

CENTRAL SYSTEM MENTORING

Summer, Fall, and Winter Institutes are coordinated centrally by the Beginning Teachers Program. Below is a brief description of some of the key components of this layer of support. All information about course content and registration is sent directly to your principal in Direct Line and is posted on the New Teachers.TEL conference. Beginning Teachers register for all sessions via the Key to Learn (details on page 10).

Summer Institute

- Elementary Teachers are led for 3 days in Grade/Home Groups by experienced teachers who currently teach their actual teaching assignment
- Secondary Teachers have 3 days of Elective Sessions geared specifically to the highest areas of need as expressed by Beginning Teachers:
 - * Classroom Management
 - * Assessment and Evaluation
 - * Learning Resources
 - * Effective Instructional Strategies

Fall & Winter Institutes

- Over 100 Institutes are held across the TDSB in October and February
- Sessions focus on both the “how” of teaching and specific curricular areas and are offered in partnership with the Program & Special Education Departments, Faculties, & Federations
- Beginning Teachers and Mentors choose 1 Institute each “season” and attend together to encourage shared learning and classroom implementation
- Supply coverage is provided for both Beginning Teachers & Mentors in addition to the release time provided under the JELI program (see page 5)
- 3rd, 4th, and 5th Year teachers can use a Job Associated Mentoring (JAM) day to participate in these Institutes

Supporting your Professional Learning & Growth

- * Over the last 4 years, TDSB has hired over 4000 Beginning Teachers - this represents over 25% of all TDSB teachers
- * TDSB retains over 98% of first year hires
- * Our goal isn't just that you'll “survive”, it is for you to become an outstanding teacher who will make a difference in the lives of the students you teach
- * Please feel free to contact us for more information about any aspect of the Beginning Teachers program

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