



STUDENT TEACHER LEARNING TIPS

- 1. Begin with the end in mind. When beginning student teaching, decide what personal development will look like over the course of the placement.**
- 2. Set expectations with the cooperating, mentor teacher and together make a plan for action.**
- 3. Take a genuine interest in, and always show respect to the cooperating, mentor teacher and classroom students.**
- 4. Always be prepared when working with classroom students.**
- 5. Request time to practice teaching skills and find your own voice as a teacher.**
- 6. The cooperating, mentor teacher will be constantly modeling specific strategies and procedures in the classroom, and the wise student teacher takes the time to make notes.**
- 7. Ask the cooperating, mentor teacher specific questions. The more specific the questions, the more specific the assistance. Ask the question, “*Are my questions eliciting critical thinking?*” instead of, “*Am I doing this right?*”**
- 8. The best student teachers know how to ask the right questions, read body language of cooperating, mentor teachers and classroom students. Strengthen personal emotional intelligence and stay open-minded.**
- 9. Request time to meet with the cooperating, mentor teacher each week in order to have specific “Mentoring Meetings” as well as scheduling meetings.**
- 10. Give more than you ask for and don’t assume anything!**