

# **Introduction to SUTEC**

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## **What is SUTEC?**

We are the SUNY Urban Teacher Education Center and we provide opportunities for students from all over the state to student teach in New York City.

## **Do I have a choice of where I can student teach?**

We try to make the trip from your house/dorm easy for you, but we cannot promise any particular school. Most of our schools are in Manhattan and the Bronx, but we have schools available in all parts of NYC. We attempt to use “partner” schools which welcome our students and provide a positive experience. No, you cannot go to your home school or any school where a relative is employed.

## **Who may come to the program?**

Any student that is recommended by the field placement office and his/her department is usually accepted, unless we feel we cannot provide a positive experience, or there are no placements available in their field or in a particular geographic area.

There are also many other places we can recommend in NYC, depending on your budget. Many students stay with relatives or prior SUTEC'ers who have space to rent.

There is a list of some places our students have used at the end of the handout.

## **When will we learn about our placement?**

We can generally let you know your school several weeks before you begin, but some principals like to wait until they see you to assign you to a teacher.

### **How can we reach you?**

There is no question too minor or “silly” for me to answer and I love speaking to all of you.

I can be reached at 917-346-2932; I will return your call quickly. You can also call my assistant, Regina Anderson at 718-802-3337. She can also put you in touch with former SUTEC students who can give you lots of information about the experience and your subject.

### **Do students often leave the program?**

We have rarely had a student who left or was asked to leave.

From time to time we have encountered a “home-sick” student, but few have left the program.

### **Will there be any changes from the program here at our home campus?**

Yes, there will be some changes/modifications. SUTEC students often follow a teaching calendar that is somewhat different from that of the home campus since all our students must have the same start/end date for the first quarter. Requirements, for the EdTPA are understood by the NYC schools, therefore not a problem for our student teachers. We follow the Chancellors’ Regulations while we are guests of the city. You will be made aware of them during our orientation session before school starts.

### **Do we have to be fingerprinted?**

**Yes, Yes, Yes!** There are several ways that can be done. Usually it is easiest to have them done early and send them to NYC. My assistant will send exact instructions.

In addition, you will have to register on the NYCDOE website, Regina Anderson will send you the instructions when the portal opens, you

must complete this before you can teach. Please remember while you are in NYC, your home campus is SUTEC.

### **What about a job?**

At this point there is a critical teaching shortage here in NYC, so all cohort members have gotten jobs, even in the difficult areas of early childhood, Social Studies and ELA. We have strong relationships with the NYCDOE and staff that will guide you towards job readiness.

For those of you who attend seminar, we prepare you with resume workshops and mock interviews.

### **Housing Suggestions:**

Women's Housing:

Markle House, West 13<sup>th</sup> Street  
Webster House, West 34<sup>th</sup> Street  
St. Mary's Residence, East 72<sup>nd</sup> Street  
St. Agnes Residence, West 74<sup>th</sup> Street

COED Housing:

Educational Housing Services (EHS)  
InternNYC  
92<sup>nd</sup> Street Y  
International House  
Sarah's Homestay

I will send out more detailed housing information.