



MENTOR TEACHER PROGRAM

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 Staff Development Services
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PHASES OF FIRST YEAR TEACHING

<p><i>ANTICIPATION</i> THE FIRST FEW WEEKS OF SCHOOL</p> <p>New teachers enter with tremendous commitment to make a difference</p> <p>IDEALISTIC VIEW OF TEACHING</p>	<p><i>SURVIVAL</i> THE FIRST MONTH OF SCHOOL</p> <p>Overwhelmed and struggling to keep their head above water</p> <p>DAY-TO-DAY PLANNING AND TEACHING</p>	<p><i>DISILLUSIONMENT</i> TWO MONTHS INTO THE YEAR</p> <p>Beginning to question their own commitment and competence</p> <p>CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT DIFFICULTIES</p>
<p><i>REJUVENATION</i> FIVE/SIX MONTHS INTO THE YEAR</p> <p>Slow rise in attitude towards teaching</p> <p>BEGINNING TO FOCUS ON CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT, LONG TERM PLANNING, TEACHING STRATEGIES & TESTING</p>	<p><i>REFLECTION</i> TEN MONTHS INTO THE YEAR</p> <p>Invigorating time for new teachers</p> <p>REFLECTING ON SUCCESSFUL EVENTS & THOSE THAT WERE NOT</p>	<p><i>ANTICIPATION</i> END OF THE OF SCHOOL YEAR</p> <p>Vision is emerging as to what next year will look like</p> <p>NEW FEELINGS OF EXCITEMENT IN PLANNING FOR NEXT YEAR</p>