

Selection Criteria and Indicators

Competency/Criteria	Indicators
Teaching Ability: Demonstrates an appropriate knowledge of content and pedagogy • Provides reasonable examples of effective lesson-planning, instructional strategies, and/or student assessment • Instruction is focused on student achievement • Conveys ideas and information clearly	o Addresses the multiple and varied needs of students in the classroom o Makes content meaningful to students in the district o Sets concrete, ambitious goals for student achievement o Indicates confidence that all students should be held to high standards o Reflects on successes and failures o Maintains high expectations for students when confronted with setbacks; continues to focus on students' academic success
Classroom Management: Demonstrates ability to deal effectively with negative student behavior • Remains productive and focused when confronted with challenges • Displays willingness to adapt classroom management style to meet the particular needs of the school or culture	o Assumes accountability for classroom management and culture o Conveys reasonable understanding of potential challenges involved in teaching in a high-need school o Demonstrates ability to deal effectively with negative studen behavior o Persists in offering viable and realistic strategies to deal with classroom management challenges o Conveys willingness to try multiple strategies or something new when things change or when confronted with challenges
School Fit: Demonstrates skills and development needs that are a good fit with the school • Demonstrates interests and skills that match the school's culture and needs	o Interacts with interviewer in an appropriate and professional manner o Respects the opinion of others o Recognizes that families influence student achievement o Interacts appropriately with supervisors, colleagues, parents and students
Critical Thinking: Analyzes situations thoroughly and generates effective strategies • Identifies key issues • Generates effective/creative strategies or responses to situations • Develops logical responses to address challenges	o Understands and responds directly to questions o Organizes responses in a coherent manner o Supports response or points with specific and relevant examples/evidence o Stays on point o Analyzes situations thoroughly and generates multiple effective strategies o Has realistic picture of potential challenges



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Achievement: Demonstrates success in achieving student learning and other goals • Focuses on concrete, measurable results • Teaching success related to specific, measurable student achievement • Demonstrates initiative and general willingness to take on challenges as well as a history of overcoming them • Sets and meets ambitious goals	o Describes, in detail, a significant, quantifiable goal demonstrating excellence o Earns formal recognition or awards for achievement o Demonstrates pattern of going above and beyond normal expectations o Possesses accomplishments with students and/or in other endeavors o Sets ambitious and concrete goals for teaching performance and/or student success o Describes specific examples of taking on challenges or initiatives o Discusses using benchmarks and/or concrete goal setting as
Personal Responsibility: Assumes accountability for reaching outcomes despite obstacles • Focuses on own capacity to impact situations rather than on external barriers • Understands challenges within larger context • Takes initiative to solve own problems	a general habit o Holds self accountable for student learning o_Assumes responsibility for classroom environment and culture o Takes ownership of failures o_Identifies lessons from past failures o Provides examples of maintaining focus on the big picture and addressing obstacles in past professional or personal experiences o Speaks specifically about setbacks in past experiences and/or scenario questions and is able to maintain appropriate focus and optimism o Persists in offering viable/realistic strategies to address scenarios o Provides examples of being self-reliant
Professional Interaction: Respectful of students and others in all situations Aware of how one's own background & assumptions can influence one's perspective & interactions with others Strives to understand the opinions and experiences of others Demonstrates the ability to effectively & appropriately interact with students and others in the school community	o Handles difficult situations appropriately o Can articulate how his/her own background and understanding of a situation plays a role in situations they describe o Shows ability to consider others' perspectives in scenarios and past experiences o Demonstrates self-confidence and presence o Shows evidence of being able to contribute to a school's effectiveness by working collaboratively with others o Exhibits professional conduct and tone throughout interview o Effectively navigates scenarios or experiences with challenging interpersonal situations, with appropriate norms of interactions o Understands appropriate role as a teacher o Speaks of students, teachers and community with respect o Demonstrates willingness to learn from & understand perspectives of others
Constant Learning: Draws lessons from previous experiences ad applied them to future endeavors Reflects regularly on performance to identify areas for improvement	o Incorporates a variety of resources to achieve results o Generates strategies that involve a range of resources o Seeks out and welcomes feedback from others

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- Seeks and welcomes feedback from others
- Accesses resources to support self-development
- Draws lessons from previous experience and applies them to future endeavors
- Describes examples of professional development and other learning in order to become a more effective teacher
- Reflects on previous professional experience and how the relate to teaching
 - o Conveys willingness to learn from other perspectives

Communication Skills: Demonstrates effective written and oral skills

- Displays mastery of written grammar, usage and organization
 - Speaks clearly and precisely
- Fluent verbal and written command of the English language
- Communicates clear, logical and organized thoughts
 - o Uses correct syntax, spelling and grammar
 - o Speaks audibly and articulately
 - o Displays command of English language

Commitment: Committed to raising academic achievement in urban/high needs schools

- Desires to work in a community with high needs schools
- Believes that students of all backgrounds can and must learn at high levels
 - Holds all students to high standards

- o Desires to teach specifically in urban/high needs schools
- o Conveys reasonable understanding of potential challenges involved in teaching in high-need schools
- o Conveys belief that all students have the ability to learn at high levels
- o Articulates high expectations for potential and performance of future students (in theory and through scenario examples
- o Holds him/herself accountable for the success and growth of students
- o Maintains high expectations and continues to focus on the students' academic success when confronted with setbacks in scenario questions
 - o Demonstrates persistence