

Standard III

Element E

Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership.

When learning groups are established successfully, positive independence results in students' recognizing that their individual success is inextricably linked to the success of every other member of the group.

—Frey, Fisher, & Everlove

Professional practices referenced under each element of the Rubric for Evaluating Colorado Teachers are cumulative. Therefore, for teachers to meet the state standard for providing students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership qualities, students must be included in individual and group activities that are flexible and adjusted based on lesson objectives and student needs. To ensure group activities result in high levels of student engagement and increase student learning, lesson plans must include opportunities for students to participate using various roles and modes of communication that create opportunities for students to learn from each other.

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