

## The MEA Advantage

## New Member Tips K-12

## They Didn't Tell Us This in College!

Expect the unexpected! Try to be flexible and adaptable in responding to those unexpected behaviors they never told you about in your teaching methods classes. Ask your mentor and colleagues for suggestions on how to deal with the following situations.

## What will you do if . . .

- A student cries?
- It rains at recess?
- A child tells you his pet died?
- A child wets his/her pants?
- A parent is angry and unreasonable?
- A student refuses to do what you ask him/her to do?
- A student falls asleep in your class?
- You are called to the office in the middle of a class?
- Non-English-speaking students are assigned to your class?
- A student has an allergic reaction to a bee sting or medication?
- A fight breaks out in the hallway and you are the nearest faculty member?
- You suspect a student is using drugs or alcohol?
- A student tells you she is pregnant?
- A student is verbally abusive?
- You can't get the materials you need for your lesson?
- A student has a seizure?
- A student threatens you and the class with physical violence?
- A student cuts her head falling out of her desk?
- Your class gave the substitute a rough time?
- You have a student and his aide in your class?