

Lesson Plan – Professionalism for Beginning Teachers

1. “Welcome to the profession”

Teachers are certified professionals. But what does this mean?

Share with a neighbour your definition of a “professional”.

2. Powerpoint: “Teachers are Professionals”

3. Song: “You’re a Professional”

Share BCTC Standards, BCTF code of ethics, and school act

Describe the difference between the 3 documents:

School Act:

expectations of what teachers are authorized to do by law

BCTC:

standards required for certification (through approved university training)

standards by which discipline is determined when complaints are made

BCTF:

expectations of union members

some articles reflect the BCTC standards, others are to do with membership in a union

Share lyrics of the song

With a neighbour, identify which of these documents (and the article within each one) is referred to in each line of the song.

In groups of 4, take 3 numbered lines and describe a scenario of what it might look like if the opposite of the lyric was happening (ie, if a teacher was doing the **wrong** thing).

Share as a group.