

# AT A GLANCE

## A network of support for new teachers

New teachers need a web of support to cope with all the stresses and challenges of leading a classroom, whether it's their first time teaching or their first year in a new school. They need to have multiple colleagues to reach out to for questions about a range of topics and know how to reach them.

As you plan how to support new teachers, look at the web of support surrounding Jordan, a fictional first-year teacher. Consider the roles of the educators in her network and the examples of questions she asked each of them in the first quarter of the school year.

You may also wish to further your planning with with the tool on p. 72 of this issue.

### Meet Jordan

7th-grade math teacher, first year



**Parker, assistant principal**  
"I can't reach a student's family. Can you help me connect with them?"



**Rayschell, math instructional coach**  
"Why aren't students understanding how to convert ratios to percentages?"



**Ben, school social worker**  
"Some days, I'm so overwhelmed I cry in my car. Am I a failure?"



**Vivienne, mentor and veteran teacher**  
"How do I submit grades?"



**Jake, 7th-grade team lead**  
"I think one of my students needs special services. What's the next step?"



**Margot, SEL specialist**  
"One of my students is saying disrespectful things to me. What do I do?"



**Maria, technology specialist**  
"How do I access and use the online curriculum resources with my students?"