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Rubric for Evaluating North Carolina Teachers (Required for Self-Assessment and for Observations)

This form should be used for the teacher self-assessment, classroom observation, and the summary evaluation.

Name:	Date:
School:	District:
Evaluator:	Title:
Start Time:	End Time:

Standard I: Teachers Demonstrate Leadership

Element Ia. Teachers lead in their classrooms. Teachers demonstrate leadership by taking responsibility for the progress of all students to ensure that they graduate from high school, are globally competitive for work and postsecondary education, and are prepared for life in the 21st century. Teachers communicate this vision to their students. Using a variety of data sources, they organize, plan, and set goals that meet the needs of the individual student and the class. Teachers use various types of assessment data during the school year to evaluate student progress and to make adjustments to the teaching and learning process. They establish a safe, orderly environment, and create a culture that empowers students to collaborate and become lifelong learners.

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	 Understands how they contribute to students graduating from high school. 	Takes responsibility for the progress of students to ensure that they graduate from high school.	Communicates to students the vision of being prepared for life in the 21st century.	 Encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning. 	
	Uses data to understand the skills and abilities of students.	 Provides evidence of data-driven instruction throughout all classroom activities. 	 Evaluates student progress using a variety of assessment data. 	 Uses classroom assessment data to inform program planning. 	
~		Establishes a safe and orderly classroom.	 Creates a classroom culture that empowers students to collaborate. 	Empowers and encourages students to create and maintain a safe and supportive school and community environment.	
	learning community. They an enhances student learning a professional development that	alyze and use local, state, and nd teacher working conditions at meets the needs of student	hool. Teachers work collabora I national data to develop goals . Teachers provide input in det ts and their own professional g achers to improve the effective	s and strategies in the school i ermining the school budget ar growth. They participate in the	mprovement plan that nd in the selection of hiring process and
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	 Attends professional learning community meetings. 	Participates in professional learning community.	Assumes a leadership role in professional learning community.	 Collaborates with colleagues to improve the quality of learning in the school. 	
	Displays awareness of the goals of the school improvement plan.	Participates in developing and/or implementing the school improvement plan.	 Collaborates with school personnel on school improvement activities. 	Assumes a leadership role in implementing school improvement plan throughout the building.	

Element Ic. Teachers lead the teaching profession. Teachers strive to improve the teaching profession. They contribute to the establishment of positive working conditions in their school. They actively participate in and advocate for decision-making structures in education and government Observation that take advantage of the expertise of teachers. Teachers promote professional growth for all educators and collaborate with their colleagues to improve the profession. Not Demonstrated Developing Proficient Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) . . . and . . . and . . . and Has knowledge of Contributes to the: Promotes positive Seeks opportunities to opportunities and the working relationships lead professional □ improvement of the need for professional through professional growth activities and profession through growth and begins to growth activities and decision-making professional growth. establish relationships collaboration. processes. establishment of with colleagues. positive working relationships. □ school's decisionmaking processes as required. Element Id. Teachers advocate for schools and students. Teachers advocate for positive change in policies and practices affecting student learning. They participate in the implementation of initiatives to improve the education of students. . . . and . . . and . . . and □ Knows about the Supports positive Participates in Actively participates, policies and practices change in policies and developing policies promotes, and affecting student practices affecting and practices to provides strong learning. student learning. improve student supporting evidence learning. for implementation of initiatives to improve education. Element le. Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards. Teachers demonstrate ethical principles including honesty, integrity, fair treatment, and respect for others. Teachers uphold the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators (effective June 1, 1997) and the Standards for Professional Conduct adopted April 1, 1998. (www.ncptsc.org) . . . and . . . and . . . and Understands the Demonstrates ethical □ Knows and upholds Models the tenets of importance of ethical the Code of Ethics for behavior through the Code of Ethics behavior as outlined in adherence to the Code North Carolina for North Carolina the Code of Ethics for of Ethics for North Educators and the Educators and the North Carolina Standards for Standards for Carolina Educators Educators and the Professional Conduct and the Standards for Professional Conduct. Standards for and encourages others Professional Conduct. Professional Conduct. to do the same. **Comments:**

Examples of Artifacts:

- Lesson plans
- Journals
- □ Student handbooks
- Student work
- School improvement planning
- Service on committees
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- Relevant data

- Class rules and procedures
- Participation in the Teacher Working Condition Survey
- Professional Learning Communities
- Membership in professional organizations
- General and informal mentoring
- □ Surveys

- National Board CertificationDiscipline Records
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Standard II: Teachers Establish a Respectful Environment for a Diverse Population of Students

tion			n each child has a positive, r portive, inclusive, and flexible	nurturing relationship with ca	ring adults. Teachers
Observation	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
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~	Appreciates and understands the need to establish nurturing relationships.	Establishes an inviting, respectful, inclusive, flexible, and supportive learning environment.	Maintains a positive and nurturing learning environment.	 Encourages and advises others to provide a nurturing and positive learning environment for all students. 	
	diverse cultures and their rol incorporate histories and cor culture on a student's develo	e in shaping global issues. Th htributions of all cultures. Teac opment and personality. Teach	ey actively select materials an hers recognize the influence of	I. Teachers demonstrate their kr id develop lessons that countera of race, ethnicity, gender, religio a student's culture and backgro heir instruction.	act stereotypes and on, and other aspects of
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✓	Acknowledges that diverse cultures impact the world.	Displays knowledge of diverse cultures, their histories, and their roles in shaping global issues.	Uses materials or lessons that counteract stereotypes and acknowledges the contributions of all cultures.	Promotes a deep understanding of cultures through the integration of culturally sensitive materials and ideas throughout the curriculum.	
~	Demonstrates awareness of the diversity of students in the classroom.	Acknowledges the influence of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, socio- economics, and culture on a student's development and attitudes.	Consistently incorporates different points of view in instruction.	Capitalizes on diversity as an asset in the classroom.	
				ns, including graduation from h n student in the learning environ	
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~	Holds high expectations of students.	 Communicates high expectations for all students. 	Encourages and values contributions of students, regardless of background or ability.	Helps students hold high expectations for themselves and their peers.	

Observation		special needs of all students.		needs. Teachers collaborate will nodels of effective practice, teac	
Obser	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
*	 Recognizes that students have a variety of learning needs. Is knowledgeable of effective practices for students with special needs. 	 and Collaborates with specialists who can support the special learning needs of students. Provides unique learning opportunities such as inclusion and research-based, effective practices for students with special needs. 	 and Understands the roles of and collaborates with the full range of support specialists to help meet the special needs of all students. Effectively engages special needs students in learning activities and ensures their unique learning needs are met. 	 and Anticipates the unique learning needs of students and solicits assistance from within and outside the school to address those needs. Adapts instruction for the benefit of students with special needs and helps colleagues do the same for their students. 	
	educating children is a share collaboration between the so segments of the school com	d responsibility involving the school and the home and comm	school, parents or guardians, a nunity in order to promote tru ns to overcome cultural and e	in the lives of their students. and the community. Teachers im st and understanding and build conomic obstacles that may sta	prove communication and partnerships with all
	Responds to family and community concerns.	 and Communicates and collaborates with the home and community for the benefit of students. 	 and Recognizes obstacles to family and community participation and conscientiously seeks solutions to overcome them. 	 and Promotes trust and understanding throughout the school community. 	

Comments:	
Examples of Artifacts:	
Student profiles	□ Communications w/parents/community □

- □ Student surveys
- □ Cooperation with ESL teachers
- **L**essons that integrate international content
- Documentation of referral data and use of IEPs
- v/p
- □ Professional development on cultural attitudes and awareness
- Use of technology to incorporate cultural awareness into lessons
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Standard III: Teachers Know the Content They Teach

Element Illa. Teachers align their instruction with the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. In order to enhance the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, teachers investigate the content standards developed by professional organizations in their specialty area. They develop and apply strategies to make the curriculum rigorous and relevant for all students and provide a balanced curriculum that enhances literacy skills. Elementary teachers have explicit and thorough preparation in literacy instruction. Middle and high school teachers incorporate literacy instruction within the content area or discipline.

Obse	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
~	Demonstrates an awareness of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and references it in the preparation of lesson plans.	 and Understands the North Carolina Standard Course of Study, uses it in preparation of lesson plans, and applies strategies to make the curriculum rigorous and relevant. 	 and Develops and applies strategies based on the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and standards developed by professional organizations to make the curriculum balanced, rigorous and relevant. 	 and Assists colleagues in applying such strategies in their classrooms. 	
*	Elementary: Begins to integrate literacy instruction in selected lessons.	Elementary: Integrates effective literacy instruction throughout the curriculum.	Elementary: Evaluates and reflects upon the effectiveness of literacy instruction.	 Elementary: Makes necessary changes to instructional practice to improve student learning. 	
~	Secondary: Recognizes the importance of integrating literacy strategies within the content areas.	Secondary: Incorporates a wide variety of literacy skills within content areas to enhance learning.	Secondary: Evaluates and reflects upon the effectiveness of literacy instruction within content areas.	Secondary: Makes necessary changes to instructional practice to improve student learning.	
	their classrooms by knowing	their subjects beyond the con ary teachers have broad know	ntent they are expected to tea	achers bring a richness and dep ich and by directing students' na lle school and high school teach	atural curiosity into an
~	Demonstrates a basic level of content knowledge in the teaching specialty to which assigned.	 and Demonstrates an appropriate level of content knowledge in the teaching specialty to which assigned. 	 and Applies knowledge of subject beyond the content in assigned teaching specialty. Motivates students to investigate the content area to expand their knowledge and satisfy their natural curiosity. 	 and Extends knowledge of subject beyond content in their teaching specialty and sparks students' curiosity for learning beyond the required course work. 	

Element IIIc. Teachers recognize the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines. Teachers know the links and vertical alignment of the grade or subject they teach and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Teachers understand how the content they teach relates to other disciplines in order to deepen understanding and connect learning for students. Teachers promote global awareness and its relevance to subjects they teach.

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Observa	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
~	Understands the links between grade/subject and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.	 and Demonstrates knowledge of links between grade/subject and the North Carolina Standard Course of 	 and Demonstrates knowledge of the links and vertical alignment of the grade or subject area and the North 	 and Collaborates with teachers from other grades or subject areas to establish links between disciplines and 	
	Displays global	Study.	Carolina Standard Course of Study. Relates content to other disciplines.	influence school-wide curriculum and teaching practice.	
~	Displays global awareness.	Promotes global awareness and its relevance to the subjects.	Integrates global awareness activities throughout lesson plans and classroom instructional practices.	awareness and its relevance to all faculty members, influencing curriculum and teaching practices throughout the school.	
	strategically, and broadly. The skills, self- direction, and soc	ese skills include leadership, e ial responsibility. Teachers hel ntury content, which includes	thics, accountability, adaptabi p their students understand th	1 st century life skills into their te ility, personal productivity, perso ne relationship between the <i>Nor</i> conomic, business and entrepre	nal responsibility, people th Carolina Standard
~	Identifies relationships between the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and life in the 21st century.	 and Identifies relationships between the core content and 21st century content. 	 and Integrates core content and 21st century content throughout lesson plans and classroom instructional practices. 	 and Deepens students' understandings of 21st century skills and helps them make their own connections and develop new skills. 	

Comments:			
Examples of Artifacts:			
Display of creative student work	Content standards	•	

Content standards

Lesson plans

Use of NC Standard Course of Study

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Standard IV: Teachers facilitate learning for their students

Element IVa. Teachers know the ways in which learning takes place, and they know the appropriate levels of intellectual, physical, social, and emotional development of their students. Teachers know how students think and learn. Teachers understand the influences that affect individual student learning (development, culture, language proficiency, etc.) and differentiate their instruction accordingly. Teachers keep abreast of evolving research about student learning. They adapt resources to address the strengths and weaknesses of their students.

Obser	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
~	Understands developmental levels of students and recognizes the need to differentiate instruction.	 and Understands developmental levels of students and appropriately differentiates instruction. 	and Identifies appropriate developmental levels of students and consistently and appropriately differentiates instruction.	 and Encourages and guides colleagues to adapt instruction to align with students' developmental levels. 	
~		Assesses resources needed to address strengths and weaknesses of students.	Reviews and uses alternative resources or adapts existing resources to take advantage of student strengths or address weaknesses.	Stays abreast of current research about student learning and emerging resources and encourages the school to adopt or adapt them for the benefit of all students.	
	sources for short- and long-r how students learn. Teachers	ange planning based on the <i>N</i> s engage students in the learr nhance learning. Teachers ma	lorth Carolina Standard Course ning process. They understand	laborate with their colleagues a <i>e of Study</i> . These plans reflect <i>a</i> I that instructional plans must be to cultural differences and indiv	an understanding of e consistently
~	Recognizes data sources important to planning instruction.	 and Uses a variety of data for short- and long- range planning of instruction. Monitors and modifies instructional plans to enhance student learning. 	 and Monitors student performance and responds to individual learning needs in order to engage students in learning. 	 and Monitors student performance and responds to cultural diversity and learning needs through the school improvement process. 	
	the needs of their students a		ievement gaps. Teachers empl	ethods and techniques that are loy a wide range of techniques i	
~	Demonstrates awareness of the variety of methods and materials necessary to meet the needs of all students.	 and Demonstrates awareness or use of appropriate methods and materials necessary to meet the needs of all students. 	 and Ensures the success of all students through the selection and utilization of appropriate methods and materials. 	 and Stays abreast of emerging research areas and new and innovative materials and incorporates them into lesson plans and instructional strategies. 	

Observation		elp students use technology to		s know when and how to use to , solve problems, discern reliabi	
Obser	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
~	 Assesses effective types of technology to use for instruction. 	 and Demonstrates knowledge of how to utilize technology in instruction. students develop critical-th 	and Integrates technology with instruction to maximize student learning.	 and Provides evidence of student engagement in higher level thinking skills through the integration of technology. skills. Teachers encourage students 	dents to ask questions.
	think creatively, develop and		size knowledge, and draw con	clusions. They help students ex	
V	Understands the importance of developing students' critical thinking and problem solving skills.	 and Demonstrates knowledge of processes needed to support students in acquiring critical thinking skills and problem-solving skills. 	 and Teaches students the processes needed to: think creatively and critically, develop and test innovative ideas, synthesize knowledge, draw conclusions, exercise and communicate sound reasoning, understand connections, make complex choices, and frame, analyze and solve problems. 	 and Encourages and assists teachers throughout the school to integrate critical thinking and problem solving skills into their instructional practices. 	
	collaboration. They organize		p students define roles, stren	s. Teachers teach the importanc gthen social ties, improve comr evelop leadership qualities.	
✓	Provides opportunities for cooperation, collaboration, and leadership through student learning teams.	 and Organizes student learning teams for the purpose of developing cooperation, collaboration, and student leadership. 	 and Encourages students to create and manage learning teams. 	 and Fosters the development of student leadership and teamwork skills to be used beyond the classroom. 	

Vat	articulate thoughts and ideas		dents in a variety of ways eve	en when language is a barrier. Te	eachers help students
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	Demonstrates the ability to effectively communicate with students.	Uses a variety of methods for communication with all students.	Creates a variety of methods to communicate with all students.	Anticipates possible student misunderstandings and proactively develops teaching techniques to mitigate concerns.	
	Provides opportunities for students to articulate thoughts and ideas.	Consistently encourages and supports students to articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively.	Establishes classroom practices which encourage all students to develop effective communication skills.	Establishes school-wide and grade appropriate vehicles to encourage students throughout the school to develop effective communication skills.	
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	formative and summative as opportunities, methods, feed	sessments, to evaluate stude lback, and tools for students t	nt progress and growth as the o assess themselves and eac	earned. Teachers use multiple i ey strive to eliminate achieveme h other. Teachers use 21 st centu s, performance, and dispositions	ent gaps. Teachers providery assessment systems
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Comments:

Examples of Artifacts:

- Lesson plans
- $\hfill\square$ Display of technology used
- Professional development
- Use of student learning teams
- $\hfill\square$ Documentation of differentiated instruction
- Materials used to promote critical thinking
 - and problem solving
 - □ Collaborative lesson planning

Standard V: Teachers Reflect on Their Practice

Element Va. Teachers analyze student learning. Teachers think systematically and critically about student learning in their classrooms and schools: why learning happens and what can be done to improve achievement. Teachers collect and analyze student performance data to improve Observation school and classroom effectiveness. They adapt their practice based on research and data to best meet the needs of students. Not Demonstrated Proficient Distinguished Developing Accomplished (Comment Required) . . . and . . . and . . . and Provides ideas about Provides a detailed Recognizes the need Thinks systematically

Examples of Artifacts:

- Lesson plans
- □ Formative assessments
- □ Student work
- □ Professional Development Plan
- Completion of professional development
- □ Participation in professional learning
 - community
- □ Formative and summative assessment data
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Rubric for Evaluating North Carolina Teachers Signature Page

Teacher Signature	Date
Principal/Evaluator Signature	Date
Peer Signature, if applicable	Date
Comments Attached: Yes No	
Principal/Evaluator Signature (Signature indicates question above regarding comments has been addressed).	Date
Peer Signature, if applicable (Signature indicates question above regarding comments has been addressed).	Date

Note: The teacher's signature on this form represents neither acceptance nor approval of the report. It does, however, indicate that the teacher has reviewed the report with the evaluator and may reply in writing. The signature of the principal or evaluator verifies that the report has been reviewed and that the proper process has been followed according to North Carolina State Board of Education Policy for the Teacher Evaluation Process.