

The Focus on Teaching and Learning

Standard 1: Students

Teachers understand student learning and development and respect the diversity of the students they teach.

| | Never | Sometimes | Frequently | Always |
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| I have knowledge of how students learn and of the development characteristics of age groups. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I understand what students know and are able to do and use this knowledge to meet the needs of all students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I demonstrate the expectation that all students will achieve to their full potential. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I model respect for students' diverse cultures, language skills and experience. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I recognize characteristics of gifted students, students with disabilities and at-risk students in order to assist in appropriate identification, instruction and intervention. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Standard 2: Content

Teachers know and understand the content area for which they have instructional responsibility.

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| I know the content I teach and use my knowledge of content specific concepts, assumptions and skills to plan instruction. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I understand and use content-specific instructional strategies to effectively teach the central concepts and skills of the discipline. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I understand school and district curricula priorities and the Ohio academic content standards. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I understand the relationship of knowledge within the discipline to other content areas. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I connect content to relevant life experiences and career opportunities. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Standard 3: Assessment

Teachers understand and use varied assessments to inform instruction, evaluate and ensure student learning.

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| I know about assessment types, their purposes and the data they generate. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I select, develop and use a variety of diagnostic, formative and summative assessments. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I analyze data to monitor student progress and learning and to plan, differentiate and modify instruction. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I collaborate and communicate student progress with students, parents, and colleagues. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I involve learners in self-assessment and goal setting to address gaps between performance and potential. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Standard 4: Instruction

Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction that advances the learning of each individual student.

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| I align my instructional goals and activities with school and district priorities and the Ohio academic content standards. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I use information about students' learning and performance to plan and deliver instruction that will close the achievement gap. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I communicate clear learning goals and explicitly link learning activities to those defined goals. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I apply knowledge of how students think and learn to instructional design and delivery. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I differentiate instruction to support the learning needs of all students, including students identified as gifted, students with disabilities and at risk students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I create and select activities that are designed to help students develop as independent learners and complex problem-solvers. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I use resources effectively, including technology to enhance student learning. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

The Conditions for Teaching and Learning

Standard 5: Learning Environment

Teachers create learning environments that promote high levels of learning and achievement for all students

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| I treat all students fairly and establish an environment that is respectful, supportive and caring. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I create an environment that is physically and emotionally safe. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I motivate students to work productively and assume responsibly for their own learning. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I create learning situations in which students work independently, collaboratively and/or as a whole class. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I maintain an environment that is conducive to learning for all students. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Teaching as a Profession

Standard 6: Collaboration and Communication

Teachers collaborate and communicate with students, parents, other educators, administrators and the community to support student learning

| | Never | Sometimes | Frequently | Always |
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| I communicate clearly and effectively. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I share responsibility with parents and caregivers to support student learning, emotional and physical development and mental health. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I collaborate effectively with other teachers, administrators and school and district staff. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I collaborate effectively with the local community and community agencies, when and where appropriate to promote a positive environment for student learning. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |

Standard 7: Professional Responsibility and Growth

Teachers assume responsibility for professional growth, performance and involvement as individuals and as members of a learning community.

| | Never | Sometimes | Frequently | Always |
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| I understand, uphold and follow professional ethics, policies and legal codes of professional conduct. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I take responsibility for engaging in continuous, purposeful professional development. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| I become an agent of change who seeks opportunities to positively impact teaching quality, school improvements and student achievement. | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 |