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Tool Kit for Early-Career Teachers

Becoming a great teacher may take years, but you can help a novice become a great *beginning teacher*. The Editorial Panel of *Mathematics Teacher* invites teachers, teacher educators, education researchers, and others to share experiences and ideas that beginning teachers can use. Early-career and veteran math teachers alike can reflect on their own classroom experience and offer recommendations, cautionary tales, and advice that will help beginning teachers build a tool kit.

The following questions may serve as starting points for thinking about this subject:

Instruction

- How can new teachers make the best use of curricular materials and technology to support local classroom goals?
- What steps lead to a more student-centered practice?
- How do teachers begin to differentiate instruction and help students who are struggling?
- What assessment strategies are effective in improving students' learning of mathematics?

Sociocultural Context

- What teacher behaviors foster a positive learning environment in the math classrooms of grades 8–14?
- How do math teachers develop an understanding of and connection to students' social and multicultural backgrounds?
- What proactive communication to parents supports learning of mathematics for students?

Professionalism

- How can early-career teachers improve their knowledge of and skills in teaching mathematics?
- What challenges might novice math teachers encounter as they balance what they learned in college with their school's expectations?
- How can beginning math teachers tap into the collective knowledge and wisdom of more experienced colleagues?

These are just a few of our ideas; we want to know what you think.

In addition to feature-length articles (2000–3000 words), we are also interested in publishing one-page articles (600–700 words). If you have ideas related to this topic and wish to discuss them before sending a manuscript, contact Tara Slesar (tslesar@nctm.org). We encourage authors to email an informal intent to submit with a one-paragraph description of your topic to mt@nctm.org by April 1, 2017.

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