

WELCOME TO THE MISSOURI DIVISION OF CAREER EDUCATION MENTORING PROGRAM FOR NEW AND RETURNING TEACHERS

Congratulations on being selected for the Division of Career Education Mentoring Program for new and returning teachers. This opportunity will offer growth and learning to both the protégé and the mentor in a collaborative relationship. Mentoring is about teacher and student learning, as well as shared connections to the teaching profession. This notebook offers a snapshot of the mentoring year and the resulting relationship. The focus is on the journey, not just the destination.

Through the mentoring program, the Division of Career Education seeks to support the protégé and the mentor in creating a professional learning team. The Mentoring Program offers an opportunity for some of Missouri's most talented and admired teachers to draw from their experiences and knowledge to enhance the professional skills of new and returning teachers; hereafter, referred to as new teachers.

THE IMPORTANCE OF MENTORING

Student success is achieved, in part, by good teaching. Mentoring, when built on collaborative relationships with good communication, trust, and respect, is powerful in supporting, developing and retaining quality teachers in the profession. The magic of teaching can be contagious when shared through a mentoring partnership.

The mentoring notebook contains support materials and suggestions for the mentoring year. The information in the notebook is designed for mentors and protégés to guide the mentoring process together.