

# Coaching Do's and Don'ts

## DO

- Allow participants to make all decisions when creating entries.
- Offer encouragement to participants.
- Clarify portfolio entry directions for participants.
- Ask probing questions to elevate participants' critical thinking.
- Ask clarifying questions to help participants determine if the discussion prompts was fully answered.
- Ask questions to help participants determine if clear, consistent, and convincing evidence was provided.

## DO NOT

- Allow participants to share portfolio entries that have already been submitted to NBPTS.
- Compare participants' entries to other submitted entries.
- Judge the quality of the content for participants.
- Select the lesson for participants to video record.
- Help participants select portions of the video recording for submission.
- Offer opinions about the score that participants will earn on their entries.
- Interfere with participants' decisions to submit entries.