

TEACHER MENTOR PROGRAM

Quarterly Newsletter for School District U46



UPCOMING...

BNT Sessions:

10/2, 10/3, 10/9, 10/10

2nd Quarter Meetings for Year 1s:

10/15, 10/16, 10/17, 10/18, 11/6, 11/7, 11/8, 11/12, 11/13, 11/14, 11/15

Mentor PD for Year 2s:

10/22, 10/24, 10/29, 11/1

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Administrators...

As per the Elgin Agreement, the TMP Oversight Committee makes all matches between new mentors and teachers. We appreciate your insights and feedback and we make every effort to honor matching requests from new teachers and administrators. If you identify an outstanding teacher in your building who might make a good mentor, it is best to invite them through a face to face conversation. Please note, waiting to apply in August may be too late to be matched with a new teacher. Please encourage those interested to apply. [Here is the link to our application.](#)

For Mentors...

Be on the lookout for your Mentee entering survival phase. This is a time of the year where your Mentee may need a reminder to take a break to eat lunch and make time for self care. Related services, check in with your Mentees regarding Progress Reports and MyServiceTracker. Mentors, encourage your Mentees to take their work for a car ride whenever it is needed. Mentors, please be sure to sign up for the Mentor Professional Development on coursewhere. Mentors with a year 1 mentee should sign up for 3rd quarter. Mentors with a year 2 mentee should sign up for 2nd quarter.

For Mentees...

Parent Teacher Conferences are right around the corner. This can be a source of stress for new teachers, however it is an opportunity to build relationships with families that are vital to the success of your students. Continue to talk with your mentor about ways to engage families (4c) and prepare for conferences. By now, the information you collected in your TEP should help to inform your next steps. Year 1s (BNTs and ENTs), remember to take some time to work on your POP, finish up the TEP and TAP requirement 4c, and upload them into the system if you have not already done so. Please be sure you are uploading your documents as .doc or .pdf formats so they can be viewed by us. Reach out to your building tech and email Judy & Valerie if you are having issues in the matching system. We want to make sure the system is running smooth for you. If you are a BNT, please be sure to sign up for the BNT Session on ACES.

Quarterly Highlights...

One-on-One Mentor training is required for anyone who would like to be a formal mentor in the TMP. Please check Coursewhere for available training dates. We have some exciting updates to our program this year. We have gone digital! Our binder has been transformed into a google site. [Please feel free to explore our site.](#) We have also created a 1st quarterly meeting specifically for our related service staff. We are excited about the opportunity to support all of the different roles in our district. We would like to highlight two incredible Speech Language Pathologists in the program. Yasmin Sitabkhan is mentoring James Keathley this year. What first caught our attention was their amazing selfie. We were excited to learn that Yasmin and James appreciate the updates to the TMP. They shared that they are very excited about the eBinder and the accessibility of the resources for the program as well as having the first quarterly meeting focused on Related Service Teachers. James and Yasmin have both participated in the TMP in the past and they are excited about the evolution of the program.



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