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