

School Life Log 2016-2017

List each event of "school life" and describe what you learned from each experience.

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Event	Date	Total hours	Hours Beyond Assigned Hours	Learning	Mentor's Signature
Back to School Night	9/13/18	2 hrs.		Tonight, back to school night was for parents of 6 th graders to meet their student's teachers and get an idea of what the classes will be like. I noticed that during each period's time, parents of GT students asked more questions and stayed after more frequently. Many parents were excited at the fact that I would be student teaching as well! They were all very welcoming into the community.	
Professional Development Days	8/28, 8/29,	8/28: 2.5 hrs. 8/29: 3.2 hrs.		On these days, I learned what it is like to be a teacher before school starts. My mentor teacher had to move into a trailer this year, so we had to set up her entire classroom complete with bulletin boards, posters, and content files. It was a fantastic experience and I left each day with a smile on my face.	
Student Tutoring	Every Friday, 2/9- 3/23	45 mins each		I started out tutoring 1 student who reached out because she was struggling and could not keep up with the material. Then a week later, another student joined. I asked	

				<p>both of them to circle the content topics that they struggled with most from a list from their textbook, and then prepared to review/reteach them one unit each week. That way, they got a review of content they needed to build on in future lessons. These students both worked better in a smaller setting, and I was able to gauge their understanding more effectively. I learned that it is important to spiral with topics and make sure students understand before building upon it, and to cater to those students who do not.</p>	
6 th grade meeting	1/30, 2/6, 2/13, 2/20, 2/27, 3/6, 3/13, 3/20	30 mins each		<p>From these meetings it is clear that collaboration is a key element of teaching. There were multiple instances where teachers would ask others about a specific student or student behavior, and the other faculty members would share their ideas and come together to solve the problem. This is also a time for administration to make any announcements about the 6th grade class in particular, and we walked through a lockdown drill in the cafeteria in preparation for students to participate. Therefore these meetings are a fantastic time for collaboration and important situations.</p>	
Ridgely Middle Faculty Meeting	3/5	1 hr.		<p>Faculty meetings are an important time for all teachers and</p>	

				administrators to come together and learn. Today we learned about using device software to help students with scribing. There is software installed on the device that allows students to use speak to type software instead of using a human scribe if they wish. This is great for students who are shy or embarrassed that they need a scribe, and helps during testing periods as well.	
Ridgely Middle Co-Planning	Every Friday 9/8-10/20, 2/2-3/23	30 mins each		Co-planning with other teachers (and sometimes other student teachers!) was amazing. It helped me to realize that collaboration is a wonderful tool in the teacher toolbox. The 3 teachers at these meetings share files and ideas, plan out units together, and create worksheets and reflect on activities used in the past for the future.	
Eastern Tech Faculty Meeting	4/9/18	1 hr.		Today we talked briefly about the importance of a uniform logo, which is imperative because the faculty members of Eastern Tech are a united front. An email signature with all the same logo shows this to people who may be emailed by multiple staff members. We also talked about Schoology, the new Learning Management	

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