

OTF Policies Pertaining to Strikes and Practicum Placements

VIII TEACHER EDUCATION

It is the policy of the Ontario Teachers' Federation:

A. General

1. That the development of the teaching profession through teacher education be a priority of OTF.
2. That OTF has both the right and the responsibility to participate in all deliberative structures related to teacher education, with the government, other agencies, teacher education institutions and the school boards.
3. That the Ministry of Education and Training ensure that guidance information on teacher education be available in all Ontario schools, both elementary and secondary.
4. That teacher candidates not be offered positions of employment before faculty and associate teacher evaluations of their teaching potential have been completed.
5. That a common hiring date before which time no teacher candidate would be hired by a school board be established in Ontario.
- 6. That in the event the faculty of a teacher education institution declares a strike in the course of collective bargaining, OTF would consider the practicum to be suspended for the duration of the strike, and OTF members would not provide associate teaching services to teachers in pre-service programs.
7. That in the event of a strike situation involving members of the Federation, schools in which those members serve shall not be used for practicum, or for any other placement of student teachers.
8. That in the event of a strike situation involving members of the Federation, schools in which those members serve shall not be used for the in-service program leading to additional qualifications.
9. That in the event of a strike situation involving members of the Federation, no OTF Affiliate shall accept student teachers re-assigned from the striking board.