

Responsibilities of a Mentor

- Establish rapport
- Be friendly and positive
- Be empathic
- Share ideas and solutions
- Be a good listener - listen to daily concerns, progress, and questions
- Serve as a source of ideas
- Be easily accessible, trustworthy, and understanding
- Help the new teacher cope with the practical details of being a teacher
- Offer assistance on classroom management
- Demonstrate professional competence
- Help expand the beginning teacher's repertoire of teaching strategies
- Show awareness of, commitment to, and familiarity with the new teacher's classroom
- Schedule time willingly with the beginning teacher
- Assist with the new teacher's understanding and management of school authority
- Express positive feelings about teaching and help the beginning teacher attain those same feelings
- Provide opportunities for classroom visits in your classroom, and other teacher's classrooms
- Provide articles, pamphlets, or resources
- Share ideas and solutions
- Acknowledge the new teacher's skills

