



Teacher Quality Standards

Key to Evaluation: Compare the student's performance to an individual who has completed an educator preparation program and is ready to enter the workforce as a teacher. Use only whole numbers according to the following scale.

- 1 = Basic (Minimal Understanding/Application)
- 2 = Partially Proficient (Needs Help/Inconsistent)
- 3 = Proficient
- 4 = Accomplished (often exceeds standard)
- 5 = Exemplary (consistently exceeds standard)

QUALITY STANDARD I

Teachers demonstrate mastery of and pedagogical expertise in the content they teach.

The elementary teacher is an expert in literacy and mathematics and is knowledgeable in all other content that he or she teaches (e.g., science, social studies, arts, physical education, or world languages). The secondary teacher has knowledge of literacy and mathematics and is an expert in his or her content endorsement area(s).

ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards and their district's organized plan of instruction.

ELEMENT B: Teachers develop and implement lessons that connect to a variety of content areas/disciplines and emphasize literacy and mathematics.

ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices, and specialized characteristics of the disciplines being taught.

QUALITY STANDARD II

Teachers establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students.

ELEMENT A: Teachers foster a predictable learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior and efficient use of time in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.

ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate an awareness of, a commitment to, and respect for multiple aspects of diversity, while working toward common goals as a community of learners.

ELEMENT C: Teachers engage students as individuals, including those with diverse needs and interests, across a range of ability levels by adapting their teaching for the benefit of all students.

ELEMENT D: Teachers work collaboratively with the families and/or significant adults for the benefit of students.

QUALITY STANDARD III

Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.

ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate knowledge about the ways in which learning takes place, including the levels of intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development of their students.

ELEMENT B: Teachers use formal and informal methods to assess student learning, provide feedback, and use results to inform planning and instruction.

ELEMENT C: Teachers integrate and utilize appropriate available technology to engage students in authentic learning experiences.

ELEMENT D: Teachers establish and communicate high expectations and use processes to support the development of critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

ELEMENT E: Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership.

ELEMENT F: Teachers model and promote effective communication.

QUALITY STANDARD IV

Teachers demonstrate professionalism through ethical conduct, reflection, and leadership.

ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate high standards for professional conduct.

ELEMENT B: Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.

ELEMENT C: Teachers are able to respond to a complex, dynamic environment.

ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate leadership in the school, the community, and the teaching profession.



Program Dispositions

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4 = Cruise Control! Excellent performance on the disposition.

3 = Go! Satisfactory performance on the disposition.

2 = Caution! Growth opportunity on the disposition.

1 = Stop! Severe Concern on the disposition.

Blank = Parked. No opportunity to observe the disposition.

A. Growth Mindset

1. Approaches situations with an open mind.
2. Demonstrates flexibility in thinking and behavior.
3. Views challenges as opportunities.
4. Focuses on the process, not the end result.
5. Is inspired by others' success.
6. Learns and grows from failures.
7. Steps out of comfort zone.

B. Professional Behaviors

1. Aware of program policies and professional practices.
2. Demonstrates the emotional intelligence required of professional educators.
3. Models an excitement for teaching and learning.
4. Engages in critical inquiry related to the teaching and learning community.
5. Is well-groomed and dresses professionally, appropriate to the site and content.
6. Models democratic ideals personally and professionally.

C. Work Ethic

1. Attends on time and remains for the duration.
2. Engages throughout.
3. Works effectively with appropriate supervision.
4. Takes initiative.
5. Advocates for self.

D. Responsiveness

1. Responds in a caring manner towards K-12 students, peers, and other learning community members.
2. Articulates own opinions, feelings, and needs while demonstrating sensitivity to others' opinions, feelings, and needs.

E. Communication

1. Uses professional oral expression in public settings (including digital media).
2. Uses professional written expression in public settings (including digital media).
3. Practices active listening.
4. Respects the input of others.