

TEACHING PRACTICUM I FIELD JOURNAL AND WEEKLY LOG GUIDELINES

Field Journal:

During the first nine weeks of the semester, you will be keeping a journal about your observations and reactions to your experiences in the public school setting. Your observations about teaching and learning will extend beyond the classroom and subject area to which you have been assigned. This journal will be discussed at **Cluster Meetings** throughout the semester and submitted to your university supervisor every three weeks. Your journal entries will be guided by the questions provided in the **Field Experience Reflections** handout. These questions are organized by topic for each week. Your journal is not a log of what you saw, but a reflective journal that makes a statement about you as a person and a future educator.

- Use the field experience reflection questions to guide your observations. It's a good idea to review those questions before returning to the field each week. Address a different topic each week in the order they appear on the handout.

- While you are encouraged to take detailed notes on what you observe, the journal entry you submit should be a 1-2 page reflective summary guided by the reflection questions. We want to know:
 - What you **THINK** about what you see (not just a description of events),
 - What questions arise from your observations,
 - How you're feeling (exhilarated, bored, frustrated, fearful)
 - How your observations are affecting your ideas about teaching

- Your journal is not graded but must be completed for credit in the course. Rest assured that confidentiality of content will be honored.

Weekly Log:

A log of your field experience hours must be submitted separately **each week** by email to educstudent@csuchico.edu and to your university supervisor.

- Each log must include a list of the dates, school(s), period(s), teacher(s), and subject(s) observed (see sample on back). A total number of hours must be included.
- A minimum of 20 hours per week (excluding fall/spring breaks and finals week) is required to receive course credit. **At least a third of your hours each week must be spent in classrooms and content areas outside your assigned placement.** Please note that a class period is considered to be one hour even if it is only 45-55 minutes long. A block period of 90 minutes or more will be considered as two hours. If you are unable to fulfill all 20 hours one week, please indicate why and what your plan is to make up the hours in succeeding weeks.