

Effective Teacher

Essential Skills and Knowledge for Davis School District Teachers

Positive Learning Environment

- Provides a safe, nurturing environment
- Maintains a physical environment that does not distract from learning
- Implements procedures and rules to enhance student learning
- Employs effective student-management techniques
- Is mindful of students' diverse backgrounds and social contexts in the classroom

Effective Classroom Instruction

- Plans and prepares curriculum aligned to the Davis Essential Skills and Knowledge (DESK)
- Demonstrates extensive knowledge of content
- Utilizes pedagogical expertise and current learning theory
- Prepares lessons that are organized, well-designed, and effectively delivered
- Engages students in the learning process
- Differentiates instruction to meet student needs
- Uses technology to enhance instruction

Meaningful Assessments

- Aligns assessment with instruction
- Uses multiple sources of formal and informal assessment to verify student learning
- Maintains accurate records of student progress
- Uses student achievement data to inform instruction
- Assists students in monitoring their own learning

Effective Communication

- Interacts with faculty and staff, students, parents, and community partners in a positive, constructive, and collaborative manner
- Uses multiple avenues to communicate
- Provides relevant, timely, and accurate information concerning student progress

Exemplary Professional Behaviors

- Supports school, district, and state procedures, policies, and goals
- Maintains professional demeanor and appearance, adheres to the professional code of ethics, and abides by contractual obligations
- Establishes professional goals, reflects on teaching, and pursues opportunities to grow professionally