

MENTOR NEWSLETTER

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Dear Mentors,

Thank you for continuing to support our residency candidates. By this point in Residency II, our candidates should be fully immersed in planning, teaching and experiencing expectations required of a classroom teacher. As candidates assume the role of teacher and follow the school district calendar of events, they are expected to make up all absences except for the following events: snow days, edTPA bootcamp & upload day, a substitute training session or a career fair. The last day for residency candidates will be April 30. Candidates will need to make up absences during the week of May 3-7. Please let the candidate's supervisor know if you have any issues with attendance or concerns with your residency candidate

During Residency II, mentor teachers are required to complete an Informal Teaching Observation for the residency candidate before they move to their 2nd placement. If you receive another candidate during the 2nd placement, you will also complete an Informal Teaching Observation for the new candidate during their second placement. All other observations and evaluations will be completed by their ETSU supervisor.

Remember, candidates are only allowed to substitute if they have completed the district level substitute training and submitted the Candidate to Substitute Agreement. **For legal reasons, if the candidate is not the hired substitute there must be another adult in the classroom while the candidate is teaching.**

Finally, teacher candidates will continue working on components of edTPA during February and March. I have included edTPA webinars links to provide you with more information so you can better support your residency candidate.

edTPA in a Virtual Learning Environment

<https://youtu.be/RsRrsMsdARO>

Video Recording the edTPA: Things to Remember

<https://youtu.be/kVcquEQunUo>

Permissions, Citations, Confidentiality in edTPA

<https://youtu.be/5XEoWK97RqA>

Please do not hesitate to reach out to our office if you have questions or concerns,
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ETSU Mentor teacher webpage:

<https://www.etsu.edu/coe/educator-preparation/mentors.php>



Upcoming Events:

- **edTPA Bootcamp** (students are excused 1 day to attend):
 - March 19- SPED
 - March 22-Early Childhood
 - March 23- K-5 Cohort
 - March 24: PE
 - March 25-K-5 Main campus
- **edTPA Upload Dates**
 - April 1-K-5
 - April 5-Early Childhood
 - April 6-K-5 cohort & SPED
 - April 7-PE and Secondary Education
- **Placement Switch-March 22(for most candidates)**

REMINDERS for Mentor Teachers:

- ❖ Continue to approve residency hours **WEEKLY** in LiveText.
- ❖ Complete the Weekly Discussion Summary with your residency candidate to identify areas of strength and refinement.
- ❖ Mentor teacher payments for the spring semester will be paid during the month of May. To ensure timely payment of your stipend each semester, please contact our office if you have a name or address change. These changes must be made before payments can be processed.

Mentor Teacher Spotlight



Dianna Cox, 4TH GRADE
FAIRMONT ELEMENTARY
JOHNSON CITY SCHOOLS

DIANNA COX-MENTOR TEACHER FOR MIRANDA HONAKER

"This fourth-grade mentor / residency candidate duo can even make taking a quiz fun! After a lesson on decimals, the class had a review quiz on Flocabulary about the lesson. Instead of the usual pencil and paper, they did it together as a class and stated their answer in sign language. All the students were involved and did great!" ETSU Supervisor, April Street

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