CALIFORNIA STANDARDS FOR THE TEACHING PROFESSION (CSTP)

The CSTP provide a common language and a vision of the scope and complexity of teaching by which all teachers can define and develop their practice. The CSTP are to be used by teachers to prompt reflection about teaching and learning; develop professional goals; and guide, monitor and assess the progress of the teacher's practice toward their own professional goals. The CSTP address the diversity of the student population in California schools today.

Standard 1: ***Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning***

1.1 Using knowledge of students to engage them in learning
1.2 Connecting learning to students' prior knowledge, backgrounds, life experiences and interests
1.3 Connecting subject matter to meaningful, real-life contexts
1.4 Using a variety of instructional strategies, resources and technologies to meet students' diverse learning needs
1.5 Promoting critical thinking through inquiry, problem solving and reflection
1.6 Monitoring student learning and adjusting instruction while teaching

Standard 2: ***Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning***

2.1 Promoting social development and responsibility within a caring community where each student is treated fairly and respectfully
2.2 Creating physical or virtual learning environments that promote student learning, reflect diversity and encourage constructive and productive interactions among students
2.3 Establishing and maintaining learning environments that are physically, intellectually, and emotionally safe
2.4 Creating a rigorous learning environment with high expectations and appropriate support for all students
2.5 Developing, communicating and maintaining high standards for individual and group behavior
2.6 Employing classroom routines, procedures, norms and supports for positive behavior to ensure a climate in which all students can learn
2.7 Using instructional time to optimize learning

Standard 3: ***Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning***

3.1 Demonstrating knowledge of subject matter, academic content standards and curriculum frameworks
3.2 Applying knowledge of student development and proficiencies to ensure student understanding of subject matter
3.3 Organizing curriculum to facilitate student understanding of the subject matter
3.4 Utilizing instructional strategies that are appropriate to the subject matter
3.5 Using and adapting resources, technologies and standards-aligned instructional materials, including adopted materials, to make subject matter accessible to all students
3.6 Addressing the needs of English learners and students with special needs to provide equitable access to the content

Standard 4: ***Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for All Students***

4.1 Using knowledge of students' academic readiness, language proficiency, cultural background and individual development to plan instruction
4.2 Establishing and articulating goals for student learning
4.3 Developing and sequencing long-term and short-term instructional plans to support student learning
4.4 Planning instruction that incorporates appropriate strategies to meet the learning needs of all students
4.5 Adapting instructional plans and curricular materials to meet the assessed learning needs of all students

Standard 5: ***Assessing Students for Learning***

5.1 Applying knowledge of the purposes, characteristics and uses of different types of assessments
5.2 Collecting and analyzing assessment data from a variety of sources to inform instruction
5.3 Reviewing data, both individually and with colleagues to monitor student learning
5.4 Using assessment data to establish learning goals and to plan, differentiate, and modify instruction
5.5 Involving all students in self-assessment, goal setting and monitoring progress
5.6 Using available technologies to assist in assessment, analysis and communication of student learning
5.7 Using assessment information to share timely and comprehensible feedback with students and their families

Standard 6: ***Developing as a Professional Educator***

6.1 Reflecting on teaching practice in support of student learning
6.2 Establishing professional goals and engaging in continuous and purposeful professional growth and development
6.3 Collaborating with colleagues and the broader professional community to support teacher and student learning
6.4 Working with families to support student learning
6.5 Engaging local communities in support of the instructional program
6.6 Managing professional responsibilities to maintain motivation and commitment to all students
6.7 Demonstrating professional responsibility, integrity and ethical conduct