



Danbury Public Schools TEAM Mentor Application

The Connecticut State Department of Education has established guidelines for support to Beginning Teachers through the new TEAM (Teacher Education and Mentoring) process. As a part of this new process, Danbury's Team Coordinating Committee (TCC) is establishing a database of trained mentors and cooperating teachers. If you are interested in continuing in the role of mentor/cooperating teacher or are interested in becoming a mentor/cooperating teacher, the TCC asks you review the current qualifications, complete the application and return it to Dr. William Glass at BBAC.

To act as a Mentor/Cooperating teacher you must:

- be held in high regard and be considered to be a role model by colleagues and Principal/Department Administrator
- hold a CT provisional or professional educator certificate.
- have at least 4 years of successful teaching experience, 2 years in district.
- demonstrate effective teaching practice as defined by the *Connecticut Common Core of Teaching*.
- be able to work cooperatively as a team member to aid the professional growth of a beginning teacher.
- have a commitment to improving the induction of beginning teachers into the teaching profession.
- have the ability to be reflective and articulate about the craft of teaching.
- attend all mandated TEAM training (For example, all mentors are required to complete an initial three-day TEAM training. In addition, one-day update trainings are required every 3 years.)
- commit to a minimum of 10 hours of mentor/mentee meeting time per TEAM module.
- participate in opportunities provided by the district to collaborate with other mentors and experienced teachers to support beginning teachers.
- understand that meeting these qualifications does not guarantee a beginning teacher or student teacher will be placed with you.

All applications will be reviewed by the TCC and do not guarantee a position of mentor/cooperating teacher.

Applicant's Name _____

This applicant meets the qualifications for becoming a mentor/cooperating teacher.

Signature of Building Administrator/Supervisor

Date

