

2010 - 2011 Statement of Understanding Support, Training and Relationships (STAR) Program

The purpose of the Lewisville ISD Support, Training and Relationships (STAR) Program is to provide assistance and support to STAR Class 2011 leading to student academic and social success. Primary goals include: to facilitate continuous classroom improvement through enhanced professional collaboration, to engage in critical inquiry, and to overcome barriers of isolation often associated with the teaching profession.

First Year Teacher Benefits of Participation

- ◆ District/Campus engagement in support and assistance for STAR Class 2011
- ◆ Non-evaluative collaboration between STAR Class 2011
- ◆ Opportunities for reflective thought and self-assessment of professional performance
- ◆ Up to 47 CPE Units of credit upon completion
- ◆ Interaction with peers and colleagues engaged in professional inquiry and dialogue

First Year Teacher Program

First Year Teacher Participation Responsibilities

◆ Attend/actively participate in the 3-day *Support, Training and Relationships (STAR) Academy*, 6 *STAR Support Meetings* and 1-day *STAR Academy II* (in addition to the Campus New Employee Day on August 12 and the District New Employee Day on August 13). You must register on CourseWhere for all of the sessions listed below. Standing dates are as follows:

- **STAR Academy:**
 - August 9, 10 and 11
 - 8:30 – 4:30
- **STAR Support Meetings**
 - 9/22, 10/13, 11/17, 1/26, 3/30 and 5/11
 - Elementary will meet from 4:00 – 5:30
 - Secondary will meet from 4:45 – 6:15
 - Except May 11, elementary and secondary will meet from 4:45 – 6:15
- **STAR Academy II:**
 - Choose one (you do not have to make a choice now)
 - June 21, July 12 or August 4, 2011
 - 8:30 – 4:30

- ◆ Complete 4 peer observations by December 10
 - Complete a peer observation form and review with STAR Coach
- ◆ Complete required profession readings, feedback responses and other activities as assigned
- ◆ Attend district and/or school meetings arranged and facilitated by administration
- ◆ Participate in STAR surveys

In addition to these benefits and responsibilities, I have the assurance of appropriate confidentiality and professional discretion concerning my work.

Name *(please print)* _____ School _____

Signature _____ Date _____