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Add a well-trained new teacher to a school - where veterans are eager to share what they know and learn what they don’t - and good things happen.

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WE WANT TO DEVELOP TEACHERS WHO ARE THINKERS AND PROBLEM-SOLVERS, WHO ASK QUESTIONS ABOUT THEIR PRACTICE, AND CONSTANTLY SEEK SOLUTIONS, WHO ARE COMMITTED AND PASSIONATE ADVOCATES FOR LEARNING FOR ALL CHILDREN.”

NEW TEACHER CENTER
SANTA CRUZ, CA
Mentoring

mentor: an experienced and trusted advisor
Merriam-Webster

Mentors ARE . . .

☑ Colleagues
☑ Guides
☑ Role models

Mentors ARE NOT . . .

☒ Evaluators
☒ Responsible for partner teacher’s teaching performance/decisions
Mentoring Program Structure 2019-20

First-Year Teacher

- One-on-one conferencing
  - Minimum of 30 hours (15 per semester)
- Be observed by your mentor
  - 6 times per year
- Video Recording and Reflection
  - 2 times per year
- Observe other teachers
  - Minimum of 6 hours fall, 3 hours spring
- Triad Meeting
  - 2 times per year

Mentor

- Complete Mentor training requirements
- One-on-one conferencing
  - Minimum of 30 hours (half by Jan. 15)
- Observe first-year teacher and provide feedback during one-on-one conferencing
  - 6 times per year
- Video Recording and Reflection
  - 2 times per year
- Triad Meeting
  - 2 times per year
- Submit stipend request 2 times per year

An OPTIONAL online course is offered (2 credits per semester) to support and enhance the first-year teacher experience.

Administrator

- Select and enroll participants in the Mentoring Program
- Participate in online principal training
- Meet with mentor and first-year teacher in the fall and winter and verify completion of Mentoring Program activities
FOR ADMINISTRATORS, MENTORS, AND FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS:

- Supports by phone calls or email at any time, please contact us
- Sends monthly emails with requirements and information

MENTORS:

- Provides materials and 2 days of training for new mentors and an opportunity to earn 1 credit at the training
- Provides materials by mail to repeat mentors
- Provides professional learning online classes with the opportunity to earn a credit
- Provides a half-day seminar in October
- Pays an $800 stipend per semester/$900 for Advanced Mentors

FOR FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS:

- Provides a trained mentor for support and guidance
- Provides materials to help support the needs of a First-Year Teacher
- Provides an opportunity to earn 2 credits in an optional online class

FOR DISTRICT:

- Provides training for teachers to become qualified mentors
- Provides payment for 5 days of substitute pay for mentor and first-year teacher to share
- Increases teacher retention
Every district in the state uses a set of Teaching Standards for their Teacher Evaluation system.

ND Teacher Support System mentors DO NOT use Teaching Standards to EVALUATE their First-year Teacher.

Your mentor will provide you with a laminated card for the Teaching Standards being used in your district.
Potential Uses for Teaching Standards

- Teacher self-assessment tool
- Teacher growth tool

NDTSS Purpose is Growth not Evaluation

The purpose for Mentors using Teaching Standards is to . . .

- Dig a little deeper into how the Teaching Standards can help increase teacher effectiveness and help the Mentor to feel comfortable having conversation with the First-year Teacher using Teaching Standards.
- Understand that regardless of which standard is being used, they all cover many aspects of teaching.
Part 1: Connecting with Others
Fall Semester

In Part 1, you will meet other Teachers in North Dakota who are navigating their first year while participating in the NDTSS Mentoring Program. In addition to the tasks you will be doing with your mentor, you will have the opportunity to:
- Participate in an online profession learning community
- Give and get new ideas and resources
- Discuss topics including classroom management, assessing student work, and learner variability

Part 2: Action Plan
Spring Semester

For the next part of the First-Year Teacher Course, you will choose two students and create action plans for both.

Throughout the semester, you will use progress monitoring to assess student progress and revise your plans.

The final step will include a reflection of the effectiveness of the plan and the impact it had on student growth.

★ Part 1 is not a prerequisite for Part 2.

Registration information will be available in September on the North Dakota Teacher Support System website. An email with registration information will also be sent to you.
Clarification of firewall

- The first-year teacher may share with the mentor and the principal.
- The principal may share with the mentor and the first-year teacher.
- The mentor may only share with the first-year teacher, NOT with the principal.

My ability to be helpful to __________________ is dependent on our relationship being built on confidentiality and trust. It is important that you know that my responsibility is to support you. I will not be evaluating you.

______________________________________
Mentor Signature
Introduction to the North Dakota Teacher Support System Mentoring Program

You will want to watch this screencast early on with your mentor to make sure you understand the Program. It lasts about 10 minutes and can be counted as one of your early one-on-one conferences. Be sure to take time to ask questions.

Erin Jacobson, ND Teacher Support System Coordinator

A link to the screencast will be emailed to you.
First-Year Teacher Requirements

One-on-one Conferences

- Participate in 30 hours of one-on-one conferencing time with mentor (15 hours each semester, two of which can be made up of shorter meetings; a 40-60-minute meeting, or two 30-minute meetings can count as an hour)

Observations

The North Dakota Teacher Support System will provide a maximum of 5 days of substitute coverage for mentors and first-year teachers to share for observation purposes. This substitute coverage may or may not be necessary to meet the following requirements. NDTSS will pay up to $500 a pair per year for a sub.

- Be observed by your mentor
  - 6 times per year - minimum of 15 minutes per observation
- Record your teaching and discuss with mentor
  - 2 times per year - minimum of 15 minutes
- Observe other teachers
  - 6 hours minimum first semester
  - 3 hours minimum second semester

Online Course

- An optional online course is offered (2 credits per semester) to support and enhance your first-year experience.
Requirements

- The first-year teacher and the mentor will spend a minimum of 15 hours per semester in one-on-one conferencing.
- A session of 40-60 minutes may be counted as one hour. Two half-hour sessions can be counted as one hour.
- Two hours of the 15 can be made up of those short meetings in the hall, emails, or quick drop-by visits that happen in a mentoring relationship.
  - These two hours do not require Conference Logs and are already recorded on the Record of One-on-one Meetings form.
- The other 13 hours need to be documented with Conference Logs.
- It is best to set a regular time to meet. Of course, your set time will have to be adjusted sometimes, but if you do not try to set a time at the end of each meeting, calendars may become full and it will be difficult to meet all the necessary time required.

All requirements of the program remain the same whether or not the first-year teacher is participating in the optional online class through UND.

Documentation

- During each one-on-one conference, the mentor will complete a Conference Log.
- A copy of the Conference Log will be given to the first-year teacher as soon as possible after the conference.
- At the end of the conference, the meeting is documented by both teachers.
  - The first-year teacher uses First-Year Teacher Record of One-on-one Meetings.
  - The mentor uses Mentor Record of One-on-one Meetings.
Using the Conference Log

- The purpose of the Conference Log is to record the highlights of the conversation so both the mentor and first-year teacher can refer to it later.

- The mentor writes on the Conference Log during the meeting and gives the first-year teacher a copy as soon as possible afterwards.

- It takes some practice on the part of some mentors to take notes on the Conference Log during the conference so do not give up if it does not come naturally at first. The process helps to clarify thoughts and to remember what was discussed.

- Refer to your teaching standards rubrics (Danielson, Marshall, Marzano)

Important Note: Use the teaching standard your district has chosen in your work. The language they are using with you will match the language used by the principal in the
How to end the conference

Although not identified as part of the cycle, the last few minutes of a conference are very important. When brought to thoughtful closure, a first-year teacher will leave with a sense of trust and mutual accountability from the mentor.

- The first-year teacher has a specific focus for professional growth
- Specific and manageable steps have been identified
- The likelihood of implementation is increased
- Support is available if needed
- Date is set for follow-up and next cycle

End of the year

Even though you, as a first-year teacher, will have received a copy of the Conference Log each week throughout the year, we suggest the mentor give you all their copies to you at the end of the year. This helps to reinforce the idea that mentors won’t be keeping documentation of their first-year teacher!

Do not share the Conference Logs with your administrator. If an administrator asks to see the Logs, refer him/her to the Teacher Support Coordinator.
### Guidelines for One-on-one Conferencing

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<td>• Attending a professional development activity (or data day) together</td>
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All conferences should be documented by the MENTOR on this form.

You may use:
- Fillable forms online
- NCR copies provided
- Photo copies of the log in the back in the TAB section

Give a copy of the log immediately to your first-year teacher.

Logs are not submitted for stipend payment unless requested by state coordinator.

**Conference Log**

First-year Teacher: __________________________ Mentor: __________________________

Date: ____________ Time: ____________ Duration: ____________ School: ____________

Progress from last conference: Recommended if you haven’t already touched base on implementation of plans made during last meeting.

What I feel good about: Required

What feels the most challenging: Required

Focus for today: Required

Identify the teaching standard/s you are working on today: Required

Evidence: Use if needed

Possible solutions: Use if needed

Resource ideas: Use if needed

Teacher’s next steps: Required

Mentor’s next steps: Required

Next meeting date: Required

**NOTE:** If there is nothing for the mentor to do next, write “NOTHING”

Log is in Forms TAB
Record of One-on-one Meetings

- All one-on-one meetings should be documented on this form.
- The mentor and the first-year teacher each fill out a separate form.
- Both forms will be submitted for mentor stipend at the end of each semester.
- First-year teachers will need to submit the form if enrolled in the optional first-year teacher online class.

15 meetings are required each semester, 2 of which can be short undocumented meetings.
**Observation Requirements**

1. **The mentor will observe the first-year teacher six times during the year.**

2. **The first-year teacher will observe other teachers for 9 hours per year.**
   - **First Semester (minimum of 6 hours required)**
     to be completed by January 15
   - **Second Semester (minimum of 3 hours required)**
     to be completed by the end of the year

**Video Recording Requirements**

1. **The first-year teacher will video record his/her teaching. The mentor and the first-year teacher will each watch the recording and they will discuss it together twice per year.**
   - **October**
   - **February**
Observation Requirements

- The mentor will observe in the first-year teacher’s class a minimum of 6 times (in September, October, November, January, March and April).

- It is important to do the first observation as early in September as you can, so you have a better feel for the classroom during your discussions with your first-year teacher.

- The observation should last a minimum of 15 minutes.

- Observations need planning and follow-up conferences.

Documentation of Observation Time

- Actual observation time is documented on
  - Record of Observation and Recording - Fall
  - Record of Observation and Recording - Spring.

- Planning and follow-up conversations are documented as one-on-one conferencing time.

The Teacher Support System DOES NOT pay for travel for observations.
Mentor Observation of the First-Year Teacher

The Process

- During a one-on-one conference, you will set the focus for an observation based on a need that has arisen during the conference.

- Select the time for the observation.

- Use Potential Focus Ideas (p. 29) and Guiding Questions (p. 30) pages for suggestions for planning the observation.

- Refer to the “Tools” TAB for helpful ideas and choose the best tool to use for gathering evidence of the focus.

- The observation should last a minimum of 15 minutes. The length is dependent on the focus of the observation. The mentor will collect and document evidence related to the focus.

- Have a follow-up one-on-one conference as soon as possible after the observation, using your data and the Protocol for the Post-Observation Conference (p. 31) sheet to guide discussion.
 certo, here is the text as if you were reading it naturally:

**Requirements**

- The first-year teacher will record his/her teaching and discuss it with the mentor twice per year (in October and February).
- Recording sessions must be at least 15 minutes long.
- It is most effective for both mentor and first-year teacher to watch the recording and take notes prior to meeting for the post-conference.

**Process**

- Meet with your first-year teacher and use the *Potential Focus Ideas for Observations/Recordings (p. 29)* and *Guiding Questions for Pre-Observation Discussion (p. 30)* sheets for suggestions to choose a focus for the recording.
- Select the time for the observation.
- Choose the best tool to use for gathering evidence of the focus. You may use any observation tool you prefer. It may be helpful to watch the recording again together at the Post-Conference meeting.

**Documentation of Recording**

- Actual recording time is documented using these forms:
  - *Record of Observation and Recording - Fall*
  - *Record of Observation and Recording - Spring*
- Planning and follow-up conversations are documented as one-on-one conferencing time.
Any video recording device may be used, such as your cell phone, iPad, a school camera, etc.

**VIDEO RECORDING HINTS**

- Do a practice run in the classroom before the actual session.
- Use a tripod or set the recording device down to avoid shakiness.
- Be aware if a parent may have signed a document not allowing their child to be recorded.

**VIDEO:** Chelcie Glazier, teacher at Pringle Elementary School, talks about her participation in Salem-Keizer Public School's Mentor Program.

https://drive.google.com/file/d/0B1OgCurVopovS2pnUktpWkFqOVk/view
This is a special opportunity as part of professional development to observe and learn from other professionals sharing their practice, strategies and more.

**Requirements**

- The first-year teacher will observe in other classrooms

  - **FIRST SEMESTER**- Minimum of 6 hours
  - **SECOND SEMESTER**- Minimum of 3 hours

**Documentation of Observation Time**

- Actual observation time is documented on
  - *Record of Observation and Recording - Fall*
  - *Record of Observation and Recording - Spring*

- Planning and follow-up conversations are documented as one-on-one conferencing time.
First-year Teacher Observation of Other Teachers

Options

- The first-year teacher can observe their mentor or other teachers.
- If arrangements can be made, it can be valuable for both the first-year teacher and the mentor to observe together, although this is not required for our program.
- A first-year teacher may also want to observe a meeting, such as a team meeting or IEP before he/she would have to participate in one.

Process

- During a one-on-one conference, you will set the focus for an observation based on a need that has arisen during the conference.
- The mentor and first-year teacher will together decide whom to observe. Mentors can be very helpful in suggesting teachers to observe, as well as helping to make arrangements.
- Choose the best tool to use for taking notes during the observation. Emphasize how important it is to write things down, so they do not forget when they get back.
- The first-year teacher conducts the observation.
- During your next one-on-one conference, the two of you will discuss what was observed. The meeting should be scheduled soon after the observation.

Ideas

- Observe how things happen in another school or district
- Look for classroom management structures at any grade level
- Observe your students in other settings (PE, Music, etc.)
- Observe an IEP (for both general ed and special ed)
- Other ideas: ________________________________________________________________
  _______________________________________________________________________
  _______________________________________________________________________
1. Prior to the observation, decide a date and a time with the teacher you will be observing. At this meeting, discuss the focus of the observation. This is important and will help you make the most of your experience; choose something that is important to you in your work. It is easy to get distracted and not pay attention to what’s important for you if you do not have a clear focus.

2. Make arrangements with the teacher you observed for a follow-up discussion of the observation.

3. Position yourself to observe all the action or whatever your focus is.

4. Take notes because it can be difficult to remember everything when you get back to your own classroom.

5. Record non-verbal behavior by both students and the teacher.

6. A thank you note is appreciated and helps to build your network of support.

7. Make the most of this wonderful opportunity to learn from others.

The mentor and first-year teacher going as a pair to an observation makes for rich discussion afterwards.
Potential focus ideas for observation and recording sessions

❖ Teacher-Student interactions
❖ Gender-specific attention (boys/girls)
❖ Student time on task
❖ Teacher proximity to students
❖ Wait time
❖ Questioning skills (level of questioning/equity)
❖ Student responses (count/quality)
❖ Reinforcement/feedback to students
❖ Use of motivation (type, equity)
❖ Instructional techniques (variety/appropriateness)
❖ Frequency of interrupters (OK, uh)
❖ Planning
❖ Environment
❖ Professionalism
❖ Entry points that were discussed during a one-on-one conference

____________________________________________

____________________________________________
Lesson Summary

What is the lesson about? Content...

- What class will I be observing?
- Tell me about the lesson you want me to see.
- What is the goal/objective you have for the lesson?
- How will you know that you have met that objective?
- What led up to this lesson?

Focus information

Clarify the focus of the observation and have the first-year teacher decide on the data to collect.

- What kind of information/data would you like me to gather for you?
- Is there a specific student behavior(s) I should watch for?
- Is there a specific teacher behavior(s) I should watch for?
- What questions do you want to answer with the information?
- Is there something you are wondering about?

Guiding Questions for Classroom Pre-Observation

(Optional for use with the Conference Log)

Student details

Find out about the students in the classroom.

- How do you plan to accommodate the diverse learners in this lesson?
- What is important for me to know about this class?
- Are there any special circumstances I should be aware of?

Follow up/closure

Make an appointment for the next meeting to share the gathered information.

- When should we meet to discuss the information/data I gather?
- Remind the teacher about confidentiality of the information you are gathering.
- Clarify how the information will be shared.
Protocol for Classroom Post-Observation

(Optional use with the Conference Log)

Recall data to support those impressions and assessments

Invite the teacher to recall specific evidence or observations.

- In what ways did they meet or not meet your expectations and learning goals? How do you know?
- In what ways did you adjust your lessons? How did that work?
- Let’s take a quick look at your students’ work. What does it tell us about their understanding of the concepts?

Summarize impressions of the lesson

Invite the FYT to talk in general terms about the lesson.

- How do you think the lesson went?
- How do you feel about the lesson?
- What caused you to think/feel that way?

Analyze the observation data

Talk about the data in relation to the area(s) of focus.

- What do you notice?
- What seems surprising or unexpected?
- What are some patterns or trends?

Synthesize learnings, draw conclusions, set next steps

Invite your teacher to use the data and its analysis to guide their next steps.

- What conclusions can you draw?
- How might you support your students in moving forward in their learning?
- What factors might you consider as you plan future lessons?

Reflect on the coaching process and propose refinements

- What feedback do you have about our work together?
- In what ways does this process support your professional growth?
- What thoughts do you have about the next time?
How will I remember everything?

No worries- we are here to support you all year long!

Each month a newsletter will arrive in your email inbox.

A monthly newsletter is sent to Administrators, Mentors and First-Year Teachers to keep the lines of communication open and effective.

Newsletters include:

• Reminders of upcoming requirements
• Words of encouragement
• Resources

Check your school email often.

If you are not receiving our emails, please let us know.
# Forms for First-year Teachers

All forms are available and fillable on our website at [https://www.nd.gov/espb/first-year-teachers](https://www.nd.gov/espb/first-year-teachers)

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(Required) | No number    | Your mentor will fill it out during your one-on-one conferences and give you a copy. | Only if requested by State Coordinator            |
| Observations | *First-year Teacher Log of One-on-one Meetings*  
(Required) | SFN 59228    | You keep track of your one-on-one conferences here.  
Your mentor will keep his/her own records. | You will give one copy to your mentor to submit with his/her request for payment of the stipend at the end of each semester.  
You will also scan and submit this at the end of the semester for the optional online course. |
| Observations | *Record of Observation and Recording*  
(Required) | Fall SFN 59279  
Spring SFN 60347 | You and your mentor together.  
You will need administrator signature for verification. | Your mentor will need to submit for payment of the stipend at the end of each semester.  
You will also scan and submit this at the end of the semester for the optional online course. |
| Sub Reimbursement | *Reimbursement for Substitute Pay*  
(Optional) | SFN 60159    | Mentor and / or First-year Teacher | Principal, then to NDTSS Coordinator |
Conference Log

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- You may use
  - Fillable forms online
  - NCR copies provided
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- Mentors should give a copy of the log immediately to their First-year Teacher.
- Logs are NOT submitted for the Mentor’s stipend payment unless requested.

NOTE: If there is nothing for the mentor to do next, write “NOTHING”
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- All One-on-one meetings should be documented on this form.
- The Mentor and the First-year Teacher fill out a separate form.
- Both forms will be submitted for mentor stipend at the end of each semester.
- Instructions are at the top of each form.
- First-year Teachers will need to submit their form if he/she is enrolled in the optional online class.

15 meetings are required each semester, 2 of which can be short undocumented meetings.
**FIRST-YEAR TEACHER RECORD OF ONE-ON-ONE MEETINGS**

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SFN 59228 (03-2018)

Instructions for First-year Teachers:

1. Using this form, document all one-on-one sessions with mentor. Use more than one sheet as necessary.
2. When the 15 hour/half year requirement is fulfilled, give a copy to your mentor to submit for his/her stipend payment. Retain a copy to submit for your online class.

| Semester | ☐ Fall | ☐ Spring | Year
|----------|--------|----------|---
| Name of First-Year Teacher | | Name of Mentor | |

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2 hours of short, undocumented meetings  undокументировано  2 hours  N/A  N/A

Total on this page

Total for semester

Signature of First-year Teacher

Date signed

All forms for the Teacher Support System Mentoring Program can be found online at https://www.nd.gov/espb/resources-mentoring-program-1

ESPB does not advocate, permit, nor practice discrimination on the basis of sex, race, color, national origin, religion, age, or disability as required by various state and federal laws.
Record of Observation and Recording Form

- All observations should be documented by the MENTOR on this form.
- Instructions are at the top of each form.
- This will be submitted for mentor stipend at the end of each semester.
- First-Year Teachers will need to get a copy of this form from their mentor to submit in the last lesson, if they are enrolled in the optional online class.

Important difference is that the number of hours for first-year teacher observations are 6 hours the first semester and 3 hours the second semester.
**RECORD OF OBSERVATION AND RECORDING - FALL SEMESTER**

**EDUCATION STANDARDS AND PRACTICES BOARD**

SFN 59279 (03-2018)

**Instructions for Mentor:**
1. Document the time you spend on Observations and Recording to fulfill your requirements.
2. Give a copy of the completed form to your first-year teacher.
3. Attach this form to SFN 59233 Request for Payment of Mentor Stipend (along with other required forms) and present to the first-year teacher’s building administrator for verification. When signed, send to ND Teacher Support System office.

### MENTOR OBSERVES FIRST-YEAR TEACHER (15 minute minimum each observation)

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**Total hours observed =**

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First-year Teacher Signature  
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Mentor Signature  
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Building Administrator Signature  
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Instructions for Mentor:
1. Document the time you spend on Observations and Recording to fulfill your requirements.
2. Give a copy of this completed form to your first-year teacher.
3. Attach this form to the SFN 59233 Request for Payment of Mentor Stipend (along with other required forms) and present to the first-year teacher’s building administrator for verification. When signed, send to Teacher Support System office.

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Reimbursement for Substitute Pay Form

- Mentors and First-Year Teachers will use this form to keep track of substitute time for observations.
- Each Mentor and First-year Teacher pair will have $500 to share.
- Instructions are on the top of the form.
- Your principal will need to sign and submit.

![Reimbursement Form Image]

**Instructions for Mentors and First-year Teachers:**
1. Use the chart below to keep track of substitute time during the year and submit to your principal in the spring.

**Instructions for Principal:**
1. Complete and sign form.
2. By **June 6**: Fax or mail to 701.321.5647 OR scan and email to <jacobson@nd.gov>

**General Instructions:**
1. Complete all fields.
2. Verify accuracy of information.
3. Sign and date form.
4. Submit to principal.

**Daily Rate (including benefits) x Number of Days = Total Amount**

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**Signature of Principal**

Date signed

Telephone Number

Signed Check should read “Pay to the order of…”

Address where check should be sent

**PLEASE SUBMIT BY JUNE 6**

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I am requesting reimbursement as specified above (up to $500) for substitute pay to cover Teacher Support System Mentoring Program activities.

Signature of Principal Date signed

Telephone Number

*Required Check should read “Pay to the order of ....”

*Required Address where check should be sent

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The greatest cause of conflict is unmet expectations.

The cause of unmet expectations is unclear expectations.

The better you identify the cause of the behavior, the better you can create an intervention.
### Getting to Know You

**For Both Mentor and First-Year Teacher**

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#### Professional

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#### Mentor Program

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<td>How might I best support you?</td>
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<td>Is there anything else I should know that would facilitate our working relationship?</td>
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**First-year Teacher Orientation to the School and District**

**Things to Know About your New School**
- Phone, email, website address of school
- Number of students enrolled in the school
- Organization of school classrooms - number, shape of school, teachers per grade level
- Special programs or activities in the school
- What teachers are most proud of in the school
- How the school relates to other schools in the district

**Introduce the First-Year Teacher to:**
- Principals and assistant administrators
- Department chairs
- Teachers in the building by grade level or department
- Specialist teachers (art, music, computer, physical education, etc.)
- Special services (LD, Speech, ED etc.)
- Support specialists (guidance, psychologist, counselor, nurse, etc.)
- Support personnel (secretaries, aides, paraprofessionals)
- Custodians and lunchroom employees
- Building-based support teams
- Police officers
- Other colleagues in building or district that could be a valuable resource

**Building Floor Plan and School Organization**
- Map of school with room numbers and exits clearly labeled
- Map of schoolyard, where buses drop off, and where students enter and exit
- Policies for setting up classrooms

**Teacher Union Information and State Licensing Information**
- Representatives
- Understanding paying dues
- Reviewing the teacher contract and state requirements
FIRST-YEAR TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW THIS - NOW

Materials
- Class lists
- Curriculum guides for grade levels
- Materials - supplies for classroom projects, bulletin boards, etc.
- Mission statements and vision statements
- PowerSchool information
- Report cards and parent communication
- Schedules (daily, weekly, block, holiday)
- State policy for reporting abuse, neglect or other legal issues
- Substitute teacher expectations
- Teacher-student handbook - classroom and school rules, policies, behavior and classroom expectations

Procedures and School Culture Protocol
- Classroom cleanup expectations
- Copy machine - procedures, copyright laws, etc.
- Dress code
- Drills - tornado, fire, lockdown, etc.
- First aid procedure
- Getting support for students in crisis
- Guidelines for referring students for special services or extra help
- Guidelines for referring students for misbehavior
- Hours expected to be in building
- How to use the library to enhance teaching resources
- Instructional resources
- Keys - explain access points and hours
- Library - policies, checkout, classroom use, etc.
- Other school customs for holidays or staff birthdays, etc.
- Parking
- Protocols and expectations that are not written (how teachers get lunch and where they eat, etc.)
- Sending students to the nurse
- Share the model your school is using, i.e., workshop, project based learning
- Student attendance and tardy procedures
- Supervisory duties and expectation for first-year teachers
- Use of classroom phones
One right answer:

- Where do I find the copy machine?
- What do I do when I am sick?

Several options but one right answer in this school:

These are items for which at one time there were many different approaches, but chaos reigned. So, the principal or the faculty decided to use one approach. Even though there are other ways to do it, we do it this way and there's a reason.

- How much can I change my classroom?
- When should I call a parent of a misbehaving kid?

*Levels 3 and 4 questions are the ones that keep teaching interesting and challenging. These are the types of questions that new teachers need a mentor for!

Consensus on best practice but using best practice requires professional judgment:

- Are there certain ways I should use cooperative learning?
- How can I motivate a student who is uninterested?

No consensus on best practice, so our professional judgment and caring about kids and each other is all we have to guide us:

- How can I keep track of the whole class and keep every student engaged productively when I am working with an individual student?
- How much time should I reserve for hands-on activity in my lessons?

Barry Sweeny
What Teachers Need to Know about their Students in Special Education

☐ How do I access the student records and current IEP’s for the students in my class?

☐ What programs, materials and strategies are used for the students? How can I get familiar or receive training on the strategies my students require?

☐ What type of data collection is expected for my students?

☐ How do I collaborate with other teachers about the needs of the students? What is the process in this building/district?

☐ What is the problem solving/referral process used by the district?

☐ What do all the acronyms mean in the district as it relates to special education?

How do I prepare for:

  o my first parent meeting
  o the profile meeting
  o participating in an IEP
TEACHING ENVIRONMENT PROFILE

Complete these questions with help from your mentor.
Please consult with administrators and colleagues to answer them.

Looking at your Classroom and School

Teacher ____________________________________________ School(s) ________________________________
Grade(s) __________________________________________ Subject ________________________________
Mentor ____________________________________________ Mentor’s School ________________________________
Date ________________________________________________

School Information

1. The school is (check all that apply):
   _____ Title I school-wide program
   _____ Title I targeted assistance

2. This school has (check all that apply):
   _____ Multi-age/Multi-grade classes
   _____ Department groupings
   _____ Professional Learning Communities (PLC)
   _____ Special Services (LD, Gifted, Speech, OT/PT, other)
   _____ Instructional Coaches (Math, Reading, other)
Support Staff (provide names):

Administrative Assistants

Counselors

Case Managers

School Psychologist

School Nurse

Instructional Assistants

3. Number of students who attend this school:

4. Number of teachers at your grade level or department:

5. What is the mission for your school?

Consult the North Dakota Kids Count database at

http://datacenter.kidscout.org/
# Inventory for First-Year Teachers

*Please choose the response for each item that most closely indicates your level of need for assistance.*

1 = little or no need, 2 = some need, 3 = significant need, 4 = very high need.

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Additional questions or concerns:
**Establishing Procedures and Routines**

This works well for subs, too!

Discuss your plans for dealing with the following procedures and routines in your classroom. In some cases, your building already has specific procedures in place that you will need to follow. In other cases, you should develop your own procedures, before your students arrive, to make your classroom an effective place (and help you keep your sanity)!

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Sooner or later it will happen— you will wake up and cannot absolutely, positively, no matter what, make it to school that morning. You need to be prepared and develop a substitute teaching lesson plan. The following information should be in your “sub in a tub”.

**SCHEDULES**
- Bell schedule
- Daily schedule
- Lunch schedule

**STUDENT INFORMATION**
- Class list
- Special needs students
- Seating chart

**LESSON PLANS**
- Two days of plans
- Do not make it “busy work”
- Extra activities

**PROCEDURES**
- Before school and dismissal procedures
- Classroom procedures
- Attendance and lunch count procedures (computer use)
- Discipline procedures
- Emergency procedures

**WHO CAN HELP**
- Names of reliable students who can help
- Name of a teacher who can help

**OTHER**
How Appropriate are your Relationships with Students?

No one wants to be accused of misconduct, but all teachers are vulnerable to allegations of improper relationships with students. To avoid this and to become an effective teacher instead, let the characteristics in the lists that follow guide your interactions with students.

**In Appropriate Relationships, the Teacher . . .**

- Serves as a friendly adult whose primary concern is a child’s best interests.
- Guides students as they learn to make good choices.
- Protects students from harm.
- Is familiar with students’ social, academic, and behavioral circumstances.
- Helps students develop insights into the world around them.
- Provides encouragement as students work to achieve goals.
- Makes students aware of strengths and helps them correct weaknesses.
- Can say no in a firm and pleasant way.
- Treats students with respectful courtesy and expects to be treated likewise.
- Empowers students by having high expectations for success.

**In Inappropriate Relationships, the Teacher . . .**

- Assumes a parental role.
- Shares too much personal information.
- Becomes hostile to certain students.
- Connects with students inappropriately on social media.
- Is alone with students.
- Loses sight of the immaturity of a child.
- Socializes with students.
- Is popular for all the wrong reasons.
- Allows students to invade personal space.
- Tries to be the students’ friend.
**Tips for Success and Leadership**

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<td>Be early</td>
<td>Being early for an appointment shows you are a responsible, dependable person.</td>
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<td>Look sharp</td>
<td>The way you look and carry yourself will have a lot to do with your growth on the job and the model you set for your students.</td>
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<td>Never be afraid to ask questions. Questions show people you are interested in learning. A simple question can save you from making many mistakes.</td>
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<td>Learn to listen</td>
<td>Listening is a learned skill and must be practiced.</td>
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<td>Be a self-starter</td>
<td>Don’t depend on someone to always tell you what to do next. Self-starters go beyond what is expected.</td>
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<td>Do it right the first time</td>
<td>Think through a project before beginning and the ending will bring good results.</td>
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<td>Don’t argue, but do suggest</td>
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<td>How many times have you heard, “Actions speak louder than words”? Your words may say one thing, but how you look gives immediate visible feedback.</td>
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<td>Don’t hesitate to volunteer</td>
<td>Don’t be afraid to do a little extra. Look at extras as opportunities.</td>
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<td>Be willing to stay late</td>
<td>Sometimes the job requires more than your normal day. Staying late shows you are an individual who looks beyond the present job to further opportunities.</td>
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<td>If you always give your best, that’s how you will be known. It’s to you that people will look for dependability and growth potential.</td>
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<td>Take care of yourself</td>
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In Your Mind’s Eye

Picture you, your students, and the classroom learning environment at the end of the school year. What would students know and be able to do as a result of having spent the school year with you? How will they be different? How will you measure success?

Describe what you hope to see and hear happening at the end of the school year.

During our work together, we will try to design and implement plans that can make your hopes and dreams a reality.
Renewals can be completed online at
https://secure.apps.nd.gov/dpi/ndteach/Login.aspx

❖ Can renew 6 months prior to expiration date, which is one’s birth date
❖ Complete application as you would like your name reflected on license

$50 2-Year License: For those who have completed less than 18 months of contracted teaching time in North Dakota on a full North Dakota license or for those who have met all requirements of their Interim Reciprocal Plan.

$125 First 5-Year License: For those who have successfully completed 2 academic years, or 18 months, of full-time contracted teaching in North Dakota on a full North Dakota License.

$70 2-Year Out-of-State Reciprocal License: For those who do not hold a valid license in another state and have not met their reciprocal plan requirements. Attach updated Interim Reciprocal Plan and transcripts reflecting completed coursework and/or test scores. A total of two reciprocal licenses can be issued, allowing up to four years to complete all reciprocal plan requirements.

$70 2-Year Other State Educator License: For those who have not met the requirements of their reciprocal plan, and currently hold a license in another state that has been valid for less than 18 months OR for those who hold 2-year OSEL license and have completed less than 18 months of contracted teaching time in North Dakota.

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Please contact Amy Folkestad at afolkestad@nd.gov (701.328.9643) for questions regarding the application process or Mari Riehl at mbriehl@nd.gov (701.328.9645) regarding your Interim Reciprocal Plan or adding an endorsement.

As of June 2018: Subject to change
THE FOLLOWING TOOLS ARE OPTIONAL

COLLECTING DATA

CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS

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Observing Another Teacher

Name ___________________________ Date __________________ School __________________

Teacher observed ________________________ Grade Level/Subject _______________________

1. What do you notice about the classroom environment? How does it support learning?

2. What do you notice about the routines and procedures? How do they support student independence?

3. What classroom management techniques does the teacher use? In what ways does the teacher foster social and emotional well-being?

4. What do you notice about the transitions? What factors allow them to be successful in their use of time and efficiency?

5. What teaching strategies does the teacher use? What are some examples of differentiating instruction?
6. In what ways are the instructional strategies specific to the content being taught? In what ways is technology being used to advance learning?

7. In what ways does the teacher use questioning in this classroom? How does questioning support independence and problem solving?

8. After your observation, what are some applications to your classroom?

9. What are some questions you have?
Observation Notes

Teacher name: ___________________________ Observer: _______________________
Grade level/Subject area: ______________________ Date: ______________________
Observation Focus: __________________________

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What did you observe?

• Evidence of a standards-based classroom

• Student centered learning

• Instructional methods

• Classroom organizational systems

• Classroom arrangement

What did you learn?

How can you apply this to your own classroom?
# Observation Data Gathering and Analysis

Teacher _________________________  Date ____________  Time _______

Grade/Subject ___________________________________________________

Standard(s) addressed _____________________________________________

Number of Students _____  Other information _________________________

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Adapted from Just ASK Publications
# Peer Observation Reflections

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If you and your group were

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(Name task or skill)

an observer would . . .

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1st
What should students know and be able to do?

2nd
How will the students and I know when they are successful?

3rd
What learning experiences will facilitate their success?

4th
Based on data, how do I refine the learning experience?

Task Analysis

Planning Process

Adapted from Just ASK Publications
# First-Year Teacher Timeline

## Fall Semester

One-On-One Conferences- 15 hours each semester  
Mentor Observation- 3 times per semester  
FYT Observation of Other Teachers- minimum 6 hours

| August       | ☐ Mentor and FYT meet to discuss the program and watch screencast  
|             | ☐ Hold Initial Triad meeting  
| September    | ☐ Register for the FYT Course Part 1 (optional)  
|             | ☐ Mentor observes FYT (#1)  
|             | ☐ One-on-one conference  
|             | ☐ FYT observes other teachers  
| October      | ☐ FYT Course begins  
|             | ☐ First FYT video recording and debrief with Mentor  
|             | ☐ Mentor observes FYT (#2)  
|             | ☐ One-on-one conference  
|             | ☐ FYT observes other teachers  
| November     | ☐ Mentor observes FYT (#3)  
|             | ☐ One-on-one conference  
|             | ☐ FYT observes other teachers  
| December     | ☐ One-on-one conferences  
|             | ☐ FYT observes other teachers  

## Spring Semester

One-On-One Conferences- 15 hours each semester  
Mentor Observation- 3 times per semester  
FYT Observation of Other Teachers- minimum 3 hours

| January      | ☐ FYT Course Part 1 concludes  
|             | ☐ Register for FYT Course Part 2 (optional)  
|             | ☐ Hold MID-YEAR Triad meeting  
|             | ☐ Mentor observes FYT (#4)  
|             | ☐ One-on-one conference  
|             | ☐ FYT observes other teachers  
| February     | ☐ FYT Course Part 2 begins  
|             | ☐ One-on-one conferences  
|             | ☐ Second FYT video recording and debrief with Mentor  
|             | ☐ FYT observes other teachers  
| March        | ☐ Mentor observes FYT (#5)  
|             | ☐ One-on-one conferences  
|             | ☐ FYT observes other teachers  
| April        | ☐ Mentor observes FYT (#6)  
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Mentors will also participate in Webinars for the Mentor Professional Learning Course they are taking. These dates will vary by course.

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  - Hold Mentor/First-year Teacher/Administrator INITIAL Meeting

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  - One-on-one Conferences
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- **October**
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- **October Mentor Seminars**

- **November**
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  - One-on-one Conferences
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- **December**
  - One-on-one Conferences
  - Possibly FYT observes other teachers
  - Mentors prepare to send in stipend request

- **January**
  - Hold Mentor/First-year Teacher/Administrator MID-YEAR Meeting
  - Mentors participate in advanced professional learning online course
  - Mentor observes FYT (#4)
  - One-on-one Conferences
  - Possibly FYT observes other teachers
  - Mentor stipend requests are due by midnight January 31

- **February**
  - Second recording and review
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- **March**
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