

The Beginning Teacher Program

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Program Guidelines

Year 1

- Mentors and Partner Teachers
- August Training
- 4 After School Session sponsored by GSU
- 4 After School Sessions sponsored by your district
- Activities with mentor
- Peer Support at District Level
- Celebration

4 After School Sessions sponsored by GSU

- Schedule Available
- Two sessions before winter break
 - Held in your district, sponsored by GSU
 - Building the relationship activities
 - Needs assessment
 - Observation procedures
 - Discussion of activities

4 After School Sessions -cont..

- Two sessions after winter break
 - Held at GSU
 - Program Updates
 - Professional Development Options
 - Mentors Accompany partner teachers to session of their choice...

4 After School Sessions sponsored by your district

- See district liaison for schedule
- Signature for attendance

Observations

- Partner Teacher
Observes mentor and/or one other teacher between September and November meetings
- Mentor
Observes partner teacher between November and January meeting

Reflections

- 4 during the year
- With mentor response
- Explanation and paperwork distributed at September meeting

Professional Development Action Plan

- **Objectives:**
 - To clarify the roles and responsibilities of the mentor and partner teacher
 - Provide a focus and framework for mentor and protégé work based on the Illinois Professional Teaching Standards
 - Set first goal at September meeting

Professional Development Action Plan - cont...

- Serve as a program evaluation instrument to assess mentor/protégé interactions.

Professional Development Action Plan - cont...

- Goal: Based on Illinois Professional Teaching Standards
- Possible Activities
- Evaluation of Goal – How did it go?

Program Guidelines

Year 2

- Mentors and Partner Teachers
- 2 After School Session sponsored by GSU
- 1 Professional Development Workshop held in your district
- Activities with mentor
- Peer Support at District Level
- Celebration

2 After School Sessions Sponsored by GSU

- Schedule Available
- One session before winter break
 - Held in your district sponsored by GSU
 - Building the relationship activities
 - Needs assessment
 - Observation procedures
 - Assessing Student Work Activity

2 After School Sessions -cont..

- One session after winter break
 - Held at GSU
 - Program Updates
 - Professional Development Options
 - Mentors Accompany partner teachers to session of their choice...
 - Other sessions at GSU can be used to make-up hours

1 Professional Development Workshop sponsored by your district

- The participating teacher will attend one professional development workshop in the district
- Signature for attendance

Assessing Student Work

Goal:

- To provide the participating teacher with the opportunity to investigate student assessment
- To provide the participating teacher the opportunity to plan lessons based on analysis of student assessment

Other Activities for Second Year Participating Teachers

- 2 Mentor Observations
- 4 Reflections

Information Sheets

- All communication from GSU will be by e-mail.
- Please make sure we have your information sheet before you leave today!!!!

Mentoring Matters!!!

- To our participating teachers....

We wish you the best for a wonderful year of teaching!!

- To our mentors....

Thanks for your commitment to having an impact on the profession!!