

LEARN

to be a mentor

L

LISTEN

As a mentor, your first instinct may be to help by telling or showing. But listening will allow you to get to know your mentee more individually.

E

EMPATHETIC

Remember what it was like when you were a new educator, which will help you see life through the mentee's eyes.

A

ACCOUNTABLE

Show up and step up. Being accountable means staying current in the field and being a lifelong learner.

R

RESPECTFUL

Respect is the foundation of the mentor and mentee relationship. Respect doesn't happen from day one; it takes time.

N

NICE

On those days where we sometimes struggle to be nice, it is still imperative that we show up and serve, and do so with a smile.

Becoming an effective mentor requires more than common sense or seniority in a profession. Too often, those are the first two traits sought in becoming a mentor. Proximity and convenience should not be factors which decide whether or not an individual is selected to be a mentor. Before you can be a mentor, you have to LEARN what it means to be a Modern Mentor.