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…student teachers should experience the challenge of instruction in a variety of grade levels but not to extent that the experience becomes ineffective. Completely developed unit and lesson plans for all classes taught are the responsibility of the student teacher.* However, it is expected that these plans will be reviewed and approved by the cooperating teacher prior to actual teaching. (In addition, student teachers should follow the specific activities and assignments outlined in any department handbook)

It is recommended that the student teacher gradually assume the instructional responsibility for five or six classes daily, four classes is the minimum. If this assignment is divided into two 7+ week settings, the solo period, including administrative responsibilities, should come during last one or two weeks of each placement. If this is a full semester assignment then the solo period should take place during mid to end of November and into December, with the instruction gradually being resumed by the cooperating teacher(s) during the last week or so of the placement.

*The University does require student generated lesson plans which at the beginning of the practicum should be quite detailed. As the placement progress and the student demonstrates a thorough understanding of the process, the University supervisor may recommend that the plans become more succinct and the student teacher may be able to move into a standard plan book.