

**EDRG 4040**

**LITERACY ASSESSMENT & INSTRUCTION**

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**Catalog Description:** The focus of this course is on literacy assessment and evaluation of general classroom and special needs students. Teacher candidates learn a variety of assessments and instructional methods of specific language and print features. Phonological awareness, phonics, orthographic knowledge, and comprehension are addressed. Field or clinical experiences, assessment Lab 404L, are required as a major component of this course. Prerequisites: EDRG 3520

**Lab Experiences:** For EDRG 4040, labs are usually 15-20 hours in a semester for hands on experiences. There will be a mixture of lecture and lab experiences during the semester. Exams and other activities will be on WebCT.

**Required Texts and Other:**

1) Bear, D., Invernezzi, M., Templeton, S., & Johnston, F. (2004). *Words their way: Word study for phonics, vocabulary, and spelling instruction*. Third Edition. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice-Hall, Inc.

2) Utah State Office of Education (2005). STAR. Salt Lake City, UT: USOE.

As assigned: Other material from web or on reserve may be assigned as needed.

\* Leslie, L. & Caldwell, J. (2001). *Qualitative reading inventory-III*. (See on reserve in Gerald Sheratt library.)

\* Santa, C. *Learning From a Reader*. (See on reserve in Gerald Sheratt library.)

### **Recommended Text, Journals, other**

Any Elementary Foundation Reading Textbook (EDRG 3520) or Early Literacy (EDRG 4010) as a resource for strategies.

## **Course Goals & Related INTASC Principles**

### **Goal I: Assessment and Linking Assessment to Instruction**

- Teacher candidates will collect, administer and/or use information from norm-referenced tests, formal and informal inventories, portfolio-based assessments, rubrics, student self-evaluation, performance samples, observations, anecdotal records, journals, and other indicators of student progress to inform instruction and learning. (INTASC Principle #8: Assessment)
- From assessments and interaction, candidates will determine a student's strengths & challenges in literacy. (INTASC Principle #8: Assessment)
- Candidates will link/align assessments to an instructional plan. (INTASC Principles #7, Planning, & #8, Assessment)
- Candidates will write a report that communicates to parents, teachers, or colleagues the assessment results including the students' individual strengths and challenges, and an instructional plan. (INTASC Principle #10: Community Relationships)

### **Goal II: Instructional Techniques and Planning**

- Candidates will be well versed on individualized and group instructional interventions targeted toward those students in greatest need. (INTASC Principle #4)

### **Goal III: Understanding Developmental Perspective**

- Acquire a developmental perspective for assessment and instruction of student learning

- TRANSFERS developmental understanding to on-going (curriculum-based) measures of student learning and diagnostic thinking for general classrooms.
- Specifically, this goal requires understanding of spelling and phonological development as it relates to growth in reading and writing. (See INTASC Principle #2)

#### **Goal IV: Respecting and Understanding Diversity**

- To understand, respect, and value cultural, linguistic diversity. (INTASC Principle #3)

#### **Goal V: Reflection**

- Teacher candidates will reflect on course learning, course experiences, and the assessment-instruction link. (INTASC Principle #9—Reflective Practitioner)

#### **Accountability/Assignments**

##### **#1 Attendance, Participation, and Ongoing Class Activity Preparation—225 points. (See schedule for points per class missed to calculate your grade.)**

Attendance, punctuality, professional courtesy, and a positive, collaborative attitude are essential (200 points). Your last participation points will be “evidence” of putting your case study in your electronic portfolio (25 points). In lieu of the 200 point class attendance portion of this assignment, independent study students must choose a published text on Reading/Literacy Assessment, read it and submit a minimum of 7 1.5-2 page summaries of chapters within the text (25 pts. each), and submit record of tutoring hours with session start and stop times, initialed by the students’ regular teacher (25 points). There has been an increasing occurrence of tardiness in courses. This is disturbing to the instructor and to the other students in the class. Any student who is more than 5 minutes tardy will lose 2 participation points (these cannot be made up), unless circumstances are beyond the control of the student (as determined by the instructor). Students arriving more than 1/2 way through the class will be counted as absent.

**#2 Course Notebook (125 points).** (Addresses Goals I, II, III, & IV.) You will be required to add to the S. T. A. R. handbook your notes, handouts, assessments, and so on in an organized manner.

- Course packet
- Course notes and misc. handouts (independent study students must collect samples of literacy assessments used by the teacher of the student designated for the case study)

- Handouts or copies specifically for tutoring/small group assessment, planning & suggestions (many of these can be downloaded directly from the course website). These might include:
  - Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills (DIBELS) information
  - Word lists, such as those with the Qualitative Reading Inventory-3 (QRI:-3) or other
  - Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) information.
  - Writing Assessments and TOWL-3 if addressed in class.
  - 6+1 -Trait Rubric for writing
  - Attitude, Interest, and Engagement interviews
  - OTHER: This is an open category for other assessments that you would like to keep, such as checklists, ideas for portfolios, retellings, think-alouds etc.
- Copies of and/or records of all assessments done with your student/students.

**#3 Field Experience and Assessment Accountability (TBA)—125 points**(Addresses Goal I, II, III, IV, V) These experiences will be arranged with schools, literacy coaches, and teachers for you to experience assessment and instruction in the schools. Depending on the arrangement of these experiences, you will need to be accountable for results or learning. Independent study students are responsible for locating a struggling reader, with whom they can complete this assignment-get written permission from the student's teacher. You will demonstrate that you have been accountable by keeping a reflective journal of all of your activities--what happened, what you learned, how you responded or will respond (a copy must be given to your instructor). A minimum of 20 hours of tutoring/assessment is required.

**#4 Student Assessment and Instruction Report (175 points).** (Addresses Goal I, II, V) Keep a copy for your self and turn in a copy to the instructor. (Click for a [downloadable copy](#) of the report in MSWord.)

**#5 Reflection (50 points)** (Addresses Goals I, II, III, IV, V.) A 2-3 page reflection will be typed (12 point font, 1.5 spacing) to indicate what you have learned (based on the goals of the course) and how you performed with your student. You can use video or audio recording for this reflection if desired. (See WebCT for directions and example.)

**#6 Parent Letter (50 points).** Fill out the letter to go to the parent. A copy can be downloaded by clicking [here](#).

**#7 E-portfolio artifact (25 points).** Add the student assessment and instruction report to your electronic portfolio; send the instructor the portfolio address so he/she can look at it. Be sure to remove/change any information on the form that can identify the teacher or the student and any unused portions/lines of the form to make it more clear and concise.

**#8 Final examination (100 pts.) Open book, online, only available on final exam day at assigned time.**

**Total 775 points. Grades will be calculated as follows:**

A 93-100%; A- 90-92.99%; B+ 87-89.99%; B 83-86.99%; B- 80-86.99%; C+ 77-79.99%; C 73-76.99%; C- 70-72.99%; below 70% Try again

TO EARN A GRADE FOR THE COURSE, ALL ASSIGNMENTS MUST BE COMPLETED WITH A SCORE OF 50 PER CENT OR ABOVE. IF ANY ASSIGNMENTS REMAIN INCOMPLETE, A GRADE OF INCOMPLETE WILL BE ISSUED FOR THE COURSE. IT WILL BE CHANGED WHEN ALL COURSE WORK IS SATISFACTORALLY COMPLETED; OR TO AN F AFTER ONE YEAR. THE BEST TEACHERS ARE FINISHERS.

Late work will receive an automatic 10% reduction for one week after it is due; after that it will receive an automatic 50% deduction prior to grading.

**Academic integrity policy:** Scholastic dishonesty will not be tolerated and will be prosecuted to the fullest extent. You are expected to have read and understood the current issue of the student handbook (published by Student Services) regarding student responsibilities and rights, and the intellectual property policy, for information about procedures and about what constitutes acceptable on-campus behavior.

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**INTASC Principles and possible ARTIFACTS from this course:**

Principle #1: *The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and can create learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful for students.*

**KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands major concepts, assumptions, debates, processes of inquiry, and ways of knowing that are central to the discipline(s) s/he teaches. The teacher understands how students' conceptual frameworks and their misconceptions for an area of knowledge can influence their learning. The teacher can relate his/her disciplinary knowledge to other subject areas.

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher realizes that subject matter knowledge is not a fixed body of facts but is complex and ever-evolving. S/he seeks to keep abreast of new ideas and understandings in the field. The teacher appreciates multiple perspectives and conveys to learners how knowledge is developed from the vantage point of the knower. The teacher has enthusiasm for the discipline(s) s/he teaches and sees connections to everyday life. The teacher is committed to continuous learning and engages in professional discourse about subject matter knowledge and children's learning of the discipline.

## **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher effectively uses multiple representations and explanations of disciplinary concepts that capture key ideas and link them to students' prior understandings. The teacher can represent and use differing viewpoints, theories, "ways of knowing" and methods of inquiry in his/her teaching of subject matter concepts. The teacher can evaluate teaching resources and curriculum materials for their comprehensiveness, accuracy, and usefulness for representing particular ideas and concepts.

The teacher engages students in generating knowledge and testing hypotheses according to the methods of inquiry and standards of evidence used in the discipline. The teacher develops and uses curricula that encourage students to see, question, and interpret ideas from diverse perspectives. The teacher can create interdisciplinary learning experiences that allow students to integrate knowledge, skills, and methods of inquiry from several subject areas.

***Principle #2: The teacher understands how children learn and develop, and can provide learning opportunities that support their intellectual, social and personal development.***

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands how learning occurs--how students construct knowledge, acquire skills, and develop habits of

mind--and knows how to use instructional strategies that promote student learning. The teacher understands that students' physical, social, emotional, moral and cognitive development influence learning and knows how to address these factors when making instructional decisions. The teacher is aware of expected developmental progressions and ranges of individual variation within each domain (physical, social, emotional, moral and

cognitive), can identify levels of readiness in learning, and understands how development in any one domain may affect performance in others.

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher appreciates individual variation within each area of development, shows respect for the diverse talents of all learners, and is committed to help them develop self-confidence and competence. The teacher is disposed to use students' strengths as a basis for growth, and their errors as an opportunity for learning.

## **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher assesses individual and group performance in order to design instruction that meets learners' current needs in each domain (cognitive, social, emotional, moral, and physical) and that leads to the next level of development.

The teacher stimulates student reflection on prior knowledge and links new ideas to already familiar ideas, making

connections to students' experiences, providing opportunities for active engagement, manipulation, and testing of ideas and

materials, and encouraging students to assume responsibility for shaping their learning tasks. The teacher accesses students' thinking and experiences as a basis for instructional activities by, for example, encouraging discussion, listening and responding to group interaction, and eliciting samples of student thinking orally and in writing.

***Principle #3: The teacher understands how students differ in their approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners.***

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands and can identify differences in approaches to learning and performance, including different learning styles, multiple intelligences, and performance modes, and can design instruction that helps use students' strengths as the basis for growth. The teacher knows about areas of exceptionality in learning-- including learning disabilities, visual and perceptual difficulties, and special physical or mental challenges. The teacher knows about the process of second language acquisition and about strategies to support the learning of students whose first language is not English. The teacher understands how students' learning is influenced by individual experiences, talents, and prior learning, as well as language, culture, family and community values. The teacher has a well-grounded framework for understanding cultural and community diversity and knows how to learn about and incorporate students' experiences, cultures, and community resources into instruction.

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher believes that all children can learn at high levels and persists in helping all children achieve success. The teacher appreciates and values human diversity, shows respect for students' varied talents and perspectives, and is committed to the pursuit of "individually configured excellence." The teacher respects students as individuals with differing personal and family backgrounds and various skills, talents, and interests. The teacher is sensitive to community and cultural norms.

The teacher makes students feel valued for their potential as people, and helps them learn to value each other.

## **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher identifies and designs instruction appropriate to students' stages of development, learning styles, strengths, and needs. The teacher uses teaching approaches that are sensitive to the multiple experiences of learners and that address different learning and performance modes. The teacher makes appropriate provisions (in terms of time and circumstances for work, tasks assigned, communication and response modes) for individual students who have particular learning differences or needs. The teacher can identify when and how to access appropriate services or resources to meet exceptional learning needs. The teacher seeks to understand students' families, cultures, and communities, and uses this information as a basis for connecting instruction to students' experiences (e.g. drawing explicit connections between subject matter and community matters, making assignments that can be related to students' experiences and cultures). The teacher brings multiple perspectives to the discussion of subject matter, including attention to students' personal, family, and community experiences and cultural norms. The teacher creates a learning community in which individual differences are respected.

***Principle #4: The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage students' development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills.***

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands the cognitive processes associated with various kinds of learning (e.g. critical and creative thinking problem structuring and problem solving, invention, memorization and recall) and how these processes can be stimulated. The teacher understands principles and techniques, along with advantages and limitations, associated with various instructional strategies (e.g. cooperative learning, direct instruction, discovery learning, whole group discussion, independent study, interdisciplinary instruction). The teacher knows how to enhance learning through the use of a wide variety of materials as well as human and technological resources (e.g. computers, audio-visual technologies, videotapes and discs, local experts, primary documents and artifacts, texts, reference books, literature, and other print resources).

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher values the development of students' critical thinking, independent problem solving, and performance capabilities. The teacher values flexibility and reciprocity in the teaching process as necessary for adapting instruction to student responses, ideas, and needs.

## **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher carefully evaluates how to achieve learning goals, choosing alternative teaching strategies and materials to achieve different instructional purposes and to meet student needs (e.g. developmental stages, prior knowledge, learning styles, and interests). The teacher uses multiple teaching and learning strategies to engage students in active learning opportunities that promote the development of critical thinking, problem solving, and performance capabilities and that help student assume responsibility for identifying and using learning resources. The teacher constantly monitors and adjusts strategies in response to learner feedback. The teacher varies his or her role in the instructional process (e.g. instructor, facilitator, coach, audience) in relation to the content and purposes of instruction and the needs of students. The teacher develops a variety of clear, accurate presentations and representations of concepts, using alternative explanations to assist students' understanding and presenting diverse perspectives to encourage critical thinking.

***Principle #5: The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.***

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher can use knowledge about human motivation and behavior drawn from the foundational sciences of psychology, anthropology, and sociology to develop strategies for organizing and supporting individual and group work. The teacher understands how social groups function and influence people, and how people influence groups. The teacher knows how to help people work productively and cooperatively with each other in complex social settings. The teacher understands the principles of effective classroom management and can use a range of strategies to promote positive relationships, cooperation, and purposeful learning in the classroom.

The teacher recognizes factors and situations that are likely to promote or diminish intrinsic motivation, and knows how to help students become self-motivated.

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher takes responsibility for establishing a positive climate in the classroom and participates in maintaining a climate in the school as whole. The teacher understands how participation supports commitment, and is committed to the expression and use of democratic values in the classroom. The teacher values the role of students in promoting each other's learning and recognizes the importance of peer relationships in establishing a

climate of learning. The teacher recognizes the value of intrinsic motivation to students' life-long growth and learning. The teacher is committed to the continuous development of individual students' abilities and considers how different motivational strategies are likely to encourage this development for each student.

## **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher creates a smoothly functioning learning community in which students assume responsibility for themselves and one another, participate in decision-making, work collaboratively and independently, and engage in purposeful learning activities. The teacher engages students in individual and cooperative learning activities that help them develop the motivation to achieve, by, for example, relating lessons to students' personal interests, allowing students to have choices in their learning, and leading students to ask questions and pursue problems that are meaningful to them. The teacher organizes, allocates, and manages the resources of time, space, activities, and attention to provide active and equitable engagement of students in productive tasks. The teacher maximizes the amount of class time spent in learning by creating expectations and processes for communication and behavior along with a physical setting conducive to classroom goals. The teacher helps the group to develop shared values and expectations for student interactions, academic discussions, and individual and group responsibility that create a positive classroom climate of openness, mutual respect, support, and inquiry. The teacher analyzes the classroom environment and makes decisions and adjustments to enhance social relationships, student motivation and engagement, and productive work. The teacher organizes, prepares students for, and monitors independent and group work that allows for full and varied participation of all individuals.

***Principle #6: The teacher uses knowledge of effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.***

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands communication theory, language development, and the role of language in learning. The teacher understands how cultural and gender differences can affect communication in the classroom. The teacher recognizes the importance of nonverbal as well as verbal communication. The teacher knows about and can use effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques.

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher recognizes the power of language for fostering self-expression, identity development, and learning. The teacher values many ways in which people seek to communicate and encourages many modes of communication in the classroom.

The teacher is a thoughtful and responsive listener. The teacher appreciates the cultural dimensions of communication, responds appropriately, and seeks to foster culturally sensitive communication by and among all students in the class.

## **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher models effective communication strategies in conveying ideas and information and in asking questions (e.g. monitoring the effects of messages, restating ideas and drawing connections, using visual, aural, and kinesthetic cues, being sensitive to nonverbal cues given and received). The teacher supports and expands learner expression in speaking, writing, and other media. The teacher knows how to ask questions and stimulate discussion in different ways for particular purposes, for example, probing for learner understanding, helping students articulate their ideas and thinking processes, promoting risk-taking and problem-solving, facilitating factual recall, encouraging convergent and divergent thinking, stimulating curiosity, helping students to question. The teacher communicates in ways that demonstrate a sensitivity to cultural and gender differences (e.g. appropriate use of eye contact, interpretation of body language and verbal statements, acknowledgment of and responsiveness to different modes of communication and participation). The teacher knows how to use a variety of media communication tools, including audio visual aids and computers, to enrich learning opportunities.

**Principle #7: *The teacher plans instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, students, the community, and curriculum goals.***

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands learning theory, subject matter, curriculum development, and student development and knows

how to use this knowledge in planning instruction to meet curriculum goals. The teacher knows how to take contextual considerations (instructional materials, individual student interests, needs, and aptitudes, and community resources) into account in planning instruction that creates an effective bridge between curriculum goals and students' experiences. The teacher knows when and how to adjust plans based on student responses and other contingencies.

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher values both long term and short term planning. The teacher believes that plans must always be open to adjustment and revision based on student needs and changing circumstances. The teacher values planning as a collegial activity.

## **PERFORMANCES**

As an individual and a member of a team, the teacher selects and creates learning experiences that are appropriate for curriculum goals, relevant to learners, and based upon principles of effective instruction (e.g. that activate students' prior knowledge, anticipate preconceptions, encourage exploration and problem-solving, and build new skills on those previously acquired).

The teacher plans for learning opportunities that recognize and address variation in learning styles and performance modes. The teacher creates lessons and activities that operate at multiple levels to meet the developmental and individual needs of diverse learners and help each progress. The teacher creates short-range and long-term plans that are linked to student needs and performance, and adapts the plans to ensure and capitalize on student progress and motivation. The teacher responds to unanticipated sources of input, evaluates plans in relation to short- and long-range goals, and systematically adjusts plans to meet student needs and enhance learning.

**Principle #8: *The teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure the continuous intellectual, social and physical development of the learner.***

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands the characteristics, uses, advantages, and limitations of different types of assessments (e.g. criterion-referenced and norm referenced instruments, traditional standardized and performance-based tests, observation systems, and assessments of student work) for evaluating how students learn, what they know and are able to do, and what kinds of experiences will support their further growth and development. The teacher knows how to select, construct, and use assessment strategies and instruments appropriate to the learning outcomes being evaluated and to other diagnostic purposes. The teacher understands measurement theory and assessment-related issues, such as validity, reliability, bias, and scoring concerns.

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher values ongoing assessment as essential to the instructional process and recognizes that many different assessment strategies, accurately and systematically used, are necessary for monitoring and promoting student learning. The teacher is committed to using assessment to identify student strengths and promote student growth rather than to deny students access to learning opportunities.

## **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher appropriately uses a variety of formal and informal assessment techniques (e.g. observation, portfolios of student work, teacher-made tests, performance tasks, projects, student self-assessments, peer assessment, and standardized tests) to enhance her or his knowledge of learners, evaluate students' progress and performances, and modify teaching and learning strategies. The teacher solicits and uses information about

students' experiences, learning behavior, needs, and progress from parents, other colleagues, and the students themselves. The teacher uses assessment strategies to involve learners in self-assessment activities, to help them become aware of their strengths and needs, and to encourage them to set personal goals for learning. The teacher evaluates the effect of class activities on both individuals and the class as a whole, collecting information through observation of classroom interactions, questioning, and analysis of student work. The teacher monitors his or her own teaching strategies and behavior in relation to student success, modifying plans and instructional approaches accordingly. The teacher maintains useful records of student work and performance and can communicate student progress knowledgeably and responsibly, based on appropriate indicators, to students, parents, and other colleagues.

**Principle #9:** *The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (students, parents, and other professionals in the learning community) and who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.*

## **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands methods of inquiry that provide him/her with a variety of self-assessment and problem-solving strategies for reflecting on his/her practice, its influences on students' growth and learning, and the complex interactions between them. The teacher is aware of major areas of research on teaching and of resources available for professional learning (e.g. professional literature, colleagues, professional associations, professional development activities).

## **DISPOSITIONS**

The teacher values critical thinking and self-directed learning as habits of mind. The teacher is committed to reflection, assessment, and learning as an ongoing process. The teacher is willing to give and receive help. The teacher is committed to seeking out, developing, and continually refining practices that address the individual needs of students. The teacher recognizes his/her professional responsibility for engaging in and supporting appropriate professional practices for self and colleagues.

## **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher uses classroom observation, information about students, and research as sources for evaluating the outcomes of teaching and learning and as a basis for experimenting with, reflecting on, and revising practice. The teacher seeks out professional literature, colleagues, and other resources to support his/her own development as a learner and a teacher. The teacher draws upon professional colleagues within the school and other professional arenas as supports for reflection, problem-solving and new ideas, actively sharing experiences and seeking and giving feedback.

**Principle #10: *The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents, and agencies in the larger community to support students' learning and well-being.***

### **KNOWLEDGE**

The teacher understands schools as organizations within the larger community context and understands the operations of the relevant aspects of the system(s) within which s/he works. The teacher understands how factors in the students' environment outside of school (e.g. family circumstances, community environments, health and economic conditions) may influence students' life and learning. The teacher understands and implements laws related to students' rights and teacher responsibilities (e.g. for equal education, appropriate education for handicapped students, confidentiality, privacy, appropriate treatment of students, reporting in situations related to possible child abuse).

### **ISPOSITIONS**

The teacher values and appreciates the importance of all aspects of a child's experience. The teacher is concerned about all aspects of a child's wellbeing (cognitive, emotional, social, and physical), and is alert to signs of difficulties. The teacher is willing to consult with other adults regarding the education and well-being of his/her students. The teacher respects the privacy of students and confidentiality of information. The teacher is willing to work with other professionals to improve the overall learning environment for students.

### **PERFORMANCES**

The teacher participates in collegial activities designed to make the entire school a productive learning environment. The teacher makes links with the learners' other environments on behalf of students, by consulting with parents, counselors, teachers of other classes and activities within the schools, and professionals in other community agencies. The teacher can identify and use community resources to foster student learning. The teacher establishes respectful and productive relationships with parents and guardians from diverse home and community situations, and seeks to develop cooperative partnerships in support of student learning and well being. The teacher talks with and listens to the student, is sensitive and responsive to clues of distress, investigates situations, and seeks outside help as needed and appropriate to remedy problems. The teacher acts as an advocate for students.