

# Student Teacher Mentoring Program

A collaboration between the MEA Student Program and the MEA-Retired Program.



**Michigan Education Association—Retired**  
The Commitment Continues

**Student MEA**  
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# Mentor

**Are you interested in becoming a mentor** to an aspiring teacher? Do you have the time, energy, and knowledge to devote an hour or two a month to support a future teacher? Are you an MEA-Retired member? If the answer is yes, read on.

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This mentoring experience is intended to provide mentees with a friendly and helpful resource to use as a sounding board for their ideas, to help them reflect upon and analyze various teaching strategies, and to seek new or different ideas from experienced retired professionals.

*“The mentoring program was excellent - it allowed us to reconnect with the profession we loved without being ‘overly intrusive’, but still helpful.”*

*“I was pleased that my past experiences in education were valued and can be used in a professional way.”*



## Characteristics of a mentor

- A good listener.
- Believes mentoring improves teacher performance and retention.
- Conveys enthusiasm and passion for teaching.
- Gives time and talents to offer a student options for various situations.
- Helps the student develop awareness of the myriad professional educator requirements beyond curriculum, including classroom management, parent conferences and professional responsibilities.
- Supports and enhances the student's enthusiasm and eagerness to teach.

# Mentee

**Are you an education student?** Are you student teaching or about to be student teaching? Would you like a friendly and helpful resource to use as a sounding board for your ideas, fears and challenges? Are you a Student MEA member? If the answer is yes, read on.

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*“The most worthwhile aspect of the mentoring program was having someone not associated with my university to talk to about student teaching and teaching in general.”*

*“I thought it ran very smoothly. I liked that the kickoff and ending sessions were all of us together. Everything else was on an as-needed basis, which is very effective.”*

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## Students

- Do you feel like you are working in isolation, away from other adults?
- Are you struggling with issues specific to poorly funded districts like lack of books and supplies?
- Could you use practical support in critical areas like classroom management, working with parents, and handling the day-to-day workload.
- Are you confused by all the other professional responsibilities you have as well as state mandates that have to be met during your first five years of teaching?

**Then you've come to the right place!**

# Mentor Interest Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  M  F  
last first initial

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
street city/town state zip

Home/cell phone / E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Teaching experience  Elementary  Jr High  Sr High

Year retired \_\_\_\_\_

Are you an MEA-Retired member?  Yes  No

Grade Level/s and/or subject(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Extracurricular activities sponsored? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Current community or volunteer work? Describe: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

How are you involved with MEA? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Best time to contact you? \_\_\_\_\_  
days time

Communication preference 1 – 4 (1=best)  
\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_ US mail \_\_\_\_ In person



Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date / /

You must be a member to participate in this program.  
If you would like to join, please call or e-mail Carol Price at 800-292-1934 ext 5539 cprice@mea.org

**Return to Carol Price, MEA Government Affairs, PO Box 2573, East Lansing, MI 48826-2573**  
**Fax: 517-336-4024**

# Student/Teacher Interest Form

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Gender  M  F  
last first initial

Home address \_\_\_\_\_  
street city/town state zip

Home/cell phone \_\_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Birth date \_\_\_\_\_ What year will you graduate? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Student MEA member?  Yes  No

Where do you attend school? \_\_\_\_\_

What subject/s do you plan to teach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Grade level? \_\_\_\_\_

Where will you student teach? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Previous and current activities, community service, or volunteer work? \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

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