

New Teacher of the Year Rubric

Note: The rubric is to be used holistically across all application components.

Key Competency	1 (Ineffective)	2 (Effective Emerging)	3 (Effective Proficient)	4 (Highly Effective)
The candidate guides students of all backgrounds and abilities to achieve excellence.	 Demonstrates little pedagogical and content knowledge Does not demonstrate recognition of students of all backgrounds and abilities through instruction/leadership 	 Demonstrates some pedagogical and content knowledge Holds moderately high academic expectations Demonstrates some recognition of students through instruction/leadership 	 Demonstrates pedagogical and content knowledge Holds themselves to high standards and creates fair, growth-oriented expectations Recognizes and values students as demonstrated through relevant instruction/leadership 	 Demonstrates pedagogical and content expertise Holds themselves to high standards and creates achievable, fair, and growth-oriented expectations for all students Recognizes, values and advocates for students of all backgrounds and abilities through deliberate and relevant instruction/leadership
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The candidate demonstrates leadership and innovation in and outside of the school building walls that embodies lifelong learning.	 Does not show evidence of innovation and growth mindset Does not demonstrate impact on the educational system and is not involved in efforts to help students excel 	 Shows minimal evidence of innovation and growth mindset Demonstrates minimal impact on the educational system and little involvement in efforts to help students excel 	 Demonstrates some innovation and growth mindset. This is manifested inside the school building walls and shows how the educator enhances student learning Is positively impacting the educational system and is 	• Is an innovator and lifelong learner. This may manifest itself inside and/or outside the school building walls. This shows how the educator uses creativity and ingenuity to enhance learning, positively impact the teaching profession, and promote lifelong learning



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			involved in efforts to help students excel	• Is transforming the educational system and creating pathways for students and teachers to excel in new and different ways
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The candidate collaborates with colleagues, students, and families to create a classroom environment of respect and success.	 Does not collaborates to enhance the learning and educational experiences of students Does not build relationships with colleagues, students, and families, and shows no involvement in creating a positive environment Communication is not clear and/or it is not compelling 	 Minimally collaborates to enhance the learning and educational experiences of students Minimally builds relationships with colleagues, students, and families, and shows little involvement in creating a positive environment Communication is generally, but not completely, clear and/or compelling 	 Demonstrates collaboration to enhance the learning and educational experiences of students Builds relationships with colleagues, students, and families, and brings groups of people together in order to create a positive environment as well as establish a safe learning environment Communicates with stakeholders in a somewhat clear, compelling, and impactful manner 	 Exemplifies how collaboration enhances the learning and educational experiences of all students Demonstrates an ability to build meaning relationships with colleagues, students, and families, and uses creative/inventive ways to bring groups of people together in order to create an environment of respect, achievement, and wellness, as well as establish a safe and thriving learning environment Communicates with all stakeholders in a clear, compelling, impactful manner that leads to lifelong success



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The candidate is inspiring, compelling and professional and	• Communication is not clear and/or it is not compelling	•Communicates in a manner which is generally, but not completely clear and/or compelling	• Communicates in a way which is somewhat engaging, inspiring, and impactful	• Communicates in a way which is engaging, inspiring, impactful, and unifying
has the ability to connect and represent new teachers across the state.	 Communicates a message that is not relevant to a wide range of audiences Does not expresses a capability to speak on behalf of all new educators in the state 	 Communicates a message that is minimally relevant to a wide range of audiences Minimally expresses a capability to speak on behalf of all new educators in the state 	 Communicates a message which is somewhat timeless and relevant to a wide range of audiences Expresses a capability to speak on behalf of all new educators in the state 	 Communicates a captivating message which is both timeless and relevant to a wide range of audiences Expresses a strong capability to speak on behalf of all new educators in the state Presents themself in a professional and confident, manner
				• Communicates a message that is capable of attracting and retaining educators to the profession

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