MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY College of Education

Financial Support for Teachers and Schools

Mentor Teachers’ Professional Accounts
Professional accounts are intended to support mentor teachers’ work as teacher educators in schools with their MSU students and interns. For special ed. mentor teachers, these accounts are set at a maximum of $150/semester per intern for a mentor teacher who works with an intern during the internship year. These monies are disbursed through each district’s internal accounting procedures. Reports that contain the most current information about which teachers are to receive funds are sent to districts periodically throughout the year. Discretion regarding the educational use of these funds is left to mentor teachers. Potential uses include classroom equipment or materials that enable the MSU student to try promising approaches to teaching; photocopying; registration and traveling expenses for professional workshops; and professional association meetings for the MSU student and the mentor teacher. Equipment or materials purchased with these funds should remain with the mentor teacher to support his/her future work with MSU students. Costs for substitute teachers and travel for mentor teachers to attend MSU meetings, when needed, are another potential use for the professional accounts.

School Impact
The presence of sizable numbers of MSU students can directly affect the school as a whole, e.g. increased use of available telephones or computers, or increased use of photocopiers. Expenditures can be made to cushion these impacts and thus equip the school as a site for teacher preparation. These accounts are set at $25/semester per intern for use by the school/district.

Accessing These Accounts
Schools will have information from the MSU School Contract team about who is to receive funds beginning in October. The money is available to schools after the final set of contracts are sent to schools/districts in March and signed and returned to MSU by the school/district. Each school sets its own start date and deadline for submission of expenditures from the professional accounts.

For additional information, contact your school/district’s accounting office. Further questions about financial support for mentor teachers and participating schools should be directed to the MSU School Contract team.