

FORT CONTRACT OF UNDERSTANDING
Student Teaching Without Passing the Foundations of Reading Test

Teacher candidates who are required to take the Wisconsin Foundations of Reading Test (FORT) for licensure but have not passed the test, are allowed to student teach starting in spring 2018, **if they have taken the FORT at least twice.** *The second score should be accessible to the Office of Field Experience (OFE) before the day of Student Teaching Orientation.*

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh will not be able to recommend a student for licensure without a passing score on the FORT. However, a graduate may be able to receive a Tier 1 license with stipulations directly from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction. This license allows school districts to hire a candidate who holds a bachelor's degree, but does not meet all teacher licensing requirements. Details can be found in [Section PI34.21](#) of the June 2017 Emergency Rule.

Complete this contract, scan and upload to your TK20 student teaching application in the area provided in the FORT section by **October 1, 2018.** *[FORT preparation resources are listed on the second page of this document.]*

- I have not yet taken the FORT.
- I have taken the FORT and not passed.
- I have taken the FORT two or more times and not passed.

Previous score(s) and date(s) of the last FORT test(s) taken - Maximum of two test results needed here:

If you have not taken the FORT or need to retake the FORT **provide the date** that you will take the test below.

I understand that:

- 1. I am allowed to student teach if I have taken the FORT at least twice and not passed.**
- 2. Under these conditions, I will graduate and/or complete my program without recommendation for a Wisconsin teaching license.**
- 3. If the FORT is passed prior to completing student teaching, I will then be eligible to apply for teacher licensure upon the successful completion of student teaching and all other licensure requirements.**

PRINT NAME

Student ID#

Signature

Date Signed

The following resources can be used to prepare for the FORT.

- UW Oshkosh FORT Resources
<https://www.uwosh.edu/coehs/teachered/fort>
- Option Complete Modules 2 and 3 of the FORT Online Workshop in the D2L Literacy Competency Checkpoint
- Meet individually with select faculty to discuss additional preparation strategies. Contact directly: Teri Wegner (wegner@uwosh.edu), and/or Tom Fischer (fischert@uwosh.edu)
- Complete the free UW Madison web-based modules for FORT preparation ([On COEHS website](#))
- Contact the Reading Study Center (N/E 201) for focused assistance in test-taking and study techniques at readingstudy@uwosh.edu or Director Victoria Haydock at 424-1031.
- If you experience anxiousness while test taking you may want to connect with the Counseling Center. Contact Tracy Siebers at 424-2061 to reserve a place in a test anxiety workshop or speak to a counselor about having an “academic checkup” to assess your strengths and weaknesses in study habits.