

210: FIELD EXPERIENCE TIPS

1. Leadership Skills

- a. Learn student names; just keep asking students “what’s your name again?”

Learn a few names at a time

Use name a few times on conversation

Spell it out in mind/aloud

Make associations – instrument; sport

Take attendance; invite students to practice in chamber ensembles

Talk to students in hallways; recess

- b. Take initiative – doing more than required; without being asked

Introducing yourself to others – “my name is _____ and completing ubc field experience in schools”

Help help help – teachers, students – music, lifting, moving, opening doors

Asking questions

Participation in staff, student activities – jeans day, Halloween costumes, food drive

2. Communication Skills

- a. Engaged listener – focus on speaker; content, emotions; don’t interrupt; show interest
- b. Effective non-verbal body language – uncross arms; stand tall; voice tone; eye contact
- c. Make small talk - music, instrument, school, activities
- d. Stay calm

3. Interpersonal skills (verbal, non-verbal, listening, negotiating, problem solving, decision-making, assertiveness)

Verbal skills – talk to students, staff on common topics – instruments, music, school, teaching

Be cooperative & collegial

4. Building positive relationships

School Advisor, staff, students, administration

Meet/get to know others – interests, food, sports, etc

Be polite – have good manners, help, open doors, move equipment

Gracious – “thanks” for helping, listening, teaching me, feedback, “for a good day”

SMILE to everyone