



**COOPERATING TEACHERS NEEDED!**  
*Seeking MNPS summer school teachers*

Nashville Teaching Fellows will be working in conjunction with MNPS summer school to prepare outstanding new MNPS teachers. **Cooperating Teachers (CT)** are MNPS **summer school teachers** who will serve as a master teacher and a role model for two Nashville Teaching Fellows. Fellows will serve as student teachers in summer school classrooms.

Cooperating Teachers should be well-organized and have a record of achievement in their own classrooms. CTs will offer suggestions and feedback to Fellows but are not expected to formally evaluate the Fellows' performance or potential.

**COOPERATING TEACHER RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Share best practices for all aspects of teaching and managing the classroom, including (but not limited to):
  - goal setting (long-term planning; diagnosing students; benchmarking expectations)
  - instructional strategies (lesson design; assessments; grouping; differentiating instruction)
  - classroom environment (classroom systems; behavior; transitions)
  - school and community support and professional development (resources, self-reflection)
- Provide Fellows with overview of summer school curriculum (texts, standards, student work, etc.) at the beginning of summer school
- Assist the Fellows in planning and delivering lessons while offering them steadily increasing responsibility for lead teaching in the summer school classroom
- Provide opportunities for Fellows to observe other teachers and foster their development
- Meet briefly on a weekly basis (at your summer school site) with the Fellows' advisor to provide input and receive updates on the Fellows training institute (held each afternoon).
- Attend one orientation meeting prior to the beginning of summer school to receive information about the role of a Cooperating Teacher.
- Anticipate and answer questions about being an MNPS teacher, district procedures and culture
- Operate with high expectations for the Fellows' ability to positively impact student achievement in the summer school classroom and to develop into excellent teachers in their own classrooms.

**Compensation:**

Cooperating Teachers will receive a stipend of \$250 per Fellow; each Cooperating Teacher typically has two Fellows in his or her classroom. Fellow student teaching will tentatively start at the beginning of summer school and last 5 weeks.

**How to Apply:**

**Teachers who are interested in serving as a Cooperating Teacher should complete the application provided. Additionally, you must apply to teach MNPS summer school to be considered.** For more information on Nashville Teaching Fellows, please visit [www.nashvilleteachingfellows.org](http://www.nashvilleteachingfellows.org).



**Cooperating Teacher Application**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Home:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_ **How do you prefer to be contacted?**    **Phone**    **Email**

**Number of years teaching:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Subject/grade level:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Have you taught any other subjects or grade levels?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Why are you interested in becoming a Cooperating Teacher?** \_\_\_\_\_

**How will you use your past experiences to prepare new teachers to be successful in a high-need school?**

*Return this form no later than March 31, 2009. Send it through inter-office mail addressed to Nashville Teaching Fellows, Central Office, Portable #5. You may also fax it to 615- 259-8763 or email it to [mcochran@tntp.org](mailto:mcochran@tntp.org) (please put "Cooperating Teacher Search" in the subject line). Be sure to apply to teach summer school through the normal MNPS application process. If you are selected to teach summer school, we will contact you about becoming a cooperating teacher.*