

Student Teaching in Texas

A Diverse Cosmopolitan Student Teaching Opportunity

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Responsive Teacher Education Program

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Participate in one 8-10 week student teaching placement in the Aldine School District in Houston, Texas, an ethnically rich and economically diverse setting. Available for fall or spring student teachers.

Student Teaching in Aldine has provided me with the opportunity to push myself as a teacher and evolve into a professional adult. I am happy to say that this experience has confirmed my passion for working with students with diverse backgrounds in an urban setting. *-Joy Wandowski, Childhood Inclusive Ed*

The struggles students face every day and how they have grown up gives you great practice for classroom management. *- Jenna Hockwater, English Ed*

The Aldine Independent School District prides itself on being, "a State and National leader in education excellence, education innovation, and education advancement." After years of hiring SUNY Fredonia graduates, a student teaching partnership began in Spring 2015.

Teacher candidates student teach in Houston for the 1st placement and return to Fredonia for their 2nd placement. This allows for fulfilling NYS teaching requirements but also having the opportunity to teach in a different part of the country. Experienced and successful teachers or administrators act as supervisors, evaluating classroom performance.



While in Houston, student teachers attend weekly mentor seminars on topics such as Danielson Framework; Resume and Job Planning; Rigor and Relevance; Classroom Management; Diversity in the Classroom; Special Populations; Data Driven Decision Making; and Ethics. At Aldine ISD, student teachers will work in an environment where philosophies, experiences, and cultures from universities across America and foreign countries come together. This can truly be a life changing experience!

Prior to student teaching, Aldine ISD offers an optional weeklong May experience giving prospective student teachers a unique opportunity to live and work with teachers and employees.

To learn more about Aldine ISD go to: www.aldineisd.org

Program Highlights

- May Experience – Prospective student teachers participate in a weeklong visit in the May prior to student teaching, living with Aldine teachers, and working with children in the schools
- America's 4th largest city in the US, close to the Gulf of Mexico and filled with history, the arts and culture
- Weekly mentor seminars provide professional development
- A strong support system and encouraging atmosphere
- A challenging experience in a culturally diverse learning environment
- Successful student teachers are offered teaching positions after graduation. When hired, the New Teacher Induction Academy immediately precedes the start of the school year for a smooth transition to Aldine ISD