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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 la. 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.	and Takes responsibility for the progress of students to ensure that they graduate from high school.	and Communicates to students the vision of being prepared for life in the 21st century.	and 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.	
	Element Ib. Teachers demonstrate leadership in the school. Teachers work collaboratively with school personnel to create a professional learning community. They analyze and use local, state, and national data to develop goals and strategies in the school improvement plan that enhances student learning and teacher working conditions. Teachers provide input in determining the school budget and in the selection of professional development that meets the needs of students and their own professional growth. They participate in the hiring process and collaborate with their colleagues to mentor and support teachers to improve the effectiveness of their departments or grade levels.			mprovement plan that id in the selection of hiring process and	
	Attends professional learning community meetings.	 and Participates in professional learning community. 	and Assumes a leadership role in professional learning community.	 and 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.	

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Observation	positive working conditions i	n their school. They actively p	articipate in and advocate for d	thing profession. They contribut lecision-making structures in e for all educators and collaborat	ducation and government
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	Has knowledge of opportunities and the need for professional growth and begins to establish relationships with colleagues.	Contributes to the: improvement of the profession through professional growth. establishment of positive working relationships. school's decision- making processes as	Promotes positive working relationships through professional growth activities and collaboration.	Seeks opportunities to lead professional growth activities and decision-making processes.	
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			 s. Teachers advocate for positi es to improve the education of 	ve change in policies and pract students.	tices affecting student
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	Knows about the policies and practices affecting student learning.	 Supports positive change in policies and practices affecting student learning. 	 Participates in developing policies and practices to improve student learning. 	 Actively participates, promotes, and provides strong supporting evidence 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 <i>Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators</i> (effective June 1, 1997) and the <i>Standards for Professional Conduct</i> adopted April 1, 1998. (www.ncptsc.org)				
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	□ Understands the importance of ethical behavior as outlined in the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators and the Standards for Professional Conduct.	Demonstrates ethical behavior through adherence to the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators and the Standards for Professional Conduct.	Knows and upholds the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators and the Standards for Professional Conduct.	Models the tenets of the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators and the Standards for Professional Conduct and encourages others to do the same.	
	mments:				
	Examples of Artifacts:				
	 Lesson plans Journals Student handbooks Student work School improvement plann Service on committees Relevant data 	Condition Surve	ne Teacher Working		_

Standard II: Teachers Establish a Respectful Environment for a Diverse Population of Students

ation	Element IIa. Teachers provide an environment in which each child has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults. Teachers encourage an environment that is inviting, respectful, supportive, inclusive, and flexible.				
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 con culture on a student's develo	le in shaping global issues. Th htributions of all cultures. Teac opment and personality. Teach	ey actively select materials an hers recognize the influence of	 Teachers demonstrate their kn id develop lessons that countera of race, ethnicity, gender, religio a student's culture and backgro heir instruction. 	act stereotypes and n, 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.	

vation		special needs of all students.		needs. Teachers collaborate with nodels of effective practice, teachers	
Observation	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. 	
	Element IIe. Teachers work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students. Teachers recognize that educating children is a shared responsibility involving the school, parents or guardians, and the community. Teachers improve communication and collaboration between the school and the home and community in order to promote trust and understanding and build partnerships with all segments of the school community. Teachers seek solutions to overcome cultural and economic obstacles that may stand in the way of effective family and community involvement in the education of their students.				
	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. 	
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□ Student profiles	□ Communications w/parents/community □ Professional development on cultural	D
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Student profilesStudent surveys	Professional development on cultural	□ □ □

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.

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~	Demonstrates an awareness of the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and references it in the preparation of lesson plans.	and Understands the <i>North Carolina</i> <i>Standard Course of</i> <i>Study</i> , 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.	
	Element IIIb. Teachers know the content appropriate to their teaching specialty. Teachers bring a richness and depth of understanding to their classrooms by knowing their subjects beyond the content they are expected to teach and by directing students' natural curiosity into an interest in learning. Elementary teachers have broad knowledge across disciplines. Middle school and high school teachers have depth in one or more specific content areas or disciplines.				
~	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 Illc. 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 Observation disciplines in order to deepen understanding and connect learning for students. Teachers promote global awareness and its relevance to subjects they teach. **Not Demonstrated** Developing Proficient Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) ...and ...and . . . and √ Understands the links Demonstrates Demonstrates Collaborates with between grade/subject knowledge of links knowledge of the links teachers from other and the North Carolina between grade/subject and vertical alignment grades or subject areas Standard Course of and the North Carolina of the grade or subject to establish links Study. between disciplines and Standard Course of area and the North Carolina Standard Study. influence school-wide Course of Study. curriculum and teaching Relates content to practice. other disciplines. Displays global Promotes global □ Integrates global Promotes global awareness. awareness and its awareness activities awareness and its relevance to the throughout lesson relevance to all faculty plans and classroom members, influencing subjects. instructional practices. curriculum and teaching practices throughout the school Element IIId. Teachers make instruction relevant to students. Teachers incorporate 21st century life skills into their teaching deliberately, strategically, and broadly. These skills include leadership, ethics, accountability, adaptability, personal productivity, personal responsibility, people skills, self- direction, and social responsibility. Teachers help their students understand the relationship between the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and 21st century content, which includes global awareness; financial, economic, business and entrepreneurial literacy; civic literacy; and health awareness. . . . and . . . and . . . and Identifies relationships √ Identifies relationships Integrates core content Deepens students' between the North between the core and 21st century understandings of 21st Carolina Standard content and 21st content throughout century skills and helps Course of Study and century content. lesson plans and them make their own life in the 21st century. classroom instructional connections and develop new skills. practices.

Comments:			
Examples of Artifacts:	_		
\Box Display of creative student work	Content standards	□	-
□ Use of NC Standard Course of Study	□		_
Lesson plans			

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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.

Observ	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 A s engage students in the learn	<i>lorth Carolina Standard Course</i> ing process. They understand	laborate with their colleagues a e of Study. These plans reflect a that instructional plans must b 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		evement gaps. Teachers empl	ethods and techniques that are loy a wide range of techniques	
~	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. 	

ation		elp students use technology to		s know when and how to use to solve problems, discern reliabi	
Observation	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.	 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. 	
	think creatively, develop and		size knowledge, and draw con	g skills. Teachers encourage stud clusions. They help students ex and solve problems.	
~	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 velop 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. 	

ration		able to communicate with stu		are clearly understood by their on when language is a barrier. Te	
Observation	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
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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.	
	Element IVh. Teachers use a variety of methods to assess what each student has learned. Teachers use multiple indicators, including formative and summative assessments, to evaluate student progress and growth as they strive to eliminate achievement gaps. Teachers provide opportunities, methods, feedback, and tools for students to assess themselves and each other. Teachers use 21 st century assessment systems to inform instruction and demonstrate evidence of students' 21 st century knowledge, skills, performance, and dispositions.			ent gaps. Teachers provide ry assessment systems to	
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•	Uses indicators to monitor and evaluate student progress.	Uses multiple indicators, both formative and summative, to monitor and evaluate student progress and to inform instruction.	Uses the information gained from the assessment activities to improve teaching practice and student learning.	Teaches students and encourages them to use peer and self- assessment feedback to assess their own learning.	
~	Assesses students in the attainment of 21 st century knowledge, skills, and dispositions.	Provides evidence that students attain 21 st century knowledge, skills and dispositions.	Provides opportunities for students to assess themselves and others.	Encourages and guides colleagues to assess 21 st century skills, knowledge, and dispositions and to use the assessment information to adjust their instructional practice.	
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Examples	of Artifacts:
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- Lesson plans
- \square Documentation of differentiated instruction
- Display of technology used
- ☐ Materials used to promote critical thinking and problem solving
- Professional development
- $\hfill\square$ Use of student learning teams $\hfill\square$ Collaborative lesson planning
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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 Accomplished Distinguished Developing (Comment Required) . . . and . . . and . . . and Recognizes the need Provides ideas about Thinks systematically Provides a detailed to improve student what can be done and critically about analysis about what learning in the learning in their to improve student can be done to improve classroom. learning in their classroom: why student learning and learning happens and classroom. uses such analyses to adapt instructional what can be done to improve student practices and materials within the classroom and achievement. at the school level. Element Vb. Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals. Teachers participate in continued, high-quality professional development that reflects a global view of educational practices; includes 21st century skills and knowledge; aligns with the State Board of Education priorities: and meets the needs of students and their own professional growth. ... and . . . and . . . and Understands the Applies and implements Participates in Participates in importance of knowledge and skills professional professional professional development aligned development activities attained from professional development. with professional aligned with goals and development consistent with its intent. goals. student needs. Element Vc. Teachers function effectively in a complex, dynamic environment. Understanding that change is constant, teachers actively investigate and consider new ideas that improve teaching and learning. They adapt their practice based on research and data to best meet the needs of their students. . . . and . . . and . . . and □ Is knowledgeable of Considers and uses a Actively investigates Adapts professional current researchvariety of researchand considers practice based on data based approaches to based approaches to alternative researchand evaluates impact on improve teaching and teaching and learning. based approaches student learning. learning. to improve teaching and learning and uses such approaches appropriately. **Comments:**

Examples of Artifacts:		
Lesson plans	Completion of professional development	□
□ Formative assessments	Participation in professional learning	□
□ Student work	community	□
Professional Development Plan	□ Formative and summative assessment data	□

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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.