

The ABCs of Working With a Teacher Candidate

- ❖ Allow your teacher candidate to take risks
- ❖ Be a positive role model
- ❖ Co-Teach often
- ❖ Don't interrupt his/her lesson
- ❖ Enjoy your time with your teacher candidate
- ❖ Find time just to talk
- ❖ Give frequent and sincere praise
- ❖ Have a desk for the teacher candidate to use
- ❖ Introduce your teacher candidate to every staff member in your school
- ❖ Just be yourself
- ❖ Keep an open mind
- ❖ Listen! Listen! Listen!
- ❖ Model effective teaching strategies
- ❖ Never criticize your teacher candidate in front of others
- ❖ Observe him/her and provide immediate feedback
- ❖ Provide him/her with the materials s/he needs for success
- ❖ Quickly include your teacher candidate in your classroom routine
- ❖ Reinforce his/her strengths
- ❖ Support your teacher candidate's ideas
- ❖ Treat him/her to lunch occasionally
- ❖ Utilize your teacher candidate's abilities whenever possible
- ❖ Value and respect his/her opinions
- ❖ Warmly welcome your teacher candidate to your class
- ❖ Are there excellent teaching ideas in your files? Make copies for your teacher candidate
- ❖ You are the experienced professional. Always reflect that in your behavior
- ❖ Zero in on areas in which the teacher candidate needs help and provide support