# **Rubric for Evaluating North Carolina Teachers (Required)**

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

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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.	
1		☐ 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 plan that enhances studen the selection of profession	analyze and use local, state at learning and teacher work hal development that meets	, and national data to develo ing conditions. Teachers pro the needs of students and	sly with school personnel to copp goals and strategies in the wide input in determining the their own professional growthers to improve the effectiveners	school improvement school budget and in h. They participate in the
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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.	

c. 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 that take advantage of the expertise of teachers. Teachers promote professional growth for all educators and collaborate Observation 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 opportunities and the working relationships to lead professional ■ improvement of the need for professional through professional growth activities profession through growth and begins growth activities and and decision-making professional growth. to establish collaboration. processes. relationships with establishment of colleagues. positive working relationships ■ school's decisionmaking processes as required. d. 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 developing policies promotes, and affecting student and practices and practices to provides strong learning. affecting student improve student supporting evidence learning. learning. for implementation of initiatives to improve education. e. 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 ■ Knows and upholds Models the tenets of importance of ethical behavior the Code of Ethics the Code of Ethics ethical behavior as for North Carolina for North Carolina through adherence outlined in the Code to the Code of Educators and Educators and of Ethics for North Ethics for North the Standards the Standards for for Professional Carolina Educators Carolina Educators Professional Conduct and the Standards and the Standards Conduct. and encourages others for Professional for Professional to do the same.

#### Comments

Conduct.

#### **Examples of Artifacts:**

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

Relevant data

Conduct.

- Class rules and procedures
- Participation in The Teacher Working Condition Survey
- Professional Learning Communities
- Membership in professional organizations
- Formal and informal mentoring
- Surveys
- National Board Certification
- Discipline records

# Standard II: Teachers establish a respectful environment for a diverse population of students

ion		a. 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)	
<b>√</b>	Appreciates and understands the need to establish nurturing relationships.	and  Establishes an inviting, respectful, inclusive, flexible, and supportive learning environment.	and  Maintains a positive and nurturing learning environment.	and  Encourages and advises others to provide a nurturing and positive learning environment for all students.		
	diverse cultures and their rand incorporate histories a aspects of culture on a stu	ole in shaping global issues nd contributions of all cultur dent's development and per	They actively select materi res. Teachers recognize the i resonality. Teachers strive to u	chers demonstrate their know als and develop lessons that of influence of race, ethnicity, ge understand how a student's co ifferent points of view in their	counteract stereotypes ender, religion, and other ulture and background	
✓ ✓	<ul> <li>□ Acknowledges that diverse cultures impact the world.</li> <li>□ Demonstrates awareness of the diversity of students in the classroom.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>∴ and</li> <li>□ Displays knowledge of diverse cultures, their histories, and their roles in shaping global issues.</li> <li>□ Acknowledges the influence of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, socioeconomics, and culture on a student's development and attitudes.</li> </ul>	and  Uses materials or lessons that counteract stereotypes and acknowledges the contributions of all cultures.  Consistently incorporates different points of view in instruction.	Promotes a deep understanding of cultures through the integration of culturally sensitive materials and ideas throughout the curriculum.      Capitalizes on diversity as an asset in the classroom.		
		appreciate the differences ar		ncluding graduation from high f each student in the learning		
<b>✓</b>	☐ Holds high expectations of students.	and  Communicates high expectations for all students.	and  □ Encourages and values contributions of students, regardless of background or ability.	and  Helps students hold high expectations for themselves and their peers.		

Observation	Developing	eir needs are met.  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	and  Collaborates with specialists who can support the special learning needs of students.  Provides unique learning opportunities such as inclusion	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	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	
	that educating children is a communication and collaboration build partnerships with all	a shared responsibility involvoration between the school segments of the school cor	ving the school, parents or g and the home and commur	and helps colleagues do the same for their students.  The lives of their students. Teau ardians, and the community in order to promote trust autions to overcome cultural and aducation of their students.	Teachers improve and understanding and
	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.	
Co	omments				

### **Examples of Artifacts:**

- Student profiles
- Student surveys
- Cooperation with ESL teachers
- Lessons that integrate international content
- Documentation of referral data and use of IEPs
- Communications with parents/ community
- Professional development on cultural attitudes and awareness
- Use of technology to incorporate cultural awareness into lessons

#### Standard III: Teachers know the content they teach

a. 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 Observation teachers incorporate literacy instruction within the content area or discipline. Not Demonstrated **Developing Proficient** Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) . . . and . . . and . . . and ■ Demonstrates an ■ Understands the Develops and ■ Assists colleagues awareness of the North Carolina applies strategies in applying such North Carolina Standard Course based on the North strategies in their Standard Course of Study, uses it Carolina Standard classrooms. of Study and Course of Study and in preparation of references it in the lesson plans, and standards developed preparation of lesson applies strategies to by professional plans make the curriculum organizations to rigorous and relevant. make the curriculum balanced, rigorous and relevant. ☐ *Elementary:* Begins Elementary: □ Elementary: ☐ *Elementary:* Makes Integrates effective to integrate literacy Evaluates and necessary changes to instruction in literacy instruction reflects upon the instructional practice selected lessons. throughout the effectiveness of to improve student curriculum. literacy instruction. learning. Secondary: ■ Secondary: Makes ■ Secondary: Secondary: necessary changes to Recognizes the Incorporates a wide Evaluates and importance of variety of literacy reflects upon the instructional practice integrating literacy skills within content to improve student effectiveness of strategies within the areas to enhance literacy instruction learning. content areas. learning. within content areas. b. 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. . . . and . . . and . . . and Demonstrates a ■ Demonstrates an ■ Applies knowledge ■ Extends knowledge basic level of content appropriate level of of subject beyond of subject beyond knowledge in the content knowledge the content in content in their teaching specialty to assigned teaching teaching specialty in the teaching which assigned. specialty to which specialty. Motivates and sparks students' assigned. students to curiosity for learning investigate the beyond the required content area course work. to expand their knowledge and satisfy their natural curiosity.

tion	grade or subject they tead to other disciplines in order	c. Teachers recognize the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines. leachers 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.				
Observation	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)	
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✓	☐ Understand the links between grade/subject and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.	demonstrates knowledge of links between grade/ subject and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study.	Demonstrates knowledge of the links and vertical alignment of the grade or subject area and the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. Relates content to other disciplines.	Collaborates with teachers from other grades or subject areas to establish links between disciplines and influence schoolwide 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.	Promotes global awareness and its relevance to all faculty members, influencing curriculum and teaching practices throughout the school.		
	strategically, and broadly. Tresponsibility, people skills the <i>North Carolina Standa</i>	These skills include leadersh s, self-direction, and social re	nip, ethics, accountability, ac esponsibility. Teachers help t century content, which inc	entury life skills into their teac daptability, personal productivi their students understand the ludes global awareness; finan	ty, personal relationship between	
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<b>√</b>	☐ Identifies relationships between the North Carolina Standard Course of Study and life in the 21st century.	☐ Identifies relationships between the core content and 21st century content.	Integrates core content and 21st century content throughout lesson plans and classroom instructional practices.	□ Deepens students' understandings of 21st century skills and helps them make their own connections and develop new skills.		
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#### **Examples of Artifacts:**

- Display of creative student work
- Use of NC Standard Course of Study
- Lesson plans
- Content standards

#### Standard IV: Teachers facilitate learning for their students

a. 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 Observation their students. **Not Demonstrated Proficient Developing** Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) . . . and . . . and . . . and ■ Understands Understands ■ Identifies appropriate Encourages and developmental developmental guides colleagues to developmental levels of students levels of students levels of students adapt instruction to and recognizes the align with students' and appropriately and consistently need to differentiate differentiates and appropriately developmental levels. instruction instruction. differentiates instruction Assesses resources Reviews and uses Stays abreast of needed to address alternative resources current research about strengths and or adapts existing student learning and weakness of resources to take emerging resources students. advantage of student and encourages the strengths or address school to adopt or weaknesses adapt them for the benefit of all students. b. Teachers plan instruction appropriate for their students. Teachers collaborate with their colleagues and use a variety of data sources for short- and long-range planning based on the North Carolina Standard Course of Study. These plans reflect an understanding of how students learn. Teachers engage students in the learning process. They understand that instructional plans must be consistently monitored and modified to enhance learning. Teachers make the curriculum responsive to cultural differences and individual learning needs. . . . and . . . and . . . and ■ Recognizes data Uses a variety of data ■ Monitors student ■ Monitors student sources important to for short- and longperformance and performance and planning instruction. range planning of responds to individual responds to cultural instruction. Monitors learning needs in order diversity and learning and modifies to engage students in needs through the instructional plans learning. school improvement to enhance student process. learning. c. Teachers use a variety of instructional methods. Teachers choose the methods and techniques that are most effective in meeting the needs of their students as they strive to eliminate achievement gaps. Teachers employ a wide range of techniques including information and communication technology, learning styles, and differentiated instruction. . . . and . . . and . . . and Demonstrates Demonstrates ☐ Ensures the success of Stays abreast of awareness of the all students through the emerging research awareness or use of variety of methods appropriate methods selection and utilization areas and new and and materials of appropriate methods innovative materials and materials necessary to meet necessary to meet and materials. and incorporates them the needs of all the needs of all into lesson plans and students. students instructional strategies.

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1	Assesses effective types of technology to use for instruction.	☐ Demonstrates knowledge of how to utilize technology in instruction.	☐ Integrates technology with instruction to maximize student learning.	☐ Provides evidence of student engagement in higher level thinking skills through the integration of technology.	
	think creatively, develop ar	nd test innovative ideas, syr	nthesize knowledge, and dra	s. Teachers encourage studer aw conclusions. They help stu and frame, analyze, and solv	dents exercise and
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1	☐ Understands the importance of developing students' critical-thinking and problem solving skills.	Demonstrates knowledge of processes needed to support students in acquiring critical thinking skills and problem solving skills.	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.	☐ Encourages and assists teachers throughout the school to integrate critical thinking and problem solving skills into their instructional practices.	
	collaboration. They organiz	e learning teams in order to	help students define roles,	achers teach the importance strengthen social ties, impro	ve communication and
	collaborative skills, interac	t with people from different	cultures and backgrounds,	and develop leadership qualit	ies.
1	☐ Provides opportunities for cooperation, collaboration, and leadership through student learning teams.	☐ Organizes student learning teams for the purpose of developing cooperation, collaboration, and student leadership.	☐ Encourages students to create and manage learning teams.	□ Fosters the development of student leadership and teamwork skills to be used beyond the classroom.	

	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	<ul> <li>Consistently encourages and supports students to articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively.</li> </ul>	☐ 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.	
	formative and summative Teachers provide opportun	assessments, to evaluate si ities, methods, feedback, ar	tudent progress and growth nd tools for students to asse	d. Teachers use multiple indictions as they strive to eliminate access themselves and each othestudents' 21st century knowle	chievement gaps. er. Teachers use 21st
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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 21st century knowledge, skills, and dispositions.	□ Provides evidence that students attain 21st century knowledge, skills and dispositions.	☐ Provides opportunities for students to assess themselves and others.	☐ Encourages and guides colleagues to assess 21st century skills, knowledge, and dispositions and to use the assessment information to adjust their instructional practice.	
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## Examples of Artifacts:

- Lesson plans
- Display of technology used
- Professional development
- Use of student learning teams
- Documentation of differentiated instruction
- Materials used to promote critical thinking and problem solving

Collaborative lesson planning

### Standard V: Teachers reflect on their practice

tion	a. 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 school and classroom effectiveness. They adapt their practice based on research and data to best meet the needs of students.				
Observation	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
	□ Recognizes the need to improve student learning in the classroom.	and  Provides ideas about what can be done to improve student learning in their classroom.	and  Thinks systematically and critically about learning in their classroom: Why learning happens and what can be done to improve student achievement.	and  Provides a detailed analysis about what can be done to improve student learning and uses such analyses to adapt instructional practices and materials within the classroom and at the school level.	
	development that reflects		practices; includes 21st ce	cipate in continued, high-qua ntury skills and knowledge; a fessional growth.	
	☐ Understands the importance of professional development.	and  Participates in professional development aligned with professional goals.	and  Participates in professional development activities aligned with goals and student needs.	and  Applies and implements knowledge and skills attained from professional development consistent with its intent.	
		ew ideas that improve teach		Inding that change is constant t their practice based on rese	
	☐ Is knowledgeable of current research-based approaches to teaching and learning.	and  Considers and uses a variety of research- based approaches to improve teaching and learning.	and  Actively investigates and considers alternative research-based approaches to improve teaching and learning and uses such approaches as appropriate.	and  Adapts professional practice based on data and evaluates impact on student learning.	
Co	omments				

#### Examples of Artifacts:

- Lesson plans
- Formative assessments
- Student work
- Professional growth plan
- Completion of professional development
- Participation in professional learning community
- Formative and summative assessment data

## **Rubric for Evaluating North Carolina Teachers** Signature Page

Teacher Signature	Date
Principal/Evaluator Signature	 Date
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Comments Attached:YesNo	
Principal/Evaluator Signature (Signature indicates question	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.