Pre-Internship Handbook
Supporting Course
TCH_LRN 469

2-3 credits (Pass/Fail)
Beginning Date:
When teachers report back to school
(varies by school district)

*This handbook was updated 1/5/2021 and is subject to change based on changing circumstances caused by the COVID-19 Pandemic
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**Communication Ladder:** Not every pre-internship experience will be the same. As a guest in the classroom the teacher candidate is expected to follow the lead of the mentor teacher. If the teacher candidate has concerns about their placement, the school climate, or the responsibilities expected of them during their field experiences, the following steps should be followed:

1. Confer with University Supervisor.
2. If no resolution, contact should be made with the regional Director/Coordinator.
3. If concerns continue, the next level of resolution should be made to the Secondary Coordinator and Director of Field Services. Consultation will then occur with the Director of Teacher Education.

If the mentor teacher or building administrator has concerns regarding teacher candidate placement or performance during the field experience, they should confer with university supervisor and/or course instructor.

The Department of Teaching and Learning reserves the right to remove any teacher candidate from any practicum situation when one or more of the following occurs:

- The mentor teacher and/or the building principal request that the experience be terminated;
- The University Supervisor indicates that after repeated feedback and observation, documented in writing, sufficient progress is not being achieved;
- The teacher candidate violates the student Code of Conduct, the Code of Conduct for Teachers, and/or the expected Professional Dispositions for teacher candidates (see PDA and PDEFE forms).
Conceptual Framework Summary

The College of Education contributes to the theory and practice of the broad field of education, and dedicates itself to understanding and respecting learners in diverse cultural contexts. We facilitate engaged learning and ethical leadership in schools and clinical settings. We seek collaboration with diverse constituencies, recognizing our local and global responsibilities to communities, environments, and future generations.

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All forms and instructions needed to complete the assignments will be available for the teacher candidate on WSU Canvas 469 Pre-internship

The teacher candidate is responsible for collecting all materials, including the lesson observation forms and the PDEFE, to turn in at the first seminar.
Washington State University Teacher Candidate Safety Guidelines During the COVID-19 Pandemic

In these unprecedented times, Washington State University (WSU) continues to protect the integrity of teacher preparation while also assuring a safe environment for all involved. We will continue to seek collaboration with diverse constituencies, recognizing our local and global responsibilities to communities, environments, and future generations.

The current COVID-19 pandemic has changed operating procedures for schools across the state, the nation, and the world. Due to the potential uncertainty of the upcoming school year, we will maintain a level of recognition, respect, and adaptability for our teacher candidates placed within our partner school districts. We support the leadership within our state that has determined face to face learning and open school buildings as essential to the educational and social well-being of K-12 students. Furthermore, the Department of Teaching & Learning recognizes the importance of tending to the social and emotional needs of students, especially now as we face economic and health uncertainty. The field partnership between school districts and our Department of Teaching & Learning will work in compliance with all safety procedures set forth by Washington state and partner school districts in an effort to combat the spread of COVID 19. Our candidates must follow these health and safety requirements and/or guidelines.

Teacher education at WSU is dedicated to the model of teacher preparation that supports K-12 student learning and teacher candidate learning while also endeavoring to be as safe as possible for all stakeholders. As necessary and specific to each school district, WSU teacher candidates will:

- Offer assistance in developing strategies to support the social and emotional well-being of children.
- Help enforce new safety guidelines such as social distancing, facial coverings (i.e., cloth masks), and wiping down desks/computers/books.
- Support mentor teacher strategies of following up on students who have fallen behind for any reason.
- Adhere to school district policies for helping disadvantaged students.
- Follow various co-teaching models that further provides service to students.
- Assist in remote learning activities such as synchronous and asynchronous methods of teaching.
- Practice professionalism by supporting teachers, administration, and staff within the school community.

In developing these guidelines, WSU is following state and district guidelines as we seek classroom opportunities to develop the knowledge and skills of teaching while also providing evidence that our teacher candidates are ready for certification. Personal feelings on how the government is handling our state’s re-opening plan vary greatly in our society. While we respect our candidate’s personal beliefs, we expect that in this time of uncertainty candidates adhere to Washington State, public health authorities (i.e., federal, state, and local) school district and university guidelines regarding safety and health.
Our current candidate safety guidelines during the COVID-19 pandemic are intended to be updated as this public health emergency evolves and new health and safety laws, guidelines and/or standards are developed and/or rolled out. Please note these guidelines are subject to change throughout the 2020-21 school year so it is important candidate’s closely monitor the situation and WSU’s communications so candidates can comply with any new requirements and/or guidelines.

In cooperation with school district partner requests, WSU requires the following information from our student teachers and practicum students:

1. If the teacher candidate is originally from a community outside of the county they are placed in, they must satisfy one of the two requirements listed below in order to immediately participate in their student teaching or practicum program.

   a. Provide verification attesting that they have self-quarantined in the county of your placement for 2 weeks prior to the commencement of the program assignment. The goal of this limited contact with others outside the school building is to restrict the potential exposure of this contagious virus to avoid spreading to the students and staff they interact with. An online link from Office of Field Services and Certification will be provided to teacher candidates confirming their readiness to begin their field experience.

   OR

   b. With candidate permission, provide a recent copy of COVID-19 test results stating they are currently not infected by the disease to the partner school district.

2. The teacher candidate must also submit to daily health screenings, social distancing requirements, and other health/safety interventions required by law, WSU and/or the assigned school district to combat the spread of COVID-19. This may include:

   a. Daily temperature checks that are recorded
   b. Completion of a questionnaire asking relevant health questions including a daily attestation you do not have symptoms consistent with COVID-19
   c. Wearing a facial covering
   d. Staying home and not present in the assigned school when ill, a close contact (e.g., family member in the home) is ill, and/or you have been exposed to an individual with COVID-19 or suspected as having COVID-19
   e. Not presenting to the assigned school until cleared by your health care provider, public health officials, and/or meeting the criteria established by public health authorities (i.e., CDC, WA Department of Health) for discontinuing isolation or quarantine.
3. The teacher candidate must immediately report to the school district designee of any travel to a foreign country, state, or visit to a community that is in stage 1 or 2 of the Governor's Safe Start program. It should be understood that the teacher candidate may be required to self-quarantine and/or may need to provide results of a COVID-19 test prior to returning to their student teaching or practicum assigned classroom.

4. While student teaching or participating in a practicum assignment, a teacher candidate who has come in contact with a person infected with COVID-19 will immediately report this to the school district designee. It should be understood that the teacher candidate may be required to self-quarantine and/or may need to provide results of a COVID-19 test prior to returning to their student teaching or practicum assigned classroom.

5. The teacher candidate understands practicum visits or student teaching days may be reduced or cancelled or converted to a partially online model as required by the local, county or state government, or by the school district.

6. Teacher candidates must follow all health and safety protocols and may be required to participate in any mandatory trainings implemented by the district.
Welcome to the Washington State University
Secondary Pre-internship Experience

This handbook provides an overview of the Secondary Education Pre-internship Field Experience and links to information that will be helpful to the mentor teacher and the WSU teacher candidate. It details the roles and responsibilities of the teacher candidate, mentor teacher, university supervisor, and university instructor for the Pre-internship.

* Forms are included to facilitate successful completion of the practicum requirements.

** WSU recognizes the difficulties and fluidity of an educator during COVID-19. This handbook can serve as a tool to plan the Secondary Pre-internship experience. The expectations are that the teacher candidate follows the lead of their mentor. The teacher candidate will complete the field assignments, but the final form of the assignments may be different depending on the challenges for each school. Knowing that situations are different in each class makes it imperative for strong communication amongst mentor, teacher candidate, field supervisor, and seminar instructor.

The Pre-internship is particularly important as it comes immediately before student teaching. This experience provides the following for teacher candidates:

• It allows teacher candidates to learn about and experience the culture of schools and the everyday life of classrooms, teachers, and children;

• It provides teacher candidates with opportunities to practice their teaching and classroom management skills by teaching lessons and planning with mentor teachers;

• It offers teacher candidates the experiences that will enhance their potential for a successful and productive student teaching experience.

*NOTE: Teacher candidates are not placed in buildings where a relative is employed.

Absences: The teacher candidate is responsible for notifying their mentor teacher and other designated school personnel if s/he is going to be absent. Absences will be made up to the satisfaction of all involved.

Supervision: The supervision of the teacher candidate will be completed by the mentor teacher and checking in from the university supervisor.

**Instructional Time: The teacher candidate is required to plan, teach and hopefully also record, a three lesson learning segment to an entire class during the Pre-internship experience. A Lesson Plan format is available for students to download and should be completed before the lessons are taught. The mentor teacher should approve the lesson plans at least two days before the lessons are to occur. The mentor teacher will use the Lesson Plan Observation Forms to evaluate the lesson content and delivery and should provide feedback for the teacher candidate.

** The teacher candidate may not have a chance to teach but should take a three lesson segment of their mentor and write lesson plans as if they were teaching. If recording is not an option, then take extreme detailed notes of the teaching.
The success or failure of the pre-internship experience depends on the quality of relationships developed between the teacher candidate, mentor teacher, university supervisor, and instructor. Each person plays important roles that contribute to the total professional development of the prospective teacher. Continuous and clear communication is the key.
Goals of Pre-internship Experience

1. Learn how a teacher manages the daily operations of a classroom (attendance/transitions between classes, interruptions during classes, communication with colleagues and parents)
2. Learn basic classroom management techniques (start and end of class transitions, transitions during a lesson, redirection of off task student, teacher deescalate/reduce the tension of misbehavior in a management situation)
3. Develop an awareness of curriculum flow, formative and summative assessment. (Is there a particular reason for using the materials to teach a curriculum, what are various ways to access student comprehension)
4. Develop an understanding of the school culture and context to which you will be, in most cases, returning for student teaching.

Evaluation and Grading: The TCH LRN 469 instructor assigns a grade for the pre-internship on a satisfactory (S) or unsatisfactory (F) basis as determined by the recommendations of the mentor teacher and successful completion of the Field and Seminar experience.

PDEFE: The Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE) is based on 10 dispositions that are expected of competent teachers (see p. 14). These dispositions are conceptualized on a growth continuum, and teacher candidates are expected to meet and/or exceed standard by the end of student teaching. In support of this cumulative process, during Pre-internship we expect teacher candidates to have strong points identified, and as well, have clear indicators of needs for improvement or growth. Mentor teachers and field supervisors are critical guides in this process, and candidates are expected to seek formal feedback from their support team.

Roles and Responsibilities

Secondary Education TCH LRN Instructor
The Secondary Education TCH LRN 469 instructor will make contact with the mentor teachers in the field. The instructor will be accessible by Zoom, email, and telephone to answer questions, hear concerns, and discuss the teacher candidate’s performance. The instructor will collect and review the pre-internship assignments and the Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE) form from the teacher candidate and record a final grade for the experience.

University Supervisors
The university supervisors will visit the mentor teacher and teacher candidate at least twice. The purpose of the first visit is to meet with the teacher candidate and the mentor teacher to make sure the practicum is progressing smoothly. The purpose of the last visit is to conference with the teacher candidate and the mentor teacher while the mentor teacher completes the Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE) form and discuss any areas that need to be strengthened before returning to student teach.

Mentor Teachers
The College of Education at Washington State University relies on the assistance and support of professionals in the field to ensure that our teacher candidates are well prepared for their future classrooms. Without these professionals, we would be unable to provide teacher candidates with the type of authentic experiences they need. We are confident that teacher candidates will be provided with experiences that will enhance their potential for a successful and productive future.
in education.

The following suggestions are offered to help mentor teachers plan for and work with teacher candidates:

**Please add or modify as needed for face to face, online, and/or hybrid instruction**

- orient the student to the school and its personnel and as needed, acquaint him/her with school policies by sharing schedules, handbooks, curriculum guides, and other pertinent materials;
- prepare school age learners for the arrival of the teacher candidate and refer to the teacher candidate as another “teacher” in the classroom;
- model and demonstrate effective instruction by taking time to explain what is taking place in the classroom and why;
- guide the teacher candidate through the use of both formal and informal observations;
- assist in evaluating the teacher candidate’s performance throughout the practicum experience;
- help the teacher candidate recognize strengths and overcome weaknesses by providing honest, direct, and constructive feedback;
- provide time for the teacher candidate to visit and confer with other staff members, specialists, and classroom teachers;
- keep open lines of communication between the mentor teacher, teacher candidate, university supervisor, and the course instructor.

**Mentor teachers are expected to:**

- complete the Lesson Plan Observation Forms and debrief with your teacher candidate;
- complete a PDEFE with evidence during the second visit with the University Supervisor.
  - Lesson Observation forms and PDEFE should be given to the teacher candidate who is responsible for turning them in to the TCH LRN 469 instructor.

**If your teacher candidate does not have the chance to teach. Please debrief over planning and delivery in a synchronous and asynchronous environment; family and community engagement efforts are also important to discuss with teacher candidates.**

**Teacher candidates**

Teacher candidates are nearing the end of their professional education experience. As such, they are expected to act in a professional, responsible manner that would be consistent with the standards to which classroom teachers are held and aligned with the particular school and community context in which they are teaching.

While every placement is different, all teacher candidates should engage in the following:

- an intensive period of growth in personal and professional attitudes, knowledge, and skills
- recognition of and introduction to the auxiliary services of the school and the relationships between these services and the total educational process
- opportunities to observe and practice effective methods of instruction
- supervised experiences in planning instructional programs, developing curriculum materials, experimenting with advanced technology, and assessing learners’ progress
- planned experiences for analyzing and reflecting on their own teaching performance and using feedback from others (e.g., mentor teachers, university supervisors, peers, students) to enhance and refine their teaching skill
• involvement in the academic and extracurricular activities of the school
• active problem solving in the classroom by drawing upon appropriate theories of learning, assessment, technology, and instruction
• sequentially comprehensive and complex experiences which will lead to complete responsibility for full-time classroom planning and instruction during student teaching
• opportunities to work with parents and the school communities; and
• opportunities for professional growth in order to demonstrate the ability and potential that warrants the recommendation for a teaching certificate.
Field Requirements: 
(All work/Notes/Observations collected in a) 3-ring binder and/or E-portfolio)
1. **Learning Segment**
   a. Lesson Plans for a three-day learning segment
      i. Plans written, taught (with video recording);
      ii. Copies of student work for assessment analysis;
      iii. A formal observation by mentor teacher using Lesson Observation form for each lesson taught.
2. A completion of the “Context for Learning” statement following edTPA criteria for one class that teacher candidate taught.
3. Completed PDEFE from the mentor teacher and University Supervisor
4. Submission of Block II Field assignments.

** Circumstances from the COVID19 pandemic on individual classrooms will depend on individual districts/buildings/mentors. You may not have a chance to teach online or in classrooms. The expectation will be that you plan a three-day learning segment and if agreed on by your mentor and district, record your mentor teaching and collect an assessment from one class during the three day learning segment. If recording is not an option, then take extreme detailed notes of the teaching with attached debriefing notes with mentor teacher.
Block II Tch_Lrn Assignment Overview
Specific details will be provided through 469 class Canvas pages

Lesson Plans, Instruction, Mentor Feedback
Tch_Lrn 469: Pre-internship

Goal/Purpose
The purpose of this assignment is actively plan a three lesson learning segment. Then teach the lessons to a class while being evaluated by your mentor. Lessons can be your mentor’s lessons that you adapt to lesson plan format. Collect assessments of entire class for each lesson and record your teaching. The context for learning, lesson plans, audio recording, and class assessments will be used for a practice writing of the edTPA when you return for Block II classes

** (Optional) Due to privacy concerns invite mentor for guidance and modification

Interview with Two High School/Middle School Students
Tch_Lrn 469: Pre-internship

Goal/Purpose
In this assignment, you will have the opportunity to conduct two student interviews with students from your Pre-internship placement. The purpose of this assignment is to support your understanding of how different high school students understand and experience the same high school. ** Specifics coming soon.

Interview with your Mentor Teacher
Tch_Lrn 469: Pre-internship

Goal/Purpose
The purpose of this assignment is to help teacher candidates connect theory to practice. You will interview your mentor teacher to learn about his/her philosophy of education, classroom management, curriculum planning, lesson development, etc. The purpose is to make transparent what your mentor teacher does and why.

Interview with a Special Education Teacher
Tch_Lrn 469: Pre-internship

Goal/Purpose
For this assignment, you will work with your mentor teacher to request a 25-30 minute informational interview with a Special Education teacher in your building. During this meeting, you will ask this teacher a series of questions about their work, and learn from them about what it means to be a Special Education teacher. You will then reflect on the informational interview by writing a 3-page reflection assignment describing what you learned. The description below will provide you with the information that you need in order to be successful in your completion of this assignment.

Washington State University Sample Lesson Plan Template
### Materials, Resources, and Technology used in this Lesson:

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### Central Focus of Learning Segment

*Summary statement of the overarching learning outcomes associated with learning standards and learning objectives.*

### State Learning Standard(s):

*Please select 1 or 2 Learning Standards from content areas*

### Learning Targets (Objectives) and Assessments:

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<th>Learning Targets: Write the objectives in student friendly language.</th>
<th>Assessments: Describe the assessment(s) that will be used to measure the learning targets. Include rubrics if applicable.</th>
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Examine your learning targets. How will you provide opportunities for language development for students? *Include: Academic vocabulary, Language function, Discourse, & Syntax*

### Students' Prior Knowledge or Experiences with the content of this lesson:

### Sequence of Learning Activities:

*(beginning, middle and end - include revisiting the learning target)*

- Include short descriptions of what the students will be doing (application), placed alongside corresponding teacher actions & minutes. Include major statements (such as definitions or directions, as needed). Include major questions the teacher will ask. Include a motivational intro & strong conclusion.

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### Answer the Questions:

- How will you differentiate instruction and outcomes to meet needs of students?
  *Include as appropriate:*
  - Universal design, grouping, learning styles/intelligences, ELL, special ed, interests, culturally responsive supports, etc.

- What are your supporting theories/principles? (Why are you doing what you are doing?)

- How will you provide opportunities for student voice? (Student self-assessment/metacognition related to the learning target)
  *Include as appropriate:*
  - Journal entries, rubrics, reflections, exit cards, etc.

- Reflection/ How did the lesson go? (Complete after the lesson is taught)
### Area Evaluation

#### Lesson Planning and Preparation
- Written lesson plans show sequence of instruction
- Materials/equipment are ready when needed
- Objectives identify and address the appropriate standards
- Mentor teachers are consulted in preparation of the lesson
- Lesson plan addresses the needs of diverse student populations

#### Learning Engagement/Experiences
- Introduction/Purpose of the lesson is evident
- Lesson includes materials/activities for different difficulty levels
- Transitions are smooth
- Instruction allows for various learning styles of students
- Comprehension is checked throughout lesson
- Questions are responded to appropriately
- Directions are clear
- Lesson is summarized and closed effectively
- Independent practice is provided
- Learning experiences planned that address individual and whole class needs

#### Classroom Management/Grouping of Students
- A positive learning environment is provided
- Positive reinforcement is given to students
- Inappropriate behavior is handled quickly and effectively
- Consistency is displayed in working with students
- Voice is effective (e.g., modulation, enunciation, volume)

#### Assessment Strategies
- Clear target(s) and focused purpose are assessed and identified
- Methods and tools accommodate ALL students
- Assessment is appropriate for the age group
- Expectations regarding assessment are communicated to the students
- Strategies vary with ability levels or special needs of the students

**Comments:** Please respond here and give feedback for student improvement and assessment (*use the back of this form for any additional feedback*).
### Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE) - Interim/Formative Data Collection Tool

This observation tool provides a way to support the ongoing work of Teacher Candidate growth by indicating what might be seen during observation(s) as evidence towards meeting the Disposition Standards. The intent is to use this tool as examples and ideas for the final PDEFE.

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1. The teacher candidate **centers instruction** on high expectations for student achievement through the understanding of individual and diverse cultures and communities.

   - Learning tasks are aligned to standards/learning targets & understandable to students
   - Respects gender/ethnic/cultural differences
   - Monitors student learning and makes appropriate adjustments in instruction
   - Vary strategies based on ability levels and other needs
   - Sets clear expectations for the learning environment
   - Models and provides opportunities for students to understand academic language and vocabulary related to the content

2. The teacher candidate **recognizes** individual student learning needs and develops strategies for planning differentiated instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals.

   - Provides methods and tools to accommodate all students
   - Purposeful planned learning experiences that address individual and whole class needs
   - Uses informal and formal assessments to determine student leaning and understanding
   - Understands and utilizes interventions/modifications/accommodations
   - Organizes to maximize instructional time
   - New concepts are linked to old and the teacher helps students see connections

3. The teacher candidate **demonstrates** effective teaching practices and knowledge of content that use a variety of instructional strategies and technologies to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity and collaborative problem solving focused on the learning targets.

   - Uses techniques to effectively begin class & orient students to lesson objectives
   - Checks for understanding throughout lesson – Student Voice
   - Understands and presents concepts clearly – Gives clear directions
   - Uses effective voice (modulation, enunciation, volume)
   - Helps students make connections between concepts & asks questions that require thinking/critical thinking
   - Uses a variety of strategies and instructional groupings – Engages students in learning
   - Paces lessons appropriately & provides closure, including assessment of objective
   - Includes multiple intelligence considerations in planning
   - Provides a variety of graphic organizers, models, representations for student learning
   - Helps students use a variety of sources and tools, including technology to access information related to the objective
   - Identifies students who need additional support and/or acceleration and designs learning experiences to support progress

4. The teacher candidate **understands and uses** both formative and summative methods of assessment, as well as student voice, to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress and modify instruction to improve student learning.

   - Checks for understanding throughout lesson
   - Utilizes Exit slips/student voice/monitor own progress
   - Monitors students & provides feedback pointing out strengths & making suggestion to improve student learning/understanding
   - Modifies task, provides scaffolding during lesson and in planning for the next lesson
   - Uses informal/formal assessments to understand student progress as related to the learning target/standard & promote growth
   - Provides, explains and utilizes rubrics to improve student learning and achievement
   - Differentiates assessment by implementing required accommodations and challenging those who are more advanced
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<th>5. The teacher candidate <strong>fosters and manages</strong> a safe and positive learning environment using a variety of classroom management strategies that takes into account the cultural, physical, emotional and intellectual well-being of students appropriate to their grade level.</th>
<th>Develops a positive rapport with students and promotes a culture of fairness and belief that all students can learn. Displays a positive attitude, appropriate sense of humor, and empathy for students. Smooth and timely transitions; materials, technology, groups, managed effectively. Intervenes in inappropriate or off-task behaviors quickly and effectively; parameters clear. Responds appropriately when issues develop and uses positive reinforcement with students. Implements and understands specific behavior plans/strategies for the class and individuals. Routines and procedures are evident including expectations for preparation &amp; completion of work. Articulates expectations for positive safe learning environment conducive to learning which includes respect for others.</th>
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<td>6. The teacher candidate <strong>communicates</strong> and <strong>collaborates</strong> with mentor, colleagues, parents and the school community in an ethical and professional manner to promote student learning and growth.</td>
<td>Communicates with parents regarding grades, behavior, etc. (student success and challenging issues). Demonstrates enthusiasm for teaching. Integrates education policies/school policies/curriculum. Utilizes mentor as a resource for curriculum/lesson planning. Looks for ways to promote positive growth in students. Utilizes mentor, colleagues, and resources to better understand student needs for explanations and experiences.</td>
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<td>7. The teacher candidate takes the <strong>initiative</strong> to participate and collaborate with mentor learners, families, colleagues, other school professional and community members to advance their own professional development and contributions to the broader profession.</td>
<td>Seeks opportunities to attend trainings. Communicates/collaborates with teachers/counselors regarding students. Demonstrates enthusiasm for teaching. Integrates education policies/school policies/curriculum. Utilizes mentor as a resource for curriculum/lesson planning. Looks for ways to promote positive growth in students. Utilizes mentor, colleagues, and resources to better understand student needs for explanations and experiences.</td>
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<td>8. The teacher candidate respectfully and openly <strong>requests, accepts and applies</strong> feedback for improvement.</td>
<td>Responds positively when given suggestions from mentor/colleagues for improvement and/or lesson reflections. Solicits suggestions for improvement from multiple sources. Gives appropriate consideration to student and parent feedback. Learns new concepts willingly and demonstrates flexibility. Participates in pre-planning with mentor and shares plans with mentor, soliciting suggestions and improvements.</td>
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<td>9. The teacher candidate <strong>reflects</strong> on their own practice and progress to improve instruction for all learners.</td>
<td>Consistently completes and discusses the Weekly Conference Form. Reflects on lesson during post observation conference. During planning/co-planning, reflects and expands on successful lessons, strategies and practices. Seeks counsel and guidance from mentor and other staff.</td>
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# Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE)
## Pre-internship/Pre-Internship

**Teacher Candidate Name:** ____________________________  **WSU ID#:** ____________________________  

**PURPOSE:** As an institution that prepares teachers, we owe parents, citizens and our state’s P-12 students our best professional judgement and keenest observations when making assessments that could have profound effects in the future. The identification and evaluation of professional dispositions is part of WSU’s professional responsibility.

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<td>2. The teacher candidate <strong>recognizes</strong> individual student learning needs and <strong>develops</strong> strategies for planning differentiated instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals.</td>
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<td>3. The teacher candidate <strong>demonstrates</strong> effective teaching practices and knowledge of content that use a variety of instructional strategies and technologies to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity and collaborative problem solving focused on the learning targets.</td>
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<td>4. The teacher candidate <strong>understands</strong> and <strong>uses</strong> both formative and summative methods of assessment, as well as student voice, to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress and modify instruction to improve student learning.</td>
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<td>5. The teacher candidate <strong>fosters</strong> and <strong>manages</strong> a safe and positive learning environment using a variety of classroom management strategies that takes into account the cultural, physical, emotional and intellectual well-being of students appropriate to their grade level.</td>
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<td>7. The teacher candidate takes the <strong>initiative</strong> to participate and collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals and community members to advance their own professional development and contributions to the broader profession.</td>
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Standards adapted from the Teacher Performance Evaluation Program (TPEP) and the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC).

☐ This teacher candidate is ready for student teaching

Mentor ____________________________

Field Supervisor ____________________________
Online Teaching Resources

**Synchronous learning** refers to learning that occur at the same time (real time), but not in the same place or not in person. It can be in various forms of technology such as phone, Zoom, FaceTime, or Skype in which students learn from instructors, colleagues, or peers.

**Asynchronous learning** refers not learning at the same time together. This type of learning allows students the ability to access information, demonstrate what they’ve learned, and communicate with classmates and instructors on their own time—they don’t have to be in the same classroom, space, time period to participate. Websites, e-mail, Blackboard are all examples of Asynchronous learning.

**Student Teaching Tips for Working Remotely:**

1. **Simplify!** Use tiered learning targets that clarify and personalize levels of learning. Prioritize the skill and concepts you want learned. Keep a clear daily schedule with clear objectives. Teach in smaller chunks (using a timer helps) that emphasize the target.

2. Design lessons around clear assessments. Plan backward using the learning targets to provide measurable data of student learning. With the assessment in mind plan for synchronous an asynchronous learning. Utilize resources such as Kahoot, Flipgrid, E-Puzzle, or Peardeck for engaging online lessons.

3. **Promote curiosity** and provide examples. Student will follow your lead. Develop intriguing questions, provide visuals, and model/demonstrate the correct way of doing things. Create a safe and supportive learning environment that allows for two way feedback.

4. Research and utilize fun online resources that supports student learning. Review and research various programs and create a “toolbox” of 5 websites you like to use. For example: AnswerGarden, Blabberize, Poll everywhere, DocsTeach, Powtoon.

5. Seek **student participation.** Develop hand signals that encourage nonverbal student feedback such as "share your level of understanding from 1-5". Teach sign language for yes, no, thank you, will you please repeat etc… Promote student voice and input. Seek ways to build rapport with students while also supporting social and emotional wellness. Create activities within lesson such as scavenger hunts make the most out of the given time provided.

6. **Patience, Planning, and Practice.** Be patient with technology issues or students who are falling behind. Plan for back up plans if something isn’t working. Practice and learn as much as you can about the online platform being used by your mentor teacher. Plan/Prepare asynchronous activities and materials to support your synchronous learning times. Ensure that the learning can be done both ways – so if a student can’t be part of the synchronous time, they will still have a way of getting the content.

7. **Maintain professionalism** and protect the privacy of you, your mentor, and your students.
Consider what is in your Zoom background and always be aware that virtual learning allows for people other than your students to eavesdrop on synchronous class sessions. Always dress appropriate and keep written and verbal communication centered on student learning.

8. **Emphasize the quality of learning** over the quantity of learning. A common beginning teacher mistake is to try and cover too much content. Providing student choice within lesson design promotes equity and interest.

9. **Establish clear routines and expectations.** Be intentional in your planning on what student expectations are Before, During, and After (BDA) the online session. This where synchronous and asynchronous learning works in tandem.

10. **Bring positive energy to online teaching.** Just like in traditional model face to face teaching, students will follow the teachers lead. Sell the importance and model excitement for each topic you teach. Include fun ice breakers and consider meaningful exit activities that promote the first 5 minutes and last 5 minutes of each lesson.

11. Practice **self-care and establish boundaries.** You don’t “live in the classroom”, so don’t be tempted to unnecessarily make yourself available outside of school hours. You may still plan and prep in the evenings and on weekends, but establish those clear boundaries early in the year so you have time away from your screen.