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. Date: _____ District: Evaluator:

End Time: _____

Standard I: Teachers Demonstrate Leadership

Start Time:

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. **Not Demonstrated Proficient** Accomplished Distinguished Developing (Comment Required) ... and ... and ... and Understands how they □ Takes responsibility for Communicates to Encourages students contribute to students the progress of students the vision of to take responsibility graduating from high students to ensure for their own learning. being prepared for life school. that they graduate in the 21st century. from high school. ■ Evaluates student ☐ Provides evidence of Uses classroom Uses data to progress using a data-driven instruction assessment data to understand the skills throughout all variety of assessment inform program and abilities of data. planning. students classroom activities. □ Creates a classroom Empowers and ■ Establishes a safe and culture that empowers encourages students orderly classroom. students to to create and maintain collaborate. 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. . . . and . . . and . . . and ■ Attends professional ■ Participates in ■ Assumes a leadership Collaborates with learning community professional learning colleagues to improve role in professional meetings. community. learning community. the quality of learning in the school. Displays awareness of Participates in Collaborates with Assumes a leadership the goals of the school developing and/or school personnel on role in implementing improvement plan. implementing the school improvement school improvement school improvement activities. plan throughout the building. plan.

Observation	positive working conditions i	n their school. They actively pa	articipate in and advocate for o	ching profession. They contribut decision-making structures in e for all educators and collabora	ducation and government
ops	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
	☐ Has knowledge of opportunities and the need for professional growth and begins to establish relationships with colleagues.	and Contributes to the: improvement of the profession through professional growth. establishment of positive working relationships. school's decision-making processes as required.	and Promotes positive working relationships through professional growth activities and collaboration.	and Seeks opportunities to lead professional growth activities and decision-making processes.	
		cate for schools and students the implementation of initiative		ive change in policies and pract f students.	tices affecting student
	☐ Knows about the policies and practices affecting student learning.	and Supports positive change in policies and practices affecting student learning.	and Participates in developing policies and practices to improve student learning.	and Actively participates, promotes, and provides strong supporting evidence for implementation of initiatives to improve education.	
	and respect for others. Teach		for North Carolina Educators	ical principles including honest (effective June 1, 1997) and th	
	☐ Understands the importance of ethical behavior as outlined in the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators and the Standards for Professional Conduct.	and Demonstrates ethical behavior through adherence to the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators and the Standards for Professional Conduct.	and Knows and upholds the Code of Ethics for North Carolina Educators and the Standards for Professional Conduct.	and 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.	
Co	mments:				
	Examples of Artifacts: Lesson plans Journals Student handbooks Student work School improvement planni Service on committees Relevant data	☐ Class rules and pr☐ Participation in the Condition Survey☐ Professional Learning ☐ Membership in p☐ Formal and infor☐ Surveys	ne Teacher Working ming Communities rrofessional organizations mal mentoring	National Board Certification Discipline Records	_ _ _

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)
		and	and	and	
✓	☐ 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.	
	Element IIb. Teachers embrace diversity in the school community and in the world. Teachers demonstrate their knowledge of the history of diverse cultures and their role in shaping global issues. They actively select materials and develop lessons that counteract stereotypes and incorporate histories and contributions of all cultures. Teachers recognize the influence of race, ethnicity, gender, religion, and other aspects of culture on a student's development and personality. Teachers strive to understand how a student's culture and background may influence his or her school performance. Teachers consider and incorporate different points of view in their instruction.				
		and	and	and	
✓	☐ 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 hinstudent in the learning environ	
✓	☐ 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.	

vation	Element IId. Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of students with special needs. Teachers collaborate with the range of support specialists to help meet the special needs of all students. Through inclusion and other models of effective practice, teachers engage students to ensure that their needs are met.				
Observation	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
✓	□ Recognizes that students have a variety of learning needs.	and Collaborates with specialists who can support the special learning needs of students.	and Understands the roles of and collaborates with the full range of support specialists to help meet the special needs of all students.	and Anticipates the unique learning needs of students and solicits assistance from within and outside the school to address those needs.	
✓	☐ Is knowledgeable of effective practices for students with special needs.	☐ Provides unique learning opportunities such as inclusion and research-based, effective practices for students with special needs.	☐ Effectively engages special needs students in learning activities and ensures their unique learning needs are met.	☐ 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	ed 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 in st and understanding and build economic obstacles that may sta	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.	
Co	mments:				
	Examples of Artifacts: Student profiles Student surveys Cooperation with ESL t Lessons that integrate in Documentation of refer	eachers aternational content	☐ Communications w/par☐ Professional development attitudes and awareness☐ Use of technology to incompawareness into lessons	nt on cultural corporate 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 Observati 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 applies Assists colleagues in strategies based on North Carolina awareness of the applying such strategies North Carolina Standard Course of the North Carolina in their classrooms. Standard Course of Standard Course of Study, uses it in Study and references it preparation of lesson Study and standards in the preparation of plans, and applies developed by lesson plans. strategies to make the professional curriculum rigorous organizations to make and relevant. the curriculum balanced, rigorous and relevant. ■ Elementary: □ Elementary: ■ Elementary: □ Elementary: Begins to integrate Integrates effective Evaluates and reflects Makes necessary literacy instruction changes to instructional literacy instruction in upon the effectiveness throughout the selected lessons. of literacy instruction. practice to improve curriculum. student learning. ■ Secondary: ■ Secondary: □ Secondary: ■ Secondary: Recognizes the Incorporates a wide Makes necessary Evaluates and reflects variety of literacy skills importance of upon the effectiveness changes to instructional integrating literacy within content areas to practice to improve of literacy instruction strategies within the enhance learning. student learning. within content areas. content areas. 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. . . . and . . . and . . . and Demonstrates a basic Demonstrates an ■ Applies knowledge of ■ Extends knowledge of level of content subject beyond the subject beyond content appropriate level of knowledge in the content knowledge in content in assigned in their teaching teaching specialty to the teaching specialty teaching specialty. specialty and sparks which assigned. Motivates students to to which assigned. students' curiosity for investigate the content learning beyond the area to expand their required course work. knowledge and satisfy their natural curiosity.

Observation	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 disciplines in order to deepen understanding and connect learning for students. Teachers promote global awareness and its relevance to subjects they teach.				
Ops	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 Study.	and 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.	and Collaborates with teachers from other grades or subject areas to establish links between disciplines and 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. 	□ Promotes global 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 itury content, which includes	ethics, accountability, adaptabi p their students understand th	1st century life skills into their te lity, personal productivity, perso he 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.	
Co	mments:				
	Examples of Artifacts: Display of creative stude Use of NC Standard Co Lesson plans	urse of Study	tent standards		-

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 Observation 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. Not Demonstrated **Proficient Developing** Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) . . . and . . . and . . . and Understands Understands ■ Identifies appropriate Encourages and guides developmental levels developmental levels developmental levels colleagues to adapt of students and of students and of students and instruction to align with recognizes the need to appropriately consistently and students' developmental differentiate differentiates appropriately levels instruction. differentiates instruction. instruction. Assesses resources Reviews and uses ■ Stays abreast of current needed to address alternative resources research about student strengths and or adapts existing learning and emerging weaknesses of resources to take resources and advantage of student encourages the school students. strengths or address to adopt or adapt them weaknesses. for the benefit of all students Element IVb. 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 for short- and longsources important to performance and performance and planning instruction. range planning of responds to individual responds to cultural instruction. learning needs in order diversity and learning Monitors and modifies to engage students in needs through the instructional plans to learning. school improvement enhance student process. learning. Element IVc 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 emerging research areas awareness of the awareness or use of all students through the variety of methods and appropriate methods selection and utilization and new and innovative materials necessary to of appropriate methods and materials materials and meet the needs of all necessary to meet the and materials. incorporates them into students. needs of all students. lesson plans and instructional strategies.

Observation	Element IVd. Teachers integrate and utilize technology in their instruction. Teachers know when and how to use technology to maximize student learning. Teachers help students use technology to learn content, think critically, solve problems, discern reliability, use information, communicate, innovate, and collaborate.				
Obser	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
		and	and	and	
✓	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 and		ize knowledge, and draw con	skills. Teachers encourage students exclusions. They help students exclusions and solve problems.	
		and	and	and	
✓	□ 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 organize		p students define roles, stren	s. Teachers teach the importanc gthen social ties, improve comm evelop leadership qualities.	
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√	☐ 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.	

Observation	Element IVg. Teachers communicate effectively. Teachers communicate in ways that are clearly understood by their students. They are perceptive listeners and are able to communicate with students in a variety of ways even when language is a barrier. Teachers help students articulate thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively.				
Obser	Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)
✓	☐ Demonstrates the ability to effectively communicate with students.	and Uses a variety of methods for communication with all students.	and Creates a variety of methods to communicate with all students.	and 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.	
	formative and summative as opportunities, methods, feed	sessments, to evaluate stude lback, and tools for students to	nt progress and growth as the o assess themselves and eac	earned. Teachers use multiple i by strive to eliminate achieveme th other. Teachers use 21st centu to, performance, and dispositions	ent gaps. Teachers provide ry assessment systems to
✓	☐ Uses indicators to monitor and evaluate student progress.	and Uses multiple indicators, both formative and summative, to monitor and evaluate student progress and to inform instruction.	and Uses the information gained from the assessment activities to improve teaching practice and student learning.	and Teaches students and encourages them to use peer and selfassessment 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.	
Co	mments:				
	Examples of Artifacts: Lesson plans Display of technology u Professional developme Use of student learning	sed Materials used to nt and problem so	9		

Standard V: Teachers Reflect on Their Practice

Observation	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 school and classroom effectiveness. They adapt their practice based on research and data to best meet the needs of students.				
Obser	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 a	global view of educational pra		s participate in continued, high-c kills and knowledge; aligns with h.	
	☐ 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.	
				derstanding that change is const practice based on research and	
	☐ 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 appropriately.	and Adapts professional practice based on data and evaluates impact on student learning.	
Co	mments:				
	Examples of Artifacts: Lesson plans Formative assessments Student work Professional Development	☐ Participation community	of professional development in professional learning and summative assessment d		

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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.