

KENTUCKY TEACHER STANDARDS

STANDARD 1: THE TEACHER DEMONSTRATES APPLIED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE

The teacher demonstrates a current and sufficient academic knowledge of certified content areas to develop student knowledge and performance in those areas.

STANDARD 2: THE TEACHER DESIGNS AND PLANS INSTRUCTION The teacher designs/plans instruction that develops student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge.

STANDARD 3: THE TEACHER CREATES AND MAINTAINS LEARNING CLIMATE

The teacher creates a learning climate that supports the development of student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge.

STANDARD 4: THE TEACHER IMPLEMENTS AND MANAGES INSTRUCTION

The teacher introduces/implements, manages instruction that develops student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge.

STANDARD 5: THE TEACHER ASSESSES AND COMMUNICATES LEARNING RESULTS

The teacher assesses learning and communicates results to students and others with respect to student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge.

STANDARD 6: THE TEACHER DEMONSTRATES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY

The teacher uses technology to support instruction; access and manipulate data; enhance professional growth and productivity; communicate and collaborate with colleagues, parents, and the community; and conduct research.

STANDARD 7: REFLECTS ON AND EVALUATES TEACHING AND LEARNING

The teacher reflects on and evaluates specific teaching/learning situations and/or programs.

STANDARD 8: COLLABORATES WITH COLLEAGUES/PARENTS/OTHERS

The teacher collaborates with colleagues, parents, and other agencies to design, implement, and support learning programs that develop student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge

STANDARD 9: EVALUATES TEACHING AND IMPLEMENTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The teacher evaluates his/her overall performance with respect to modeling and teaching Kentucky's learning goals, refines the skills and processes necessary, and implements a professional development plan.

STANDARD 10: PROVIDES LEADERSHIP WITHIN SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/PROFESSION

The teacher provides professional leadership within the school, community, and education profession to improve student learning and well-being.

STANDARD 1: THE TEACHER DEMONSTRATES APPLIED CONTENT KNOWLEDGE

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1.1 Communicates concepts, processes, and knowledge.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Accurately and effectively communicates concepts, processes and/or knowledge and uses vocabulary that is clear, correct and appropriate for students.	Accurately and effectively communicates an in-depth understanding of concepts, processes, and/or knowledge in ways that contribute to the learning of all students.

1.2 Connects content to life experiences of student.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Effectively connects most content, procedures, and activities with relevant life experiences of students.	Effectively connects content to students' life experiences including, when appropriate, prior learning in the content area or other content areas.

1.3 Demonstrates instructional strategies that are appropriate for content and contribute to student learning.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses instructional strategies that are clearly appropriate for the content and processes of the lesson and make a clear contribution to student learning.	Consistently uses instructional strategies that are appropriate for content and contribute to the learning of all students.

1.4 Guides students to understand content from various perspectives.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Provides opportunities and guidance for students to consider lesson content from different perspectives to extend their understanding.	Regularly guides students to understand content from appropriate diverse, multicultural, or global perspectives.

1.5 Identifies and addresses students' misconceptions of content.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Identifies misconceptions related to content and addresses them during planning and instruction.	Consistently anticipates misconceptions related to content and addresses them by using appropriate instructional practices.

STANDARD 2: THE TEACHER DESIGNS AND PLANS INSTRUCTION

The teacher designs/plans instruction that develops student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge.

2.1 Develops significant objectives aligned with standards.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Identifies misconceptions related to content and addresses them during planning and instruction.	Consistently anticipates misconceptions related to content and addresses them by using appropriate instructional practices.

2.2 Uses contextual data to design instruction relevant to students.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Plans and designs instruction based on contextual (i.e., student, community, and/or cultural) and pre-assessment data.	Plans and designs instruction that is based on significant contextual and pre-assessment data.

2.3 Plans assessments to guide instruction and measure learning objectives.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Prepares assessments that measure student performance on each objective and help guide teaching.	Develops well-designed assessments that align with learning objectives, guide instruction, and measure learning results.

2.4 Plans instructional strategies and activities that address learning objectives for all students.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Aligns instructional strategies and activities with learning objectives for all students.	Plans a learning sequence using instructional strategies and activities that build on students' prior knowledge and address learning objectives.

2.5 Plans instructional strategies and activities that facilitate multiple levels of learning.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Plans instructional strategies that include several levels of learning that require higher order thinking.	Plans a learning sequence using strategies and activities that foster the development of higher-order thinking.

STANDARD 3: THE TEACHER CREATES AND MAINTAINS LEARNING CLIMATE

The teacher creates a learning climate that supports the development of student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge.

3.1 Communicates high expectations.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Sets significant and challenging objectives for students and verbally/nonverbally communicates confidence in students' ability to achieve these objectives.	Consistently Sets significant and challenging behavioral and learning expectations for all students and communicates confidence in their ability to achieve those expectations.

3.2 Establishes a positive learning environment.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Establishes clear standards of conduct, shows awareness of student behavior, and responds in ways that are both appropriate and respectful of students.	Maintains a fair, respectful, and productive classroom environment conducive to learning.

3.3 Values and supports student diversity and addresses individual needs.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses a variety of strategies and methods to supports student diversity by addressing individual needs.	Consistently uses appropriate and responsive instructional strategies that address the needs of all students.

3.4 Fosters mutual respect between teacher and students and among students.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Treats all students with respect and concern and monitors student interactions to encourage students to treat each other with respect and concern.	Consistently treats all students with respect and concern and actively encourages students to treat each other with respect and concern.

3.5 Provides a safe environment for learning.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Creates a classroom environment that is both emotionally and physically safe for all students.	Maintains a classroom environment that is both emotionally and physically safe for all students.

STANDARD 4: THE TEACHER IMPLEMENTS AND MANAGES INSTRUCTION

The teacher introduces/implements, manages instruction that develops student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge.

4.1 Uses a variety of instructional strategies that align with learning objectives and actively engage students.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses a variety of instructional strategies that engage students throughout the lesson on tasks aligned with learning objectives.	Consistently provides a well-planned sequence of appropriate instructional strategies that actively engage students in meeting learning objectives.
4.2 Implements instruction based on diverse student needs and assessment data.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Implements instruction based on contextual information and assessment data.	Implements instruction based on contextual information and assessment data, adapting instruction to unanticipated circumstances.
4.3 Uses time effectively.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Establishes efficient procedures for performing non-instructional tasks, handling materials and supplies, managing transitions, and organizing and monitoring group work so that there is minimal loss of instructional time.	Makes thoughtful choices about the organization and implementation of both instructional and non-instructional tasks to maximize time for student learning.
4.4 Uses space and materials effectively.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses classroom space and materials effectively to facilitate student learning.	Makes optimal use of classroom space and uses a variety of instructional resources and technologies to enhance student learning.
4.5 Implements and manages instruction in ways that facilitate higher order thinking.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Instruction provides opportunity to promote higher-order thinking.	Consistently uses a variety of appropriate strategies to facilitate higher-order thinking.

STANDARD 5: THE TEACHER ASSESSES AND COMMUNICATES LEARNING RESULTS

The teacher assesses learning and communicates results to students and others with respect to student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge.

5.1 Uses pre-assessments.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses a variety of pre-assessments to establish baseline knowledge and skills for all students.	Consistently uses student baseline data from appropriate pre-assessments to promote the learning of all students.
5.2 Uses formative assessments.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses a variety of formative assessments to determine each student's progress and guide instruction.	Consistently uses appropriate formative assessments to determine student progress, guide instruction, and provide feedback to students.
5.3 Uses summative assessments.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses a variety of summative assessments to measure student achievement.	Consistently uses appropriate summative assessments aligned with the learning objectives to measure student achievement.
5.4 Describes, analyzes, and evaluates student performance data.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Describes, analyzes, and evaluates student performance data to determine progress of individuals and identify differences in progress among student groups.	Consistently describes, analyzes, and evaluates student performance data to determine student progress, identify differences among student groups, and inform instructional practice.
5.5 Communicates learning results to students and parents.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Communicates learning results to students and parents that provide a clear and timely understanding of learning progress relative to objectives.	Clearly communicates to students and parents in a timely manner the evidence of student performance and recommends future actions.
5.6 Allows opportunity for student self-assessment.	
Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Promotes opportunities for students to engage in accurate self-assessment of learning.	Provides on-going opportunities for students to assess and reflect on their own performance in order to identify strengths and areas for future learning.

STANDARD 6: THE TEACHER DEMONSTRATES THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TECHNOLOGY

The teacher uses technology to support instruction; access and manipulate data; enhance professional growth and productivity; communicate and collaborate with colleagues, parents, and the community; and conduct research.

6.1 Uses available technology to design and plan instruction.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses technology to design and plan instruction.	Uses appropriate technology to design and plan instruction that supports and extends learning of all students

6.2 Uses available technology to implement instruction that facilitates student learning.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses technology to implement instruction that facilitates student learning.	Designs and implements research-based, technology-infused instructional strategies to support learning of all students.

6.3 Integrates student use of available technology into instruction.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Integrates student use of technology into instruction to enhance learning outcomes and meet diverse student needs.	Provides varied and authentic opportunities for all students to use appropriate technology to further their learning.

6.4 Uses available technology to assess and communicate student learning.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Uses technology to assess and communicate student learning.	Uses technology to assess student learning, manage assessment data, and communicate results to appropriate stakeholders.

6.5 Demonstrates ethical and legal use of technology.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Ensures that personal use and student use of technology are ethical and legal.	Provides and maintains a safe, secure, and equitable classroom environment that consistently promotes discerning and ethical use of technology.

STANDARD 7: REFLECTS ON AND EVALUATES TEACHING AND LEARNING

The teacher reflects on and evaluates specific teaching/learning situations and/or programs.

7.1 Uses data to reflect on and evaluate student learning.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Reflects on and accurately evaluates student learning using appropriate data.	Uses formative and summative performance data to determine the learning needs of all students.

7.2 Uses data to reflect on and evaluate instructional practice.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Reflects on and accurately evaluates instructional practice using appropriate data.	Uses performance data to conduct an in-depth analysis and evaluation of instructional practices to inform future teaching.

7.3 Uses data to reflect on and identify areas for professional growth.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Identifies areas for professional growth using appropriate data.	Reflects on the evaluations of student learning and instructional practices to identify and develop plans for professional growth.

STANDARD 8: COLLABORATES WITH COLLEAGUES/PARENTS/OTHERS

The teacher collaborates with colleagues, parents, and other agencies to design, implement, and support learning programs that develop student abilities to use communication skills, apply core concepts, become self-sufficient individuals, become responsible team members, think and solve problems, and integrate knowledge

8.1 Identifies students whose learning could be enhanced by collaboration.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Identifies one or more students whose learning could be enhanced by collaboration and provides an appropriate rationale.	Describes an on-going process for identifying situations in which student learning could be enhanced by collaboration.

8.2 Designs a plan to enhance student learning that includes all parties in the collaborative effort.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Designs a plan to enhance student learning that includes all parties in the collaborative effort.	Designs a plan that involves parents, colleagues, and others in a collaborative effort to enhance student learning.

8.3 Implements planned activities that enhance student learning and engage all parties.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Implements planned activities that enhance student learning and engage all parties.	Explains how the collaboration to enhance student learning has been implemented.

8.4 Analyzes data to evaluate the outcomes of collaborative efforts.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Analyzes student learning data to evaluate the outcomes of collaboration and identify next steps.	Uses appropriate student performance data to describe, analyze, and evaluate the impact of the collaborative activities on student learning and to identify next steps.

STANDARD 9: EVALUATES TEACHING AND IMPLEMENTS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

The teacher evaluates his/her overall performance with respect to modeling and teaching Kentucky's learning goals, refines the skills and processes necessary, and implements a professional development plan.

9.1 Self assesses performance relative to Kentucky's Teacher Standards.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Identifies priority growth areas and strengths by thoroughly and accurately assessing current performance on all the Kentucky Teacher Standards.	Thoroughly and accurately assesses current performance related to the Kentucky Teacher Standards and any school/district professional development initiatives.

9.2 Identifies priorities for professional development based on data from self-assessment, student performance and feedback from colleagues.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Identifies priorities for professional development based on data from self-assessment, student performance and feedback from colleagues.	Reflects on data from multiple sources (i.e., self-assessment, student performance, feedback from colleagues, school/district initiatives) and identifies priority areas for growth.

9.3 Designs a professional growth plan that addresses identified priorities.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Designs a clear, logical professional growth plan that addresses all priority areas.	Designs a clear, logical professional growth plan that addresses all priority areas.

9.4 Shows evidence of professional growth and reflection on the identified priority areas and impact on instructional effectiveness and student learning.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Shows clear evidence of professional growth and reflection relative to the identified priority areas and impact on instructional effectiveness and student learning.	Shows clear evidence of the impact of professional growth activities on instructional effectiveness and student learning.

STANDARD 10: PROVIDES LEADERSHIP WITHIN SCHOOL/COMMUNITY/PROFESSION

The teacher provides professional leadership within the school, community, and education profession to improve student learning and well-being.

10.1 Identifies leadership opportunities that enhance student learning and/or professional environment of the school.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Identifies leadership opportunities in the school, community, or professional organizations and selects one with the potential for positive impact on learning or the professional environment and is realistic in terms of knowledge, skill, and time required.	Identifies leadership opportunities within the school, community, or professional organizations to advance learning, improve instructional practice, facilitate professional development of colleagues, or advocate positive policy change; and selects an opportunity to demonstrate initiative, planning, organization, and professional judgment.

10.2 Develops a plan for engaging in leadership activities.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Develops a leadership work plan that describes the purpose, scope, and participants involved and how the impact on student learning and/or the professional environment will be assessed.	Develops a leadership work plan that clearly describes the purpose, scope, participants involved, timeline of events/actions, and plan for assessing progress and impact.

10.3 Implements a plan for engaging in leadership activities.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Implements the approved leadership work plan that has a clear timeline of events/actions and a clear description of how impact will be assessed.	Effectively implements the leadership work plan.

10.4 Analyzes data to evaluate the results of planned and executed leadership efforts.

Initial-Level Performance	Advanced-Level Performance
Analyzes student learning and/or other data appropriately to evaluate the results of planned and executed leadership efforts.	Uses data from the leadership effort to describe, analyze, and evaluate the impact on student learning.