District Human Resources departments, credential analysts, and school personnel regarding Induction, hiring implications, and procedures for compliance;
 - 19) Establish and maintain an accountability system for all participants;
 - 20) Collaborate with the Capital Region Induction Network Team, the Induction Consortium (Bay Area), and state-wide agricultural education stakeholders regarding the Induction Program;
 - 21) Collaborate with Cluster Region One and California Commission on Teacher Credentialing for appropriate support and training and ensure participation at Cluster and Statewide program meetings; and
 - 22) Supply reports and other information to the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CTC) and the California State Department of Education (CDE) as requested on all matters related to program requirements and activities.
- B) The District agrees to:
- 1) Appoint a liaison who serves as the programmatic contact in the district, who normally oversees all activities within the district related to induction services and assumes the responsibilities of communicating with the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program (including notifying CATIP when a candidate leaves before the end of the school year, providing follow-up on Mentors and Candidates not meeting requirements, etc):

Nick Girimonte

Name of District Coordinator

707-693-6300 ext 8025

Phone

ngirimonte@dixonusd.org

Coordinator's Email Address

180 S. First Street, Suite #6, Dixon, CA 95620

Mailing Address

- 2) Establish a point of contact in District Accounts Payable for invoicing communication:

Laura Anderson

Name

707-693-6300 ext 8045

Phone

landerson@dixonusd.org

Email Address

180 S. First Street, Suite #6, Dixon, CA 95620

Mailing Address

- 3) Establish a Purchase Order for invoicing coordination:

\$2,250

PO #

PO Amount (\$2,250/Candidate/Year)

(If candidate will be paying for the program themselves indicate that here)

- 4) Confirm candidate availability for program participation according to criteria established by the Commission on Teacher Credentialing and the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program.
- 5) Separate CATIP formative assessment information from district employment evaluations.
- 6) Provide an update about participation with CATIP to the district's governing board during the tenure of this MOU.
- 7) Participate in CATIP evaluation.
- 8) Superintendent or designee coordinator/administrator maintains an informal position on the Teacher Induction Advisory Board for program networking, implementation, compliance, and program evaluation;
- 9) The Administrative member of the Advisory Board or District coordinator/ administrator may bring concerns or suggestions for change to the Advisory Board for discussion by submitting proposals no later than two weeks prior to the next Advisory Board meeting for inclusion on the agenda;
- 10) Advisory Board Representative and/or District Coordinator disseminate program information to site and district administrators, clarify roles and responsibilities of all program participants, and communicates program information to participants;
- 11) Upon hire, advise eligible Teachers about their responsibilities for Induction, enroll eligible candidates, and gather candidate credentialing information as needed by the Induction office. All teacher candidates who are teaching on a preliminary credential should be evaluated for eligibility. CTE Teachers are eligible to complete credential requirements, including

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application for preliminary credential with prerequisites met. Teachers who have intern credentials may also be eligible if they have recently completed the intern program and have been granted a preliminary credential;

- 12) Ensure that Human Resources personnel and credential analysts are appropriately trained in protocols of advice and assistance to Induction Candidates;
- 13) Provide appropriate credential and advisement information to the CATIP office;
- 14) Select Mentors according CATIP Standards Qualifications¹;
- 15) Approve a Mentor to each Teacher Candidate according to CATIP Policies and in a timely way, within 30 days of program enrollment, that allows the pair to begin working together when teaching begins and not less than an average of 1 hour per week;
- 16) Conduct early site and/or district-based program information orientations that include information designated on the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program "Administrator Meeting" form;
- 17) Ensure that all staff administrators with Mentor(s) and/or Teacher Candidate(s) on staff complete the Program's annual survey regarding the Induction Program;
- 18) Establish working conditions for Teacher Candidates aligned with CATIP Standards;
- 19) Ensure that Teacher Candidates have core curriculum materials and appropriate content frameworks;
- 20) Encourage that all Teacher Candidates have course assignments with English Language Learners sufficient to allow completion of the English Language requirements of the Clear Credential and accordance with CATIP policies and accreditation;
- 21) Provide Teacher retention data to Induction Program upon request;
- 22) Provide Mentor release time for observation of the Teacher Candidates as required by the Induction activities (2 observations required each year);
- 23) Provide Teacher Candidates release time for observation of colleagues, reflection, and professional development activities tied to their Individual Learning Plan (ILP) as required by the Induction activities (2 observations required each year);
- 24) In the event of need, provide Mentor release time for Mentor training as required by the Induction program (for the Mentor's first and second years);
- 25) Develop and maintain a budget that allocates amounts sufficient to meet the costs of implementing its program responsibilities;
- 26) Process payment for authorized contracted services; and
- 27) Provide projection estimates of participating Teachers for the 2021-2022 school year to California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program by **May 15, 2021** for continuing participants and in a timely manner, **June 30, 2021** forward, for new participants.

Responsibilities – Fiscal

- A) CATIP, in its association with YSCTC and DJUSD (accrediting agency with certification capacity as LEA), agrees to the overall fiscal responsibility for the funding of the administration of the program, including:
- 1) Invoice the District through the Accounts Payable contact (named in 'Responsibilities-General B.2') for each credential candidate per billing method selected below:
 - ☒ Billing will occur in September for \$2,250 per academic year with a Net 30-day return.
 - ☐ Billing will occur in September for the amount of \$1,125 and January in the amount of \$1,125 to total \$2,250 per academic year with a Net 30-day return on each billing.
 - ☐ Candidate Self-Pay: Billing will occur monthly, beginning September through May with a Net 30-day return. 9-installments in the amount of \$250, to total \$2,250 per academic year.
 - 2) Assume overall fiscal responsibility for the administration of Induction funds and documentation required by the CDE and CCTC;
 - 3) Develop and maintain a balanced budget that reflects program priorities and implementation of the approved induction plan;
 - 4) Abide by the Teacher Expenditure Guidelines;
 - 5) Provide a stipend payment for each program Facilitator in accordance with CATIP Consortium and Facilitator memoranda of understanding.

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B) The District agrees to:

- 1) Approve the designation of a Mentor¹, by CATIP, to each credential candidate (novice teacher) within the first 30 days of the participant's enrollment in the program;
- 2) Coordinate any potential compensation of the identified Mentor¹ at the District's rates and policies. Any remuneration to the mentor will be outside of CATIP's purview, and above the annual program cost named herein;
 - i) Compensation to the mentor is suggested to be \$1,500/candidate/year, but is at the absolute discretion of the District's policies, hiring practices, and collective bargaining obligations.
- 3) Compensate the identified Mentor for each Teacher Candidate according to rates, policies and procedures at the District-level.
- 4) The California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program must be informed of any changes to this language at least two weeks prior to the start of the Mentor's obligation to their candidate(s);
- 5) Payment for services from the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program to be **\$2,250** per Teacher Candidate per year, non-refundable, no proration;
- 6) Process Mentor and other payments in a timely way based upon approved MOUs and other budget documents; and
- 7) Provide Mentors and Teacher Candidates release time for training and observation in accordance with CTC regulations and program (CATIP) guidance.

Program Participation

Insofar as permitted by law, Davis Joint Unified School District (LEA for YSCTC and CATIP) shall assume the defense and hold harmless District and/or any of its officers, agents or employees from any liability, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind whatsoever, including attorneys' fees, which may arise by reason of the sole fault or negligence of Davis Joint Unified School District, its officers, agents or employees, arising out of its performance under the terms of this agreement.

Insofar as permitted by law, the District shall assume the defense and hold harmless the Davis Joint Unified School District and/or any of its officers, agents or employees from any liability, damages, costs, or expenses of any kind whatsoever, including attorneys' fees, which may arise by reason of any harm to person(s) or property received or suffered by reason of the sole fault or negligence of the District, its officers, agents or employees, arising out of their performance under the terms of this agreement.

Compliance with Applicable Laws

This Memorandum of Understanding shall comply with all federal, state and local laws, rules, regulations and ordinances that are now or may in the future become applicable.

Other Conditions

Any and all products developed by California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program are the exclusive property of the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program. Schools, districts, their employees, staff and subcontractors shall not have the right to disseminate, market, or otherwise use the products without the written permission of the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program.

¹ The District approves Mentors who:

- Possess a valid Professional Clear Teaching Credential and a minimum of 5 years of verified effective teaching experience in the context and content area of the candidate's teaching assignment (i.e. similar teaching assignment, grade level, type of school, etc.);
- Have been identified by CATIP, attend professional development organized by CATIP, and are agricultural educators in good standing with CATIP;
- Have a demonstrated commitment to professional learning and collaboration;
- Have the time, ability, willingness, and flexibility to meet candidates' needs for support; and
- Will act as an ambassador of the California Agricultural Teachers' Induction Program.


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Signing Process:

1. The School District gains approval and completes appropriate signatures through district processes and policies;
2. The School District Returns signed MOU to CATIP office via email or regular postal service (4632 2nd Street, Suite 120, Davis, Ca 95618);
 - a. This shall be completed by September 1st for candidates enrolling in the program by September 1st, and by February 1st for those candidates enrolling mid-year.
3. CATIP will place MOU on DJUSD Board of Education Agenda for consent and signature;
4. CATIP will return a fully executed copy of this document to the School District for its records.

The parties signed below, as the signatory representatives for their associated organizations, affirm their commitment to the stipulations outlined in pages 1 through 4 above.


Signature
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Dixon Unified School District
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Signature
Amari Watkins
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Associate Superintendent of Business Services
Printed Name
10/7/2020
Date
Davis Joint Unified School District
Organization

