Cooperating Teacher Checklist

Orientation of the Student Teacher

(Much of this may happen during the observation period)

Provide a separate workspace for the student teacher
Introduce school personnel to the student teacher
Review rules, regulations, and policies; give handbook, directory, and calendar
Familiarize with emergency procedures
Provide textbooks, resource materials and show location of media center
Introduce student teacher to the class as a member of teaching team
Supply class schedules
Identify health problems and/or concerns for students
Give definite student teacher responsibilities for early involvement
Begin seating charts
Tour school facilities

Planning with the Student Teacher

Consider student teacher's unit preference
Provide guidance in long term, weekly and unit planning – establish goals and objectives
Be available for assistance in planning and evaluating
Check plans for the following week by Friday of the current week or the last day of the
school week
Inform of schedule changes

Interaction with the Student Teacher

Be enthusiastic and interested
Provide continual and constructive evaluations of student teacher performance daily
Give constructive criticism, discuss alternative methods and encourage experimentation
daily
Keep discussions confidential
Encourage questions and seeking of help
Encourage the student teacher to keep a "log" of your discussions/comments

Professional Development of the Student Teacher

Increase involvement in teaching duties gradually
Encourage extra-curricular responsibilities and activities
Assist with discipline and classroom control
Provide time for visitations and observations of other professionals
Require involvement in professional meetings
Use current professional periodicals and journals
Share parent-teacher conference techniques