

## **TAPP Mentorship Program Overview and Purpose:**

The Teacher Development Department works to build capacity of new teachers through the Teachers Advancing Professional Practice (TAPP) Mentorship Program. The program exists to provide personalized mentorship and learning experiences linked to the needs of a novice teacher with a focus on best practices that are readily applicable in their professional practice. O Year and Year 2 teachers are provided with campus-based mentor teachers who are trained to provide job-embedded support for a full year with an option to receive an additional year of mentorship.

## Mentorship Philosophy & Core Beliefs:

Fort Bend ISD is committed to developing and retaining new teachers by supporting schools with facilitating and sustaining a dynamic mentorship and induction program. Mentoring provides an avenue for embedding professional development that grows both the mentor and the new teacher. Quality mentorship in our district involves consistent, on-going support through coaching cycles that incorporate opportunities for the new teachers to participate in classroom walkthroughs & observations, receive evidence-based feedback, and in engage in reflective conversations with a focus on the challenges that they face.

## **Mentorship Pathways for Novice Teachers:**

General Education	Special Education	Classroom Culture &	Instructional Practice and
		Behavior Management	Delivery

#### **Program Design for 0 Year Teachers:**

Fall Semester	Spring Semester	
Module 1: BOY Procedures & Relationship Building	Module 5: Instructional Planning	
Module 2: New Teacher Walkthroughs	Module 6: Mentor Observation of New Teacher	
Module 3: Mentor Observation of New Teacher	Module 7: New Teacher Walkthroughs	
Module 4: Fall Semester Reflection & Goal Setting	Module 8: Progress Monitoring of Semester Goals	

Module 9: End of Year Reflection and Goal Setting for Year 2

#### **Extended Mentorship Qualifications:**

Automatic Enrollment	By Request	Does Not Quality
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- Teachers with a start date on or after January 7, 2019
- Year 2 District of Innovation or Grow Your Own Cohort Teachers
- Second year teachers who display a need for an additional year of support
- An experienced teacher who is new to FBISD, a campus, or state
- An experienced teacher in need of support

- Experienced teachers who have not been a teacher of record for an extended period of time (3 or more years)
- Case by case basis

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