Teacher Mentor Program

As a portion of the New Teacher Induction Plan, the Teacher Mentor Program partners novice and new teachers with veterans for enhanced acclimation, increased retention, and amplified teacher effectiveness while cultivating leadership potential in veteran teachers serving as mentors. At the campus level, the mentoring program seeks to establish a protected, supportive space in which a novice teacher can interact to discuss best practices and develop instructional skills.

Program Goals

- Partner new and novice teachers with capable mentors to provide differentiated supports at the campus level
- Diversify instructional skills of new/novice teachers to ensure student success
- Enhance professional attitudes toward teaching and the teaching profession
- Cultivate leadership potential in veteran teachers serving as mentors
- Provide mentor teachers with research-based peer coaching training

Program Objectives/Indicators of Success

- Using tracking system data, match 75% of new/novice teachers with mentor by October 31, 2016; by February 2016, this percentage will increase to 85%.
- As measured by survey the week of October 3, 2016, 75% of new/novice teachers will complete a needs assessment
- As measured by survey in December 2016, 85% of new/novice teachers will agree/strongly agree that interactions with the assigned mentor are “valuable” or “highly valuable.”

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| Novice Teachers (Traditional and Alt Cert) | Novice Teachers and Alternative Certification Candidates –  
  - Will be observed by their mentor once in fall semester; twice in spring semester  
  - Will observe their mentor once per semester  
  - Meet with their mentor at least once per month | Identify campus contact for Teacher Mentoring Program  
  - Identify campus mentors |   - Domain 1: Designing clear, targeted, appropriately rigorous lessons for diverse learners  
    - Mentor/Mentee Check-ins  
  - Domain 2: Developing and executing highly effective, rigorous instruction  
    - Classroom Observations  
  - Domain 3: Building supportive, rigorous |
### Program Responsibilities

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| • Teachers New to District  
  - Will be assigned a mentor and/or instructional coach support as determined by individual campus need  
  - Adjust mentor pairings as required  
  - Support and champion the Teacher Mentoring Program |
| • Mentor qualifications  
  - Mentors must have at least 2 creditable years of service at Dallas ISD to serve as a mentor  
  - Must have received at least a progressing II effectiveness level via TEI  
  - Commit to program goals |
| • Attend mentor training provided by New Teacher Support team campus coordinator (if needed)  
  - Ongoing communication with HCM |
| • Instructional Coach or Teacher leader selected to coordinate HCM and on-campus supports for new/novice teachers  
  - One formal/informal New Teacher support activity per semester |

### Learning Environments
- Classroom Observations

### Domain 4: Consummate professionals pursuing rigorous, continual improvement
- PLC Attendance
- First six Weeks Checklist/survey

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* Note: various Alternative Certification programs may have additional requirements for interns

$ Surveys will be administered electronically via the Onboarding and Retention Team

◊ Campus and teacher needs will vary; therefore, some Teachers New to the District may be asked to participate in the Novice teacher mentoring program activities.

∞ a Google link will be provided during the week of October 24th