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TO: Deans and Directors of Teacher Education Institutions
FROM: *John F. Brown*
John F. Brown, Executive Secretary
SUBJECT: Placement in Private Schools for Student Teaching

Inquiries have been received as to the use of private schools for purposes of student teaching. This memorandum is for the purpose of providing general clarification to the field.

The Ryan Act contains no prohibition against the placement of candidates in private schools for the purpose of student teaching. Commission practice, over the past ten years, has been to impose no restriction on the location of the placement, focusing instead on the nature of the placement, i.e., intensive, extensive, full semester, and cross-cultural. Institutional program plans have been reviewed and approved on the basis of institutional assurance that their student teaching placements are appropriate and in compliance with the standards established.

When institutions have indicated they wished to utilize private schools for student teaching, they were strongly urged to do so for only a part of the total student teaching experience, utilizing public schools for the remainder. Since the Commission credentials candidates for service in the public schools, this appears to be reasonable and logical.

Should there be any questions as to student teaching, please contact Dr. Robert Kane, Coordinator of Programs ([916] 445-0228).