

Cal Teach Program Expectations

Cal Teach is a complicated program that succeeds due to the cooperation and contributions of many people from UC Santa Cruz, local middle and high schools and school districts, and community colleges. Collaborators go well beyond regular work obligations in assisting the program and hosting interns due to their personal commitment to the teaching profession. The program will not endure without this generosity of spirit, and we depend on all student participants to help sustain it.

The Cal Teach staff are committed to helping you thrive at UCSC while you are participating in Cal Teach.

In order to ensure that you thrive and that the Cal Teach program thrives, we need your commitment to the following:

- 1) While enrolled in a Cal Teach course, **check your email several times each week and respond promptly** to emails related to your Cal Teach internship.
- 2) While enrolled in a Cal Teach course, **prioritize punctuality and attendance** at your classroom placements and your seminar course. This is important for several reasons:
 - a. Our internships are designed to maximize your opportunity to learn about the teaching profession and develop your skills. If you are not attending regularly, twice each week, you miss out on your opportunity to learn.
 - b. Our courses are seminar courses, based in discussion and group activity. When you are late or absent from class, you miss out on your opportunity to learn, and you disrespect and disrupt the learning of your classmates.
 - c. Schools prioritize punctuality, and you are a guest at your school site. Please act like a courteous and respectful guest.
 - d. Host teachers have intensely busy days with limited bandwidth for last-minute schedule changes. Please respect your host teacher's time.
- 3) Please **communicate fully and frequently** about schedule changes and other concerns with Cal Teach staff and your host teacher. Of course, there will be unanticipated situations that arise in which you must prioritize your own health or academic needs, and change a classroom visit.
 - a. Communicate with your host teacher clearly and promptly about individual schedule changes due to illness, etc.
 - b. If you find it necessary to withdraw from your Cal Teach internship, please inform the Cal Teach staff as soon as possible. If you have already begun your internship, we will ask you to also contact your host teacher.

I understand Cal Teach has high expectations of me. I hereby make a commitment to myself, my peers in the program, and the Cal Teach Program to meet these expectations to the best of my ability. I understand that failure to honor my commitments may result in my being dropped from the internship and may jeopardize my future participation in the Cal Teach program.

Signature

Date

Print Name