



## The Top Five Tips for Student Teachers from New Teachers

We recently polled our new teachers for tips to share with our current student teachers. They shared the things they wish they had known or that helped them the most. Here are the top five tips:

**#1 Relationships:** Get to know student strengths, what they need to work on and what motivates each of them. Get to know other teachers, staff and parents. Network now with your colleagues. All these relationships are SO important and help create enjoyable and productive work environments!

**#2 Preparation:** Be prepared and organized. It is painfully obvious if a teacher does not know what the objective is or what needs to be accomplished in a lesson. You feel so much better and happier with your work if you put the time into planning. It pays off!

**#3 Ask/Listen:** Ask questions, listen and learn. Listen to your mentors and their advice. Listen to your students. Be patient and try to learn as much as possible.

**#4 Flexibility:** Be flexible. Things don't always go as planned. Try new things like different lesson formats or new technology.

**#5 Collect:** Write down the things you like, make copies and start a file now. Ask for lesson plans, handouts and worksheets.