

Questions to Ask Potential Student Teachers

These questions are to be used as a guide to interview your potential student teachers. The starred ones are ones we feel are good solid interview questions. The ones labeled as (OPTIONAL) are ones that can be used as follow ups or to dig deeper. The purpose of these questions isn't to grill the student teacher, but to determine if they will be a fit for you and your classroom.

- ☐ Why do you want to become a teacher?*
- ☐ Why do you want to teach (subject area)?*
- ☐ What made you want to teach (subject area)?*
- ☐ If I were to observe your classroom, what would a typical lesson look like?*
- ☐ What are things you value most in education?*
- ☐ How can we promote culture, heritage and race as resources in our profession?*
- ☐ What do you hope to get from student teaching experience?*
- ☐ Where will you need support during your experience?*
- ☐ How can I best assist you as your cooperating teacher?*
- ☐ What is an ideal teacher and why?*
- ☐ Tell me some of the ways you can differentiate instruction in your content area?*
- ☐ One of the challenges of student teaching is establishing solid classroom management with students who are often close to you in age. What will your approach be to establishing a positive environment?*
- ☐ How do you use technology in the classroom?*
- ☐ What do you want students to come away with from having had you a teacher? (OPTIONAL)
- ☐ How do you know students have met the objectives in your classroom? (OPTIONAL)
- ☐ What do you know about Manchester as a community? (OPTIONAL)