



Teachers supporting Teachers

# Mentorship Program

The Abbotsford School District's Mentorship Program is targeted toward early career teachers, teachers new to the school district and those new to a role.



“Mentoring a teacher does not mean you have to know everything! Instead it calls for you to be a reflective listener and to give thought to your own teaching practices. It's not a time to judge, instead, it is an important stage during which you can tap into your professional knowledge and expertise and relate those to the current experiences of a beginning teacher.”

*Mentor, Mentorship Program*

## **Mentoring relationships make a significant difference in a teacher's professional practice.**

The Curriculum Department accepts applications from experienced teachers wanting to be mentors, and teachers who would like a mentor, throughout the school year. A two-year commitment to the program is encouraged by both mentors and mentees.

## **Mentorship is...**

A collaborative and reciprocal learning-focused relationship and reflective process that supports teacher growth.

## **Why have a mentor? Why be a mentor?**

**The central goal for mentoring programs is improved student learning.** Through engagement in mentorship, you can:



Develop collaborative relationships with colleagues



Build capacity and agency



Gain a deeper understanding of curriculum and pedagogy



Develop and refine reflective skills



Share effective instructional and learning strategies



Be a member of a dynamic learning community



Increase awareness and knowledge of school district systems and procedures

## **Mentorship Program Benefits**

Be part of a community, building relationships and connections and focus on collaboration and learning.

### **Learn More**

Connect with the Curriculum Department to learn more about our Mentorship Program and how to get involved!



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