

**College of Education
Division of Teacher Education
Initial Teaching Licensure Program**

PROFESSIONAL CHARACTERISTICS DEMONSTRATED BY THE STUDENT

DISPOSITIONS FORM

The teaching profession has historically valued and upheld high professional and ethical standards for teachers. The College of Education is committed to preparing candidates with high levels of professionalism. The Division of Teacher Education believes it is important for you to be aware of and understand the characteristics of professionalism prior to program admission.

Faculty at WOU will use this form to assess your professionalism each term during field experiences and in classes, as warranted. The College reserves the right to advise your continuation or termination in the program based on assessment of your professionalism.

Please carefully review the attached list of **PROFESSIONAL CHARACTERISTICS DEMONSTRATED BY THE STUDENT Dispositions**. KEEP PAGES 2 AND 3 FOR YOUR PERSONAL RECORDS. This page, FORM G, will ~~be signed~~ as your verification of receiving, reading, understanding and retaining this list of expectations.

Should you have any questions regarding the form or the process, please contact the Director of Field Services and Licensure, Sue Thompson, (503) 838-8828.

PRINTED NAME / Signature

Date

**Your signature acknowledges that you have read and are retaining
the attached 2-page PROFESSIONAL CHARACTERISTICS
DEMONSTRATED BY THE STUDENT: Dispositions Form**

4.3 Reflects on performance and attitudes as a teacher

- Reflects upon and evaluates effectiveness as a teacher, and seeks to improve skills
- Receives feedback in a positive manner and makes necessary adjustments
- Regularly re-assesses his/her commitment to the profession
- Evaluates instruction and student interactions and modifies as needed

Emotional Maturity: The student demonstrates situation appropriate behavior.

5.1 Is self-confident and enthusiastic

- Displays enthusiasm for teaching and the subject matter
- Demonstrates self-confidence through body language, voice tone, eye contact, preparedness
- Exhibits energy, drive, and determination to become a professional educator

5.2 Is dependable, conscientious, and punctual

- Arrives early or on-time
- Completes assigned tasks in a timely manner
- Follows through with assignments and expectations

5.3 Models social skills, character traits and dispositions desired in students.

- Establishes caring and mutually respectful relationships with students
- Explicitly teaches and models desired behaviors and attitudes

Leadership and Responsibility: The student acts independently and demonstrates accountability, reliability, and sound judgment.

6.1 Is aware of and acts according to school policies and practices

- Has obtained and read school policy manual
- Adheres to class, school, and district rules and policies.

6.2 Advises students in formal and informal settings

- Shows concern for all aspects of a student's well-being, is alert to signs of academic and behavioral difficulty, and responds appropriately
- Actively listens to and advises students, making referrals as appropriate

6.3 Meets work schedule demands

- Is prepared for lessons and other responsibilities
- Meets and consults with mentor teacher each week to plan lessons

6.4 Is aware of the importance of professional appearance and demeanor

- Dresses professionally
- Displays a positive attitude
- Communicates in a professional manner

6.5 Demonstrates initiative, in an acceptable manner, for introducing programs or practices in a school or classroom

- Make suggestions at faculty meetings
- Offers ideas to mentor teacher and other instructional team members around instructional, curricular, and behavioral needs of students

Signature of the Student Who Has Read This Form:

Signature acknowledges only that the student has had an opportunity to read this report; it does not imply concurrence with the information reported.

PROFESSIONAL CHARACTERISTICS DEMONSTRATED BY THE STUDENT

Dispositions Form

Collaboration: The student works with others to achieve a common goal.

1.1 Interacts constructively with peers/colleagues, administrators, supervisors, staff, mentor teachers, and parents

- Shows consideration and respect for thoughts and feelings of others
- Demonstrates effective verbal and non-verbal communication skills
- Demonstrates flexibility with others
- Solicits suggestions and feedback from others
- Maintains communication with colleagues, supervisors, and mentor teachers when questions or concerns arise
- Recognizes a range of valid viewpoints

1.2 Functions as a contributing member of an instructional team to achieve long-term curriculum goals, state content standards, and district standards (term 4)

- Communicates effectively both verbally and non-verbally
- Shares ideas and materials
- Offers ideas and observations at IEP meetings

Honesty and Integrity: The student demonstrates truthfulness, professional behavior, and trustworthiness.

2.1 Displays honesty and integrity

- Maintains confidentiality
- Elicits trust and respect from both peers and supervisors
- In completing course and field experience assignments, produces original work and credits sources when appropriate

Respect: The student honors, values, and demonstrates consideration and regard for oneself and others.

3.1 Is respectful of cultural patterns and expectations within a community context

- Presents self in a professional manner (e.g., dress, communication)
- Speaks and behaves in a manner that is sensitive to linguistic and cultural differences and respects the dignity and worth of others
- Establishes good rapport with students and colleagues
- Seeks to address the varied learning needs of students in his/her classroom, including lower-performing children and those with disabilities
- Recognizes and respects identities informed by a group's historical context

Commitment to Learning: The student values learning for self and students.

4.1 Exhibits energy, drive, and determination to make one's school and classroom the best possible environment for teaching and learning

- Plans and delivers instruction that engages all students in his/her classroom and addresses their learning needs
- Values ongoing assessment as essential to the instructional process

4.2 Demonstrates a commitment to students' learning

- Implements research-based strategies
- Proposes ideas and solutions that address curriculum, instruction, and classroom management
- Locates and/or creates materials that bring about student learning
- Assumes responsibilities, locates materials and resources, and improves teaching
- Reflects upon and evaluates effectiveness as a teacher, and seeks to improve skills
- Reflects on and offers ideas to address curricular, instructional and classroom management matters
- Engages students in discovering how knowledge is constructed
- Actively and consciously looks for stories, wisdom, action, and creations of knowledge from diverse perspectives