

Sample Discussion Topics for a Mentoring Meeting

These questions are offered as a starting point to help you, as a mentee, begin the conversation. You may have other topics you would like to discuss.

- Why did you pursue a career in school psychology?
- What do you like best about being a school psychologist?
- What would you change about your job?
- Why did you choose to work in your current setting? In what other settings have you worked?
- What does a typical day look like for you?
- Are you school based, district based, in private practice, etc.? What are the advantages/challenges of this type of organization?
- During your career, have you moved from one state to another? Was this a difficult process?
- What was your internship experience like?
- What do you do during your summers?
- What are the challenges of working in an urban/suburban/rural district?
- If you could go back in time, what courses would you have taken as a graduate student? What else would you have done differently?
- Why is it important to you to be a NASP member?
- Why is it important to you to maintain your NCSP (if applicable)?
- How do you stay up-to-date with current research in school psychology?
- What do you think are the biggest challenges facing school psychologists today?
- What are some skills that have proven important in your job that perhaps you did not anticipate needing?
- Who or what are some of your most important resources for guidance, information, etc. in your job?
- Do you think that promoting your role is important to your ability to do a better job and, if so, how do you do this? Also, did you get training in this skill area?
- If eligible, are you a licensed psychologist in your state? Why or why not?