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# **GRANTS FOR EDUCATION**

Interested in applying for education grants?
View a BIG list of grants available for 2016/2017

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https:// www.edutopia.org/ grants-and-resources

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# **Characteristics of 21st Century Teachers**



What do students, parents and the community want to see in a 21st Century Teacher?

- **An Adaptor** to adjust the curriculum to be relative and imaginative, making it relevant to students. Adapt software and hardware to be useable for all grade/skill levels. Adapt our teaching style to include different learning styles and when technology fails, adapt to meet the needs of the students and complete the lesson.
- **A Visionary** to think about & plan the year with imagination and passion. Envision the success of all students by seeking the potential of each individual learner to become a visionary as well.
- **A Collaborator** to leverage collaborative tools to enhance the learning experience and captivate our students. We must also be responsible sharers, inventors, contributors to Web 2.0 tools; Facebook, Linkedin, Pintrest, Edmodo, Schoology, LiveBinders, etc.
- **A Risk Taker** to surrender to our students strengths. Because there is so much to learn and so little time to learn, take a risk and utilize the strengths of our digital natives to understand and navigate new technology. Have students teach each other. Build trust, relationship and character.
- **A Model** to showcase the behaviors we want our students to exhibit. There is an expectation that teachers will teach values which are equally as important as curriculum. We should model tolerance, acceptance, global awareness, reflection and a wider view than just curricula areas.
- **A Leader** in the classroom, school and community who facilitates opportunities for students to develop their leadership qualities and prepare them for students for future leadership roles.
- A Communicator who is fluent in tools and technology with the ability to facilitate students' learning and use of it. Open and meaningful communication with all stakeholders is key to the success of students.
- A Learner consistently seeking opportunities to perfect their craft in an ever evolving career.
   Taking Professional Development seriously and always open to growing both professionally and personally. 21st Century Teachers must understand that life as a teacher begins the day they realize that they are always a learner!

Image credit: Global Digital Citizenship Foundation

# EVALUATING PERFORMANCE O Observations O Surveys O Walk-Throughs O Eval Forms

#### **Observations/Evaluations**

Do you have questions about observations and evaluations of teachers? The NCEES wiki has resources @ http://ncees.ncdpi.wikispaces.net/NC+Teachers

Need additional resources? Find them @ wikicentral.ncdpi.wikispaces.net

# Join the PTSA

Our next PTSA Board meeting will be held on Nov. 3, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the Media Center. Our Board is working hard to enhance our students' academic experience and to support all stakeholders. Please join us and make a difference. Membership is \$5. See Ms. Everett for additional details!





- O November 8th Teacher Workday (Optional). Submit Code 20 in Kelly Services (No sub required) and EdClick if you plan
- O November 8<sup>th</sup> Impact Extravaganza @JCSU Drop-In - 10am-2pm
- O November 10<sup>th</sup> TLC of Math Rigor PD - Session I - Technology, Literacy, & Collaboration @Spaugh PDC - Room A10 (Johnson-Scott)
- O November 11<sup>th</sup> Holiday. No action needed for 10 month employees in Kelly Services/ EdClick
- November 14<sup>th</sup> Report Cards Distributed
- November 15<sup>th</sup> Achieve 3000 Make-up Training - During **Planning Periods**
- O November 16<sup>th</sup> C&E Planning PD @RAM Academy (Ms. Boyd)
- O November 21st Achieve 3000 Q&A Drop-In Session—planning periods

#### **Resource of the Month**

#### 2016 School Freebies

http://www.thefreesite.com/ Family Freebies/Back-To-School-Freebies/

# **Twitter Chats for Beginning Teachers**

Join the Regional Education Facilitator Team on Wednesday, December 7, 2016 a Twitter chat specifically designed for beginning teachers.

Use the hashtag #NCBTChat to be part of this virtual professional learning network or start a noteworthy education chat.

For additional Education Chats on Twitter, visit: https://sites.google.com/site/ from 7:00 pm - 8:00 pm to participate in twittereducationchats/education-chatcalendar





## Meet Your Neighbor: Ms. Victoria Blackshear

Our Media Specialist is a native of Greenville, SC with four siblings (including a twin brother). She is married with two children (5 & 3 years old.) Ms. Blackshear graduated Johnson C. Smith University with a Bachelor of Communication Arts, with a concentration in Journalism. I have always wanted to be a writer, so I sought out a degree that would push me in that direction, but took a totally different route. After graduation, I went began a teaching career. Two years into teaching 7th grade Language Arts, I realized how much I loved being in the library with my students. This new love drove me back to college, where I completed a Master of Library Science from East Carolina University.

She has been a Media Specialist for five years. This position opens the door for her to reach kids and assist teachers in a variety of ways. She teaches (mainly English) research skills, citing sources, and evaluating websites and stresses the importance of reading and how to select good books. Ms. Blackshear is open to collaborating with teachers on lessons and building relationships with students.



#### Phases of Beginning (and Veteran) Teachers: Where are you?

There are six phases that beginning teachers (BTs) experience throughout the year according to A Guide to Prepare Support Providers for Work with Beginning Teachers.

**Anticipation** – excited but anxious, ready to conquer the world of teaching.

**Survival** – can I really do this, making it from one day or one activity to another, frustration, feel like aivina up.

**Disillusionment** – maybe I shouldn't have become a teacher, I can't seem to do anything right, I'll never get control of this class.

**Rejuvenation** – beginning to see the light at the end of the tunnel, self-confidence is rising, sense of relief at being halfway there.

Reflection – I made it, look back on the year's successes and challenges, plan ahead for next year, sense of satisfaction.

**Anticipation** – excited but anxious, ready to face and conquer the next year of teaching. Many BTs are currently in the survival phase with disillusionment closing in. If you find yourself there, reach out to your mentor, coach, and/or Beginning Teacher Support Coach. We are here to help you. Know that these phases are just that...phases...and given time, you will successfully transition through them during the year.

