

INDUCTION COACH CONTACT INFORMATION

Below is a space for you to write the contact information for your Induction Coach.

Name: _____

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Please visit <http://www.ride.ri.gov/EducatorQuality/mentoring.aspx> for more information the Rhode Island Teacher Induction Program.

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RHODE ISLAND BEGINNING TEACHER INDUCTION PROGRAM

*Accelerating beginning teacher effectiveness to
increase student achievement*



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“The support of the coach and guidance through many difficult situations helped me become a better teacher, which in turn has helped my students learn and achieve more. My coach really helped me balance all of the demands on a teacher and helped to do this while staying focused on teaching, learning, and achieving.”

~From a RI Beginning Teacher, May 2012





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Dear Beginning Teacher,

Congratulations on becoming a Rhode Island teacher, and welcome to the most rewarding profession in the world! I am glad that you will participate this year in the Rhode Island Beginning Teacher Induction Program, which the R.I. Department of Education supports through Race to the Top funds. The main goal of the program is to improve the effectiveness of our newest teachers in order to improve student achievement. To that end, we have carefully selected a cohort of talented teachers and trained them as Induction Coaches, who will support all beginning teachers in Rhode Island.

As a beginning teacher, you will have the support of your own Induction Coach throughout the coming school year. Your coach will be dedicated to supporting you in becoming the best teacher that you can possibly be. If you have not already met your coach, you can expect to meet him or her soon. As you develop your collegial relationship with your Induction Coach, please be assured that the work and interactions between the two of you will always remain confidential.

Your Induction Coach will work closely with you to determine the best times each week to come into your classroom to observe your teaching. You can expect your Induction Coach to spend an average of 90 minutes with you weekly. There are multiple types of support that your Induction Coach will be able to provide you, including ongoing feedback through formative assessment and data collection and guidance on topics such as lesson planning, analyzing student work, communicating with parents, managing the classroom, improving student engagement, preparing for observations, and setting and meeting professional goals.

I'm so thankful that you have decided to begin your education career in Rhode Island, and I wish you a very successful teaching experience this year and beyond!

Sincerely,

Deborah A. Gist, Commissioner

BACKGROUND OF THE RHODE ISLAND BEGINNING TEACHER INDUCTION PROGRAM

The RI Department of Education believes that beginning teachers are critical to the successful future of education. Therefore, we are taking a state-wide approach to ensure that all beginning teachers are supported equitably by a high quality induction program. We have selected The New Teacher Center (NTC) to help us accomplish the great task of creating an instructionally-focused, data-driven, and robust system of support for our beginning teachers.



The induction program we are designing and implementing in Rhode Island has been well researched for impact. It is a system that is highly focused on providing individualized instructional support with focused outcomes of accelerated teacher growth and increased student success. We know that NTC, a non-profit organization, has been supporting quality induction programs and coaches for beginning teachers, like you, for close to two decades.

Our hope is that we are able to support you through a positive and successful year of teaching. The skills that you learn as you enter this important and rewarding profession will be critical for your success as an educator who will positively influence the lives of children. We share your excitement as you begin your career.



Image from the Providence Journal,
October 24, 2011