CSIU Substitute School Staff Preparation Programs

Guest Teacher, Education Majors, and Classroom Monitor

If you currently hold a Bachelor’s Degree in any field area, you are eligible to become a substitute teacher by completing the Guest Teacher Program.

A Guest Teacher is:
- eligible* to apply for Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) Type 6 Day-to-Day Substitute emergency permit;
- eligible to serve as a substitute teacher in all participating consortium districts as well as CSIU schools;
- permitted to work unlimited days in the substitute teacher capacity when the assignments are spread across multiple teachers;
- not permitted to exceed 20 days of service for a single teacher assignment;
- issued a permit that is valid for one year and must be renewed annually.

If you are currently enrolled in an accredited Pennsylvania Teacher Preparation Program and you have accumulated at least 60 college credits, you are eligible to serve as a substitute teacher by completing the Education Majors Training Program.

Education Majors are:
- awarded a locally-issued emergency permit valid within participating school districts;
- eligible* to serve as a substitute teacher in all participating districts as well as CSIU classrooms pursuant to Act 86 of 2016: Prospective Teacher Substitutes;
- limited to working as a substitute teacher up to 20 total per school year;
- not permitted to exceed 10 days of substitute teacher service for a single teacher assignment;
- issued a permit that is valid for one year and can be renewed for one additional school year if able to provide proof of additional 15 college credits/hours completed.

To be a Classroom Monitor, you need:
- 60 college credits from a Pennsylvania University or three years of experience as a paraprofessional in a school entity and are currently employed by a school entity;
- to be at least 25 years of age;
- to complete the Classroom Monitor Training program.

A Classroom Monitor is:
- eligible to apply for a PDE Type 09 Classroom Monitor permit;
- eligible* to serve as a Classroom Monitor in the applicable school district or within CSIU classrooms;
- not a teachers, rather, they are classroom support staff designated to monitor student behavior and assign work;
- permitted to work as a classroom monitor for unlimited days.

Pursuant to Act 33 of 2023, the Classroom Monitor permit provision is available until June 30, 2026.

*In addition to the eligibility information requirements referenced above, all substitute school personnel must meet the requirements outlined by the Pa Department of Education as well as the employing entity.

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