

New Teacher Academy

February 2012 agenda

1. Business items

- Attendance
- [Mentor/mentee log](#)
- Release day

2. Parent communication

- [Danielson teacher evaluation model](#)
- Reflections
- Survey
- Strategies

3. Exit slip

Register Active Expressions

1. Power button

2. Menu

3. Register

4. CODE: FAB

5. First name



In ONE word, describe
how you feel about
interacting with
parents of your
students.

Parent interactions...

- 3-5 minute silent write
- Avoid use of names
- Write legibly

TABLE GROUP SHARE

What is common among the best experiences?

What is common among the worst experiences?

On average, how many
times a week do you
interact with parents?

Table Groups

Collectively list 10 strategies / techniques for communicating with parents.

I encourage face to face interactions with my students parents.

- 4: Strongly agree
- 3: Agree
- 2: Disagree
- 1: Strongly disagree

Strategies
for face to
face
meetings?

I telephone parents of my students during the school year.

- 4: Strongly agree
- 3: Agree
- 2: Disagree
- 1: Strongly disagree

New Teacher Toolkit Reading



Role Play



Context...

The grading term is nearly over
You teach a class in which 1/5
students is earning a C.

Parent...

You are frustrated because your child is earning a C in the class. You are paying for extra tutoring but it hasn't made a difference. You think the child should drop the class so their GPA is not harmed.

Context...

A child has missed two weeks of school due to an extended absence. The teacher has been sending home work for the student to complete.

Parent...

You believe that too much work is being sent home and the child should be excused from missing assignments.

Context...

You update your website daily on a calendar with attached files of all assignments.

Parent...

You are frustrated because your kid isn't turning in work and is not completing assignments.
You've never checked the class website.

I email parents of my students during the school year

- 4: Strongly agree
- 3: Agree
- 2: Disagree
- 1: Strongly disagree

Strategies
for emails?

I send home materials for the parents during the school year

- 4: Strongly agree
- 3: Agree
- 2: Disagree
- 1: Strongly disagree

Ways to
send home
materials?

I use the grade book software to communicate with parents

- 4: Strongly agree
- 3: Agree
- 2: Disagree
- 1: Strongly disagree

Ways to
use grade
book
software?

Other Strategies?

I have specific strategies for interacting with over demanding parents

- 4: Strongly agree
- 3: Agree
- 2: Disagree
- 1: Strongly disagree

Ways to
use handle
demanding
parents?

I have strategies for interacting with parents of **poor performing students**

- 4: Strongly agree
- 3: Agree
- 2: Disagree
- 1: Strongly disagree



HELP?

I believe working with parents is worth the personal time and effort I invest.

4: Strongly agree

3: Agree

2: Disagree

1: Strongly disagree

Exit Slip

I want to try....

I am good at...

Next time, can we...