Timeline for UTPA Members

1) When applying for student teaching, request an OKCPS placement from Teacher Education Services (TES), and complete the application process for UTPA (Pipeline members are excused from reference letters).

*Student teaching applications are due to Teacher Education Service during the first 4 weeks of the Fall semester, one year before beginning student teaching.

2) You will be asked to attend either an interview, or an orientation for Pipeline members, after applications are received.

3) You will be placed with a mentor teacher in OKCPS (non-charter) for both your Clinical 2 hours and your student teaching.

4) During student teaching, you will attend monthly UTPA Touchbacks for professional development, as well as a summer book study group.

5) When you sign a teaching contract with OKCPS, you will receive a signing bonus commensurate with your attendance at Touchbacks.

6) You will continue to attend UTPA Touchbacks for your first 3 years of teaching. Stipends will be sent at the end of each semester, and reflect your attendance at Touchbacks.

7) After you graduate from UTPA, you will be placed on a mentor list for new UTPA student teachers. Mentor teachers receive a small stipend for classroom supplies.

8) If you leave OKCPS district before completing 3 years of teaching, you are expected to pay the OKCPS Foundation back for all signing bonuses, stipend money, and certification received for attending professional development.