

Beginning Year with Mentor

<i>Mentor provides beginning teacher with information about:</i>
1. Curriculum
2. School policies and procedures
3. Classroom environment
4. Classroom management and discipline
5. Reasonable expectations
6. Professional development
<i>Beginning teachers should focus on:</i>
1. Getting to know the students
2. Allowing students to get to know the teacher and their classmates
3. Engaging students with content
<i>Mentors should provide strategies for:</i>
1. Instructional preparation
2. Instructional strategies
3. Behavior management
4. Communication skills
5. Professional development
TAP: Class Background Study
<i>Beginning teachers should concentrate on strategies for:</i>
1. Family/caregiver conferences
2. Identifying student needs
3. Classroom structure to accommodate student differences
4. Questioning strategies
5. Individualizing professional growth
TAP: Plan for Learning, Data Collection Notes, Learning Reflection
<i>Mentors should help beginning teachers identify effective, efficient ways to:</i>
1. Communicate verbally and with body language
2. Develop a coherent series of lessons
3. Evaluate student learning
4. Conduct student conferences
5. Individualize professional growth
TAP: Statement of Professional
Responsibilities, Data Collection Notes,
Data Summary (optional), Action Plan
<i>Beginning teachers can really focus on:</i>
1. Modifying lessons for individuals
2. Planning special projects
3. Transitioning and time on task
4. Identifying students who might be retained
5. Working on behavior management TAP: Implement Action Plan Product, Process, Quantity, Quality, Time Limits, Transitions, etc.

<i>Mentors can help beginning teachers find resources to broaden instruction by:</i>
1. Analyzing interactions with students
2. Having reflective conversations
3. Adapting lessons to meet student needs
TAP: Implement Action Plan
<i>Beginning teachers and mentors can focus on the end in sight by:</i>
1. Seeking new approaches and strategies
2. Honing strategies for interdisciplinary teaching
3. Completing end-of-year activities
4. Reflecting on the year and celebrating successes
5. Looking forward to the next year
TAP: Implement Action Plan