

Rubric for Evaluating Colorado Teachers

Effective teachers in the state of Colorado have the knowledge, skills and commitments needed to provide excellent and equitable learning opportunities and growth for all students. They strive to support growth and development, close achievement gaps and to prepare diverse student populations for postsecondary and workforce success (See Appendix E). Effective teachers facilitate mastery of content and skill development, and employ and adjust evidence-based strategies and approaches for students who are not achieving mastery and students who need acceleration. They also develop in students the skills, interests and abilities necessary to be lifelong learners, as well as for democratic and civic participation. Effective teachers communicate high expectations to students and their families and utilize diverse strategies to engage them in a mutually supportive teaching and learning environment. Because effective teachers understand that the work of ensuring meaningful learning opportunities for all students cannot happen in isolation, they engage in collaboration, continuous reflection, on-going learning and leadership within the profession.

QUALITY STANDARD I

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ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district's organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.				
THE TEACHER: Uses lesson plans that reflect: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Daily review and revision. <input type="radio"/> Instructional objectives appropriate for students. <input type="radio"/> Explicit connections to specific learning objectives and approved curriculum. 	... and THE TEACHER: Implements lesson plans based on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Student needs. <input type="radio"/> Colorado Academic Standards. <input type="radio"/> District's plan of instruction. <input type="radio"/> Stated learning objectives. 	... and THE TEACHER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Collaborates with other school staff to vertically and horizontally align, articulate, and deliver the approved curriculum. 	... and STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Interact with the rigorous and challenging content. <input type="radio"/> Perform at a level consistent with or above expectations. 	... and STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Discuss strengths and next steps regarding their learning with their teachers.

ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by **ALL TEACHERS**, regardless of grade level or subject taught.

THE TEACHER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Demonstrates an understanding of literacy content and skills. <input type="radio"/> Emphasizes literacy connections while teaching content. 	... and THE TEACHER: Makes complex reading accessible to students by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Adjusting content to students' skill levels. <input type="radio"/> Integrating literacy skills and knowledge into lessons. <input type="radio"/> Providing relevant content that addresses students' interests. 	... and THE TEACHER: Provides instruction that enhances students': <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Critical thinking and reasoning. <input type="radio"/> Information literacy. <input type="radio"/> Literacy skill development. 	... and STUDENTS: Meet or exceed expectations for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Oral communication. <input type="radio"/> Written communication. <input type="radio"/> Critical thinking. <input type="radio"/> Problem solving skills. <input type="radio"/> Literacy skills. 	... and STUDENTS: Apply literacy skills: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Across academic content areas. <input type="radio"/> To understand complex materials.
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<i>This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by</i> ELEMENTARY TEACHERS responsible for teaching language arts and/or reading.				

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasizes literacy connections while teaching content other than reading, English, or language arts. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Integrates literacy skills into lessons and assignments across subject areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phonological awareness. ○ Phonics. ○ Vocabulary. ○ Comprehension. ○ Fluency. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening skills. <p>Engages students in instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purposeful. ○ Explicit. ○ Systematic. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Provides literacy instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs-based. ○ Intensive. ○ Of sufficient duration to accelerate learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Apply literacy skills (<i>reading, writing, speaking, and listening</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Across academic content areas. ○ To new/unfamiliar material. ○ To understand complex materials. ○ While communicating during unstructured time. <input type="checkbox"/> Outside the classroom. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Exceed teacher’s expectations for students of their age, grade, and/or ability levels in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening.
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This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by
SECONDARY TEACHERS responsible for teaching English, language arts and/or reading.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teaches and provides opportunities for students to apply literacy skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Integrates literacy skills into lessons, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocabulary. ○ Comprehension. ○ Fluency. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening skills. <p>Engages students in instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purposeful. ○ Explicit. ○ Systematic. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Provides instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs-based. ○ Intensive. ○ Of sufficient duration to accelerate learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Apply literacy skills (<i>reading, writing, speaking, and listening</i>):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Across academic content areas. ○ To new/unfamiliar material. ○ To understand complex materials. ○ While communicating during the school day. <input type="checkbox"/> Outside the classroom. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Exceed teacher’s expectations for students of their age, grade, and/or ability level in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening.
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ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement and data analysis and probability.				
This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by ALL TEACHERS , regardless of grade level or subject taught.				
THE TEACHER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes relevant math concepts in discussions that do not have math as the primary focus. ○ Promotes and encourages students to make explicit math connections across content. 	. . . and THE TEACHER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasizes to students why they need to learn math content and skills. ○ Uses instructional strategies that require students to apply and transfer mathematical knowledge to different content areas. 	. . . and THE TEACHER: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasizes interdisciplinary connections to math. ○ Models mathematical thinking. 	. . . and STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Share ideas and solutions to challenging problems. ○ Use the language of math to talk about what they are doing. 	. . . and STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interpret mathematical information in ways that make it relevant to their learning.
ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement and data analysis and probability.				
This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by Teachers responsible for teaching math.				
THE TEACHER: Focuses math instruction beyond: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recall of facts. ○ Development of computational skills. ○ Math as a series of rote procedures. Models: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Appropriate mathematical communication. ○ A variety of mathematical practices. 	. . . and THE TEACHER: Presents concepts: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In sequence. ○ In a manner appropriate to students' age and grade. ○ Helps students understand mathematics as a discipline. ○ Provides a balance of teaching for conceptual understanding and teaching for procedural fluency. 	. . . and THE TEACHER: Establishes an effective mathematics environment by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Challenging students to think deeply about the problems. ○ Requiring students to explain their solutions. ○ Posing questions that stimulate students' curiosity and encourage them to investigate further. ○ Actively engaging students in doing math. ○ Using real-world examples for problems whenever possible. 	. . . and STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solve problems in a variety of ways. ○ Demonstrate mathematical thinking by explaining their thinking to each other and to their teacher. 	. . . and STUDENTS: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognize when they make procedural errors and take steps to correct them. □ Expand their learning by using mathematical concepts in subjects other than math.
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ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Breaks down concepts into instructional parts and teaches each part using appropriate, effective strategies and/or tools. ○ Uses instructional materials that are accurate and appropriate for the lesson being taught. ○ Employs a variety of instructional strategies to address student needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Provides explanations of content that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accurate. ○ Clear. ○ Concise. ○ Comprehensive. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Engages students in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A variety of explanations and multiple representations of concepts and ideas. ○ A variety of inquiry methods to explore new ideas and theories. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop a variety of explanations and multiple representations of concepts. ○ Build on the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom to engage in more complex concepts, ideas, and theories. <p>Use a variety of inquiry tools and strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learn content. ○ Understand central concepts. ○ Answer complex questions. ○ Problem solve. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Routinely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choose challenging tasks and instructional materials. ○ Apply newly learned content skills to unique situations and different disciplines. ○ Discuss ideas and content that are intellectually challenging to them.
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ELEMENT E: Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasizes key concepts and connects them to other powerful ideas within the content area. ○ Connects lessons to other disciplines and/or content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Implements instructional strategies to ensure that instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Articulates content and interdisciplinary connections. ○ Integrates literacy skills across content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarifies and elaborates on interdisciplinary connections for students. ○ Provides instructional strategies that include literacy, numeracy, and language development across content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Make connections between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior learning and the current lesson. ○ Other disciplines and/or content areas and the current lesson. <p>○ Employs instructional strategies that include literacy, numeracy, and language development across content areas.</p>	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accelerate their learning by elaborating on current lesson with connections to prior lessons within the content area and/or with other disciplines.
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ELEMENT F: Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students’ background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.

<p>THE TEACHER: Selects instructional materials and strategies based on their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Relevance. <input type="radio"/> Central contexts. <input type="radio"/> Foundational evidence base. <input type="radio"/> Links lessons to students’ prior knowledge. <input type="radio"/> Encourages and provides opportunities for students to make connections to prior learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER: Delivers lessons and units and uses instructional strategies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Help students connect to their learning by linking the current lesson with prior knowledge, experiences, and/or cultural contexts. <input type="radio"/> Provides supports that facilitate engagement. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Delivers lessons and uses materials to ensure that students’ backgrounds and contextual knowledge are considered. <input type="radio"/> Provides opportunities for students to self-select tasks that accelerate their learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Interact with materials that are relevant to them. <input type="radio"/> Ask questions and solve problems that are relevant to them. <input type="radio"/> Make connections to prior learning to understand current content. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Select tasks that demonstrate transfer of knowledge to other theories, ideas, and/or content.
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QUALITY STANDARD II

Teachers establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students.

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ELEMENT A: Teachers foster a predictable learning environment in the classroom in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creates a classroom environment conducive to learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Creates a classroom environment that features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Mutual respect. ○ Positive relationships between and among students. ○ Empathy for each student. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Creates a classroom environment which values diverse perspectives. ○ Establishes a nurturing and caring relationship with each student. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Respect their classmates and teacher(s). 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engage in respectful and open dialogue with each other and their teacher.
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ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate a commitment to and respect for diversity, while working toward common goals as a community and as a country.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Creates a classroom environment in which diversity is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Respected. ○ Used to further student learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uses instructional approaches and materials that reflect students' backgrounds. ○ Acknowledges the value of each student's contributions to the quality of lessons. ○ Is welcoming to diverse family structures. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Establishes processes that result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A sense of community among students. ○ Effective interactions among students. ○ Respect for individual differences. ○ Positive social relationships. ○ Common goals for all students. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Respect the uniqueness of fellow students. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actively seek a variety of perspectives to complete group assignments.
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ELEMENT C: Teachers engage students as individuals with unique interests and strengths.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Implements lessons that reflect student interests. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uses results of student interest inventories to design lessons and materials. ○ Encourages students to expand and enhance their learning. ○ Acknowledges students for their accomplishments. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Asks appropriately challenging questions of all students. ○ Scaffolds questions. ○ Gives wait time equitably. ○ Ensures that all students participate in class activities. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Actively engage in classroom activities. ○ Discuss content and make connections between current lesson and their interests. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourage fellow students to participate and challenge themselves. ○ Actively engage in collaborative learning and group processes.
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ELEMENT D: Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of all students, including those with special needs, across a range of ability levels.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Adapts lesson plans to address individual student needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Implements recommendations of specialists and colleagues to address student needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Designs instruction to address learning needs of all students. <input type="radio"/> Monitors the quality of student participation and performance. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicits input from colleagues to understand students' learning needs. <input type="radio"/> Uses multiple strategies to teach and assess students. <input type="radio"/> Challenges and supports students to learn to their greatest ability. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Advocate for themselves. <input type="radio"/> Articulate their learning needs to their teacher and/or parent. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Apply coping skills to classroom situations. <input type="radio"/> Share coping strategies with fellow students. <input type="radio"/> Help fellow classmates by offering support.
ELEMENT E: Teachers provide proactive, clear and constructive feedback to families about student progress and work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Establishes a classroom environment that is inviting to families and significant adults. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Maintains respectful relationships with students, their families, and/or significant adults. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a variety of methods to initiate communication with families and significant adults. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides clear and accurate feedback to parents and significant adults regarding student needs and progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinates flow of information between families and colleagues who provide student services. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Communicate freely and openly with teachers. <p>FAMILIES AND SIGNIFICANT ADULTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss student performance with the teacher. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in school-based activities. 	<p>... and</p> <p>FAMILIES AND SIGNIFICANT ADULTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Partner with the teacher to support student strengths and address next steps for learning.
ELEMENT F: Teachers create a learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior, efficient use of time and appropriate intervention strategies.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Provides clear expectations to guide student classroom behavior. <input type="radio"/> Holds students accountable for adherence to school and/or class rules. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Puts procedures in place to maximize instructional time. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Makes maximum use of instructional time. <input type="radio"/> Maintains a safe and orderly environment. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Stay on task during class periods. <input type="radio"/> Work without interruption. <input type="radio"/> Abide by school and class rules. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Accept responsibility for their behavior and use of time. <input type="radio"/> Help other students stay on task.
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QUALITY STANDARD III				
Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.				
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ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of current developmental science, the ways in which learning takes place, and the appropriate levels of intellectual, social, and emotional development of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Differentiates instruction. <input type="radio"/> Modifies content to assure that students are able to work at their ability levels. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Studies recent/current research to expand personal knowledge of how students learn. <input type="radio"/> Builds on the interrelatedness of students' intellectual, social, and emotional development. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Applies knowledge of current developmental science to address student needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborates with colleagues with experience in developmental science to improve the quality of lessons. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Seek materials and resources appropriate for their personal approach to learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Seek to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> How they learn best. <input type="radio"/> Where their time and efforts are best used.
ELEMENT B: Teachers plan and consistently deliver instruction that draws on results of student assessments, is aligned to academic standards and advances students' level of content knowledge and skills.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses assessment results to guide adjustments to instruction. <input type="radio"/> Has explicit student outcomes in mind for each lesson. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Aligns instruction with academic standards and student assessment results. <input type="radio"/> Monitors instruction against student performance and makes real-time adjustments. <input type="radio"/> Assesses required skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Encourages students to take academic risks. <input type="radio"/> Makes sure students meet learning objectives while increasing mastery levels. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Monitor their level of engagement. <input type="radio"/> Confer with the teacher to achieve learning targets. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Initiate activities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Address their learning strengths and next steps. <input type="radio"/> Take academic risks.
ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate a rich knowledge of current research on effective instructional practices to meet the developmental and academic needs of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Incorporates evidence-based strategies into lessons. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Makes connections between student data and research-based practices. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Individualizes instructional approach to meet unique needs of each student. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Embrace new and unique ways of learning as they are introduced through research-based lessons. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Apply skills and knowledge learned in the classroom.
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ELEMENT D: Teachers thoughtfully integrate and utilize appropriate available technology in their instruction to maximize student learning.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uses available technology to facilitate classroom instruction. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employs strategies and procedures to ensure that students have equitable access to available technology. ○ Monitors the use of available technology in the classroom. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Uses available technology to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance student learning. ○ Develop students' knowledge and skills. ○ Enhance creative and innovative skills. ○ Provide engaging and motivating learning experiences. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engage in virtual or face-to-face learning activities enhanced by appropriate use of available technology. ○ Produce creative and innovative products. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <p>Use available technology to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accelerate their learning. ○ Apply team building and networking skills. ○ Deepen critical thinking skills. ○ Communicate effectively.
ELEMENT E: Teachers establish and communicate high expectations for all students and plan instruction that helps students develop critical-thinking and problem solving skills.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has high expectations for all students. ○ Holds students accountable for their learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sets student expectations at a level that challenges students. ○ Incorporates critical thinking and problem-solving skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Challenges all students to learn to their greatest ability. ○ Explicitly teaches higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. ○ Ensures that students perform at levels meeting or exceeding expectations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help set their learning objectives. ○ Apply higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills to address challenging issues. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor their progress toward achieving teacher's high expectations. ○ Seek opportunities to test their problem-solving and higher-order skills.
ELEMENT F: Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership qualities.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes all students in individual and group activities. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Plans lessons that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide opportunities for students to participate using various roles and modes of communication 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flexibly groups students. ○ Adjusts team composition based on lesson objectives and student needs. ○ Varies group size, composition, and tasks to create opportunities for students to learn from each other. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fulfill their assigned roles within the team. ○ Assume leadership roles in their teams. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilize group processes to build trust and promote effective interactions among team members. ○ Participate in teams in ways that build trust and ownership of ideas among team members.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. □ Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation. 				

QUALITY STANDARD III Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT G: Teachers communicate effectively, making learning objectives clear and providing appropriate models of language.				
THE TEACHER: <input type="radio"/> Communicates effectively with students.	... and THE TEACHER: <input type="radio"/> Models effective communication skills. <input type="radio"/> Encourages students to communicate effectively.	... and THE TEACHER: <input type="radio"/> Teaches students to be effective communicators. <input type="radio"/> Provides opportunities for students to practice communication skills.	... and STUDENTS: <input type="radio"/> Apply effective written and oral communication skills in their work.	... and STUDENTS: <input type="radio"/> Use academic language in spoken and written work.
ELEMENT H: Teachers use appropriate methods to assess what each student has learned, including formal and informal assessments, and use results to plan further instruction.				
THE TEACHER: <input type="checkbox"/> Provides actionable feedback to students, families, and significant adults. <input type="radio"/> Involves students in monitoring their learning. <input type="radio"/> Assesses learning outcomes appropriately.	... and THE TEACHER: <input type="checkbox"/> Implements appropriate strategies for assigning grades. <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluates student performance based on multiple measures. <input type="checkbox"/> Includes documentation of student progress toward mastery of state content standards in assessment plans..	... and THE TEACHER: <input type="radio"/> Uses a variety of assessment methods. <input type="radio"/> Provides actionable, timely, specific and individualized feedback about the quality of student work. <input type="radio"/> Teaches students to use feedback to improve their learning.	... and STUDENTS: <input type="radio"/> Self-assess on a variety of skills and concepts. <input type="radio"/> Articulate their personal strengths and needs based on self-assessment. <input type="radio"/> Effectively use formal and informal feedback to monitor their learning.	... and STUDENTS: Assume ownership for: <input type="radio"/> Monitoring their progress. <input type="radio"/> Setting learning goals. <input type="radio"/> Applying teacher feedback to improve performance and accelerate their learning.
<input type="radio"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.				
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QUALITY STANDARD IV Teachers reflect on their practice.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate that they analyze student learning, development and growth and apply what they learn to improve their practice.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Collects and analyzes student data to inform instruction. <p>Uses data to:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Support student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Inform practice.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Collects multiple examples of student work to determine student progress over time.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> Applies knowledge of student learning, development, and growth to the development of : <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans. <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional strategies.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> Develops student learning plans based on: <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple examples of student work. <input type="checkbox"/> Other data points. <input type="checkbox"/> Information gathered from students, families, and colleagues.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Monitors and evaluates personal behavioral changes to determine what works for students.
ELEMENT B: Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Implements performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice. <p>Actively engages in professional development focused on:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Addressing student needs. <input type="checkbox"/> School and district initiatives. <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting professional goals.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> Engages in professional development activities based on: <input type="checkbox"/> Likelihood of having a positive impact on student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with Colorado Academic Standards and school and district initiatives. <input type="checkbox"/> Current research. <input type="checkbox"/> Student needs.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates for professional development that is evidence based and targeted toward improving student outcomes. <input type="checkbox"/> Applies knowledge and skills learned through professional development to professional practice.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Implements new and different instructional strategies based on current research and district initiatives. <input type="checkbox"/> Adapts teaching skills to meet student needs	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Develops and follows a long-term professional development plan.
ELEMENT C: Teachers are able to respond to a complex, dynamic environment.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> Collaborates with colleagues to: <input type="checkbox"/> Implement new ideas to improve teaching and learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Support struggling students. <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to campus goals.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains a positive, productive and respectful relationship with colleagues.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Initiates and leads collaborative activities with colleagues to: <input type="checkbox"/> Analyze student data and interpret results. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply findings to improve teaching practice. <input type="checkbox"/> Support struggling and/or advanced/above grade level students.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Serves as a critical friend for colleagues, both providing and receiving feedback on performance.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthens teaching practice by adapting instructional practices based on colleague feedback and other types of performance data.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.				
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QUALITY STANDARD V Teachers demonstrate leadership.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in school activities expected of all teachers. <input type="checkbox"/> Works collaboratively for the benefit of students and families. <input type="checkbox"/> Supports school goals and initiatives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contributes to school committees and teams. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborates with school-based teams to leverage the skills and knowledge of colleagues and families. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shares lessons learned with colleagues. <input type="checkbox"/> Confers with school administrators to improve teacher working and student learning conditions. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Initiates and leads collaborative activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Partner with families to coordinate learning between home and school. <input type="checkbox"/> Share ideas to improve teaching and learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Support struggling students.
ELEMENT B: Teachers contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and the teaching profession.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shares expertise with colleagues. <input type="checkbox"/> Supports the work of colleagues. <input type="checkbox"/> Actively participates in activities designed to improve policies and procedures that affect school climate, family partnering, and student learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <p>Collaborates with colleagues to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Support student growth and development. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide input into policies and procedures that affect school climate and student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Partner with families. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Leads professional growth and development activities whenever possible. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in district-wide decision-making processes that impact the school community, including families 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates for the inclusion of teachers and families in education and government decision-making processes.
ELEMENT C: Teachers advocate for schools and students, partnering with students, families and communities as appropriate.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Partners with every family to support student success. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discusses potential revisions to policies and procedures with administrators to better address student, family, and school needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contributes to school and/or district committees to advocate for students and their families. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates for students and the school to external agencies and groups. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborates with professional, governmental, and/or community agencies to advocate for curricular, school, and instructional improvements.
<p><input type="radio"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.</p>				
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QUALITY STANDARD V				
Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards.				
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ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains confidentiality of student records as required by law. <input type="checkbox"/> Adheres to standards of professional practice.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Models ethical behavior, including honesty, integrity, fair treatment, and respect for others.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains confidentiality of student, family, and fellow teacher interactions as well as student data.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Helps students understand the importance of ethical behavior as an individual and member of society.	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> Demonstrate: <input type="checkbox"/> Honesty <input type="checkbox"/> Respect for others.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.				
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