

## Online Mentoring Forum

The purpose of the Online Mentoring Forum is to support the success of MAT Candidates as a professional to the teaching field. Each MAT Candidate is required to join the forum and post to the online forum a minimum of 2 times per month during fall and spring semester throughout the MAT candidates time in the MAT program (a minimum of approximately 8 times each semester). The documentation for the mentoring component will be submitted under the Collaboration section of the MAT final portfolio during the last semester of the MAT Candidate's program. Documentation for the online mentoring component consists of a print out of the posting from the forum including the date and time of the posting along with any responses to the MAT candidate's post. Printing out of the forum posts along with the completion of the Mentor log will allow the MAT candidate to have the necessary documentation for the Collaboration section of the MAT Final Master's Portfolio.

It will be necessary to save the online mentoring posts and completed mentor logs throughout the program and submit the documents with the final portfolio during the final class, EDG 6947.

### **Directions for joining the Online Mentoring Forum.**

Use the following link to reach the Online Mentoring forum:

<http://www.matdiscussion.org/>

This link will take you to the home page of the MAT Discussion board.

- 1) You must register to join the forum. The registration link can be found under the first link at the top left hand corner of the home page within the link "Register".
- 2) Follow the steps to register.
- 3) You will need to select a user name and password to join. We ask that initially please use your last name as the user name and your last name as the password. This will enable the administrator of the forum to permit you to join. We want to be sure only MAT candidates and mentors join this forum. The use of your last name as a password will ensure that no unauthorized users are requesting entry. The administrator must approve your entry. Once the administrator has approved your entry, you may join the forum at any time.

Please be sure to acknowledge any responses to your inquiries so individuals who do answer your questions know that their input has been valued. Please be sure to post a minimum of 8 times per semester and keep documentation of your posts for later submission as part of the MAT final portfolio.