



UMN—TC and SPPS Collaboration

In collaboration with University of Minnesota—TC's Teacher Education Redesign Initiative (TERI) and partners from Twin Cities Teacher Collaborative (TC2), SPPS has been able to develop protocols and communication materials to enhance the pre-service training program in our district.

Find an overview of protocol and communication material examples developed in collaboration below:

Cluster Sites

- SPPS schools identified as cluster sites and assigned to IHE based on needs
- Streamlined process and strengthened relationships between IHEs and SPPS schools
- See Cluster Sites Chart in handouts.

Co-teaching Training Requirements

- All cooperating teachers and teacher candidates must use the co-teaching model during placement
- All cooperating teachers and teacher candidates required to complete four hours of co-teaching training
- Online training workshops are facilitated through UMN—TC and additional support is provided to workshops hosted by SPPS.

Communication Materials

- With the support of TERI and TC2, SPPS created communication materials for Teacher Candidates, Cooperating Teachers, SPPS Placement Site Coordinators, and IHE Placement Coordinators. See examples in packet.

Shared Tracking System

- In order to track placement requests in the district, SPPS collaborated with UMN-TC to develop and implement a system of shared Google Forms and Spreadsheets. See example in handouts.
- Google spreadsheets provide real time data to all partners and provides tool to track placement requirements for background checks and co-teaching trainings.
- Also, data is used by SPPS to recruit teacher candidates for future hire.

Recruiting Future Teachers in SPPS

- In partnership with TERI and TC2, SPPS developed a Cooperating Teacher Feedback form to gather data on teacher candidates in our schools. Data is used to recruit highly recommended teacher candidates into our district. See feedback data in handouts.
- This school year, we expanded our recruiting efforts by hosting a SPPS Interview Day with TERI and TC2 teacher candidates. We are able to interview 74 teacher candidates in a span of four hours.

Minneapolis and SPPS District Collaboration

- Through the TERI and TC2 network, SPPS has started a collaboration with Minneapolis School District to share experiences and materials to further support pre-service training in the two districts.
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