

16 NCAC 06C .0390 SCHOOL ADMINISTRATOR PREPARATION PROGRAM REQUIREMENTS

In order for a School Administrator Preparation Program to recommend candidates for licensure, the program must meet the following requirements:

- (1) The program shall be jointly established by one or more institutions of higher education, not-for-profit entities, or for-profit entities, and a local education agency or nonpublic school.
- (2) The responsibilities and roles of each partner in the design, implementation and administration of the program shall be set forth in a memorandum of understanding (MOU) signed by each partner.
- (3) The MOU must address at least the following:
 - (a) the process and responsibilities of each partner for the selection and assessment of candidates;
 - (b) the establishment of the internship and any field experiences, and the specific roles of each partner in providing those experiences, as applicable;
 - (c) the development and implementation of a training program for mentors and faculty supervisors that supports candidates' progress during their internships in observing, participating, and demonstrating leadership;
 - (d) names and locations of non-partnering school districts and nonpublic schools where the internship and any field experiences may occur; and
 - (e) the process to evaluate the program, including the partnership, and the role of each partner in making improvements based on the results of the evaluation.
- (4) The partners must review the MOU every three years.
- (5) Each School Administrator Preparation Program shall comply with the requirements of Rules .0386, .0387, .0388, and .0389 of this Section.
- (6) Each School Administrator Preparation Program shall:
 - (a) provide multiple opportunities for school leader candidates to be observed and coached by program faculty and staff;
 - (b) facilitate the evaluation of school leader candidates during and at the end of the internship based on the North Carolina School Executive Evaluation Rubric;
 - (c) provide expectations for and firm commitment from school leaders and faculty members who will oversee the internship of candidates; and
 - (d) provide faculty supervisors to work in collaboration with site mentors to complete the assessment of the candidate's performance during the internship.
- (7) A portion of the required coursework shall include "field experiences", i.e., multiple experiences that are embedded in a school setting and relate directly to the core subject matter of the course. The preparation program shall determine the courses for which completion of field experiences will be required and the time allotted to field experiences across all courses in the curriculum.

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