



ETHICAL STATEMENT

To the Student Teacher:

Your signing this statement is a contract to pursue the highest ethical standards during your Practicum exercise. Violations of the terms of this commitment constitute a breach of trust, which will impact the assessment of your performance on Practicum.

At least three copies are to be prepared - one each for the Principal, Head of Department at the Cooperating School, and for your portfolio. Your supervisor is also to sign this document to indicate that he/she witnesses your commitment.

NAME OF STUDENT TEACHER: _____

COOPERATING SCHOOL: _____

REFLECTIVE PRACTICUM PHASE:

Focused Observation	In-School Immersion Part A
In-School Immersion Part B	Action Learning

Recognising the critical importance of the Practicum experience to my education as a student teacher, I hereby commit to abide by all of the following, in accordance with the ethical principles of research, the rights of children, the laws of Jamaica, the policies and regulations of The Mico University College and the rules governing operations within the cooperating school named above.

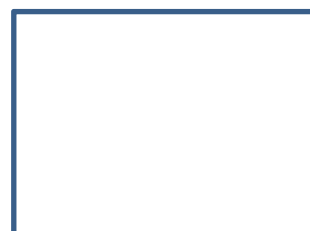
- A.** I will embrace dispositions that:
- seek the best interests of the children;
 - respect each child's parents or legal guardians as those having primary responsibility for the care of the child;
 - recognise the authority of the school *in loco parentis*;
 - recognise that I am a visitor to the school, and I am subject to the authority of the administrators and teachers who have kindly consented to facilitate my education; and
 - motivate me to conduct my Practicum duties in a manner that shows scholarship and integrity of an academic and personal nature.
- B.** Therefore I will:
- use only those instruments and instructions provided and authorised by, or developed in consultation with Faculty of The Mico, and the Practicum Unit in particular;
 - seek written confirmation of any and all permission granted to me by the cooperating school named above to conduct research in that school;
 - to the best of my ability, design and carry out research methodologies that cause no psychosocial, physical or other harm to the student;
 - seek written informed consent of parents/guardians and the school to involve students as subjects in my research before conducting any aspect of the research;
 - ensure that all participation is voluntary, even if parental consent is given, and will not provide any form of incentive or disincentive linked to participation;
 - refrain from recording teaching sessions and interviews (audio/video), taking photographs of the students and teachers, taking screenshots of the class/students;
 - maintain anonymity and confidentiality in the documenting and reporting of any and all aspects of the research project; and
 - refrain from instigating or supporting any bias toward or against any child or group of children.

My commitment to these dispositions and practices is indicated by my signing below:

COMMITMENT: _____

Signature of Student Teacher

Date



Student Teacher's Photograph

