



ALMA COLLEGE

Paraeducator to Special Education Teacher Program at Alma College District Administration Agree to Support

Name of Paraeducator (Applicant): _____ Date _____

Dear School Administrator:

The paraeducator named above is employed in your school district and is applying to the Paraeducator to Special Education Teacher Program Alma College. Through this program, the paraeducator may work full time while earning special education teacher licensure with endorsements in Learning Disabilities (SM), Emotional Impairment (SE), and Cognitive Impairment (SA) up until student teaching. This program can be completed in 4 years. For the applicant to be considered for the program, Alma College needs a signed agreement of support for the following:

The school district support plan:

- Assign a mentor teacher with a special education endorsement for ongoing support and evaluations.
- Provide assistance with securing a 14-week special education student teaching assignment in the district in the final semester of Year 4.
- While the paraeducator works full time, during Years 2-4, allow the paraeducator to complete:
 - 270 hours of clinical experience working with students with disabilities (30 of these hours must be in grade PK-6 and 30 hours of these hours must be in grades 9-12)
 - 30 hours of elementary of clinical experience in elementary math
 - 30 hours of elementary clinical experience in elementary literacy

Note: Some flexibility in grade level is needed; hours in other grade levels outside of the job assignment could be completed during the paraeducator's lunch/planning

Based on the past performance of the paraeducator, I agree to the above support plan. I believe the paraeducator is a good candidate for a special education teacher preparation program. I understand that this agreement will remain valid for the duration of the paraeducator's employment in the school district.

School Administrator Name: _____

School Administrator Signature: _____

Name of School District: _____

Name of Paraeducator: _____

Employment Status: _____ Date _____