



The Lead Teacher through the Eyes of the Intern

The following list is a compilation of positive comments made by interns about their lead teachers at the conclusion of their internship assignments. The information may be helpful in determining what actions will most effectively support the professional growth and development of the intern:

- available for guidance and support at school and by phone at home
- communicates clearly
- provides advice, support, and encouragement
- shares methods and materials he or she has found successful
- offers hints and advice
- demonstrates flexibility
- models effective classroom management and organization skills
- utilizes effective, respectful methods that address all learners and learning styles
- plans for smooth transitions as intern moves into and out of total control
- holds realistic expectations of intern based on intern's developmental level as a teacher
- uses current district curriculum, materials, and methods
- provides clear sense of direction regarding curriculum that has to be covered
- allows freedom with planning and using methods of instruction from UNR classes
- asks for lesson plans in advance, reviews the plans, and provides constructive criticism
- permits the intern freedom to make mistakes while still being available for support when needed
- serves as a resource for locating appropriate materials and planning lessons
- provides constructive guidance and provides verbal feedback
- facilitates growth in intern's self-confidence
- involves intern with extracurricular activities

- provides written feedback that can be referred to later
- facilitates the minimum of three weeks (or five weeks) of total control as required of the intern
- provides appropriate supervised versus unsupervised teaching time
- allows intern to use own ideas and develop own style of teaching
- serves as a role model in respect to professional and ethical conduct
- accepts new ideas and demonstrates a willingness to learn from intern
- mentors rather than dictates
- provides physical space in the classroom for the intern
- helps intern feel welcome and accepted in the classroom by students, teachers aides, and parents
- keeps intern informed and includes in school matters
- facilitates discussions with intern that reflect upon the successes and problems of the internship experience
- provides the opportunity to interact with parents