Policies on Student Teaching Placements for DLI Teaching Minors

In order to satisfy requirements for the university and the DLI minor, student teaching placements must meet the following criteria:

- They must be in a classroom setting that teaches the approved local curriculum (mathematics, science, social studies, etc.) in the immersion language.
- They must be located in one of the BYU-Public School Partnership districts (Provo, Nebo, Alpine, Jordan, Wasatch) unless otherwise approved by the DLI program coordinator and the EPP Director, and must be in a location that can be visited by a BYU faculty supervisor with expertise in the immersion language and/or immersion education.
- They must be supervised by a qualified, licenced K-12 mentor teacher.
- They must allow for teaching the required number of hours, which is understood as four weeks of teaching for the full school day, or a semester of teaching one or more classes at the secondary level.

Most student teaching placements consist of one of the following:

- A semester-long split placement with 10 weeks in the student's teaching major followed by 4 weeks in the DLI minor (or vice-versa)
- A semester-long placement in a secondary school where the student simultaneously teaches several classes in his/her major and one or two classes in the DLI minor
- A four-week placement during Spring or Summer Term

Following are answers to some commonly-asked questions about student teaching placements.

Q: I'm an Elementary Education major. Can I complete a full-semester placement in a DLI elementary school and have it count for both my El Ed major and my DLI minor?
A: Currently, the Department of Teacher Education does not count DLI placements as fulfilling student teaching requirements for the El Ed major.

Q: I'm a Secondary Education major. Can I complete my DLI student teaching in a secondary school?
A: Yes, under certain circumstances. This generally requires locating a middle school or junior high school that is able to accommodate a placement in your teaching major and also offers DLI classes in your immersion language, both of which must be supervised by qualified mentor teachers. Student teachers are not allowed to assume full responsibility for teaching 9th grade Advanced Placement classes, so you must generally teach 7th or 8th grade classes.

Q: Can I complete my DLI student teaching at a high school?
A: No. In the Utah model, high school DLI classes offer college-level credit and are co-taught by highly-qualified high school teachers and university faculty. These classes cannot be taught by student teachers.

Q: I'm planning on completing a year-long internship in my teaching major. Can I complete my DLI student teaching simultaneously with my internship?
A: Generally this is not possible, as it would require locating a school that not only has an opening for an intern in your teaching major but which also hosts a DLI program in your immersion language. Such placements are quite rare, and to date have only been available in Wasatch District, which has been exceptionally accommodating of BYU students. If you plan to complete an internship in or near Heber City and are interested in completing your DLI student teaching simultaneously, please contact the DLI program coordinator to discuss possible options.

Q: I plan to student teach in the BYU program in Houston, TX or Washington, DC. Can I complete my DLI student teaching there also?
A: No, as any immersion programs in these locations may not satisfy the requirements for a Utah DLI endorsement, and BYU faculty supervisors with expertise in immersion education are generally not available in those locations.

Q: Can I complete my DLI student teaching in a language summer camp or study abroad setting?
A: No, as we are not aware of any such settings that satisfy the above requirements.