

Professional Education Standards

Standard #1: The educator demonstrates the ability to use the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of each discipline he or she teaches and can create opportunities that make these aspects of subjects matter meaningful for all students.

Standard #2: The educator demonstrates an understanding of how individuals learn and develop intellectually, socially, and personally and provides learning opportunities that support this development.

Standard #3: The educator demonstrates the ability to provide different approaches to learning and creates instructional opportunities that are equitable, that are based on development levels, and that are adapted to diverse learners, including those with exceptionalities.

Standard #4: The educator understands and uses a variety of appropriate instructional strategies to develop various kinds of students' learning including critical thinking, problem solving, and reading.

Standard #5: The educator uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

Standard #6: The educator uses a variety of effective verbal and non-verbal communication techniques to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.

Standard #7: The educator plans effective instruction based upon the knowledge of all students, community, subject matter, curriculum outcomes, and current methods of teaching reading.

Standard #8: The educator understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and ensure the continual intellectual, social, and other aspects of personal development for all learners.

Standard #9: The educator is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluate the effects of his or her choices and actions on others (student, parents, and other professionals in the learning community), actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally and participates in the school improvement process [Kansas Quality Performance Accreditation (QPA)].

Standard #10: The educator fosters collegial relationships with school personnel, parents, and agencies in the larger community to support all students' learning and well-being.

Standard #11: The educator demonstrates the ability to integrate across and within content fields to enrich the curriculum, develop reading and thinking skills, and facilitate all students' abilities to understand relationships between subject areas.

Standard #12: The educator understands the role of technology in society and demonstrates skills using instructional tools and technology to gather, analyze, and present information, enhance instructional practices, facilitate professional productivity and communication, and help all students use instructional technology.

Standard #13: The educator is a reflective practitioner who uses an understanding of historical, philosophical, and social foundations of education to guide educational practice.

[*There are a total of 13 Professional Education Standards. For each of the standards there are indicators for Knowledge and Performance which are not included in this document, but can be found in the Teacher Standards document on the KSDE website: www.ksde.org. Click on Certification and Teacher Education then on Licensure Redesign. Scroll down past Chart of Endorsements and click on Teacher Standards Adopted by SBE 9/11/01.]