



# Office of Field Services and Certification Mentor Teacher Handbook

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Editable versions of field experience documents are available at: <a href="https://education.wsu.edu/studentteachingmentors/">https://education.wsu.edu/studentteachingmentors/</a>

A copy of the Internship Handbook can be found at: <a href="https://education.wsu.edu/student-teachers/">https://education.wsu.edu/student-teachers/</a>

#### Welcome

Welcome! Washington State University thanks you for partnering with the College of Education. We are excited to have you as part of the team!



Kasiah White (2023 graduate) and Emily Czerwonka (mentor teacher)

The mission of the College of Education is to address the needs of communities, families, students, and school districts by establishing a learning community dedicated to training and developing the next generation of highly effective teachers.

Mentor teachers are critical in the teacher candidate journey where their academic experiences are applied to real-world situations. As a mentor teacher, you will encourage, coach, model, and evaluate teacher candidates and work with field supervisors to support them.

We hope this handbook contributes to the success of all partners, and we encourage continuous and open feedback in support of excellence in the preparation of teachers.

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#### **Role of the Mentor Teacher**

The mentor teacher is an outstanding educator who helps a university teacher candidate develop the confidence and skills necessary to begin a successful teaching career. The mentor teacher models, guides, challenges, and evaluates the candidates' professional dispositions, content knowledge, and skills to prepare them for a career in education.

Mentor teachers must possess the following qualifications:

- 1. Successful public school teaching for at least three years
- 2. Washington State certified
- 3. Demonstrate effective instruction, classroom management, assessment, communication, and collaboration

#### **Model Professional Skills and Behaviors**

Modeling professional behaviors for new teachers is essential. Teacher candidates are observing how to face the daily challenges of teaching with a professional perspective.

Here are some examples of what effective mentors model:

- Building relationships with students, families, and colleagues
- Fostering a safe and positive learning environment
- Decision-making around behavior management, classroom routines, curriculum, and instruction
- Lesson planning
- Formative and summative assessment
- Use of professional communication and conduct
- Planning differentiated instruction
- Reflecting on and growing one's professional practice

#### **Create Teacher Candidate Confidence**

Effective mentors help teacher candidates feel welcomed and part of the learning community.

Here are some examples of how effective mentors welcome candidates and create confidence:

- Prepare students for the arrival of the teacher candidate and refer to the teacher candidate as another "teacher" in the classroom
- Create a "teacher space" for your candidate, such as a small desk or table
- Plan for opportunities for the teacher candidate to observe, practice, receive feedback, and make corrections ahead of lesson delivery
- Invite the teacher candidate to meetings and professional development opportunities
- Introduce the teacher candidate to administration, colleagues, and staff
- Think aloud while making decisions, and encourage the teacher candidate to participate in decisions as appropriate
- Communicate with the teacher candidate and field supervisor to determine a plan for the gradual release of teaching responsibilities during the semester

#### Communicate Feedback Early, Frequently, and Directly

Good communication is critical to the success of teacher candidates. Communicate soon, frequently, and directly so that the teacher candidate can make appropriate improvements promptly. Keep open lines of communication with the teacher candidate and university field supervisor.

Here are some tips for effective communication with teacher candidates:

- Establish a daily and weekly routine for consultation, coaching, and collaboration
- Use specific recognition of successful actions
- Recognize opportunities for growth AND strengths
- Use clear language when providing opportunities for growth
- Do not wait to point out specific concerns
- Use a tone of respect
- "Think aloud" when making decisions regarding lesson planning and instructional strategies
- Demonstrate learning-focused conversations
- Ask the field supervisor for their perspective and share your observations with the supervisor



Emma York (2023 graduate) and Amy Yardley (mentor teacher)

## **Role of the Field Supervisor**

The university field supervisor is a member of the College of Education faculty who serves as a supervisor, mentor, coach, and advocate for the teacher candidate, a consultant for the mentor teacher, and a liaison between the college and public school. As a mentor, the field supervisor oversees the teacher candidate's progress, provides guidance as the candidate reflects on their practice, and makes plans for moving forward systematically and developmentally. As a consultant, the supervisor facilitates ongoing communication and feedback regarding the teacher candidate's effectiveness in the K-12 setting. And as a liaison, the field supervisor actively promotes a partnering relationship with principals and teachers.

#### **Field Supervisor Responsibilities**

The field supervisor is an objective advisor, observer, and mentor to the teacher candidates they are assigned. The field supervisor will answer teacher candidate questions, address their concerns, and provide effective performance feedback.

#### Field supervisors will:

- Visit teacher candidates on both a scheduled and drop-in basis
- Schedule a minimum of six formal observations with twelve hours of classroom visitation, including observation, conferencing, and written and oral performance critiques
- Conference with mentors and teacher candidates during the start, midterm, and end of the semester at a minimum
- Provide prompt feedback to teacher candidates, both written and verbal
- Troubleshoot, advise, counsel, and prepare teacher candidates for all situations
- Provide support to teacher candidates as they complete program requirements
- Be available for teacher candidates by telephone, in person, and electronically
- Keep the area coordinator and the Director of Field Services and Certification aware of any concerns
- Document all concerns and assist in developing a plan of improvement if performance is unsatisfactory
- Use the PDEFE to measure growth and encourage communication
- Carefully account for all required paperwork and seek input about the quality of the experience
- Communicate regularly with mentor teachers to ensure the success of teacher candidates' experience and continual growth

## **Mentor Suggestions**

#### **Early in the Field Experience**

- Welcome and introduce the teacher candidate to school faculty and staff. Teacher candidates tend to
  be a bit nervous during the first several days of the field experience. Taking time for introductions and
  a brief tour of the building helps the teacher candidate feel part of the school and aids the important
  transition from student and coursework to teaching. Include the teacher candidate on the staff mailing
  list and in staff workshops and social functions.
- Orient the teacher candidate to school policies. An overview of the staff and student handbooks, building goals, and staff member expectations help the teacher candidate become familiar with policies and procedures. It also helps the teacher candidate better understand their role in the school. Some administrators include the teacher candidate in new teacher orientation.
- Provide the teacher candidate with access to safety handbooks, curriculum guides, bell schedules, and access to online learning platforms as necessary.

#### **During the Field Experience**

- Take time before and after teaching to explain what is taking place and why, keeping in mind that while you know clearly what you are doing, your teacher candidate may not.
- Collaborate with the teacher candidate in daily and long-range lesson planning and assessing teaching
  performance and student learning. Establish a routine for consultation, collaboration, and team
  planning. Try not to let a day go by without some acknowledgment of the efforts of the teacher
  candidate. Verbal and written feedback is invaluable.
- Assist the teacher candidate in reflecting on their teaching and analyzing strengths and areas to improve. Current teacher education literature reinforces the advantages of teacher candidates engaging in reflection.
- Provide time for the teacher candidate to visit and confer with other staff members, specialists, and classroom teachers. Observing other professional educators broadens a candidate's knowledge of teaching and management strategies.
- Continue to develop the teacher candidate's awareness of the professional community. Assist the
  teacher candidate in becoming aware of the benefits of belonging to and participating in professional
  organizations.
- Conduct at least two formal observations and conferences. Formal observations and conferences
  enable teacher candidates to gain feedback and also become familiar with the professional evaluation
  system. Include the teacher candidate in conversations regarding Teacher Performance Evaluation
  Program (TPEP) preparation.

#### Wrapping up the Field Experience

Participate in the teacher candidate's exit process. If asked and appropriate, write a recommendation
for the teacher candidate. Arrange a simulated (or actual) job interview with the teacher candidate.
After the interview, discuss the rationale for including specific questions and suggest interview
strategies for the teacher candidate to consider.

#### **Tips for Lesson Observations**

- Let the teacher candidate clarify lesson objectives and decide what the focus of the observation should be.
- Pay attention to observable behaviors; avoid inference and judgment. Note strengths, improvements, and successes in the identified area of focus. Record what happened in the lesson.
- Meet with the teacher candidate as soon as possible after the lesson to debrief. Begin by asking
  questions that allow the teacher candidate to feel positive about the experience: "What do you feel
  were your lesson's strengths? What worked well? Why is it working well?" Focus on what is helping
  to bring about these successes.
- In situations where it is difficult for the teacher candidate to identify successes, point out observed examples of success, and if the teacher candidate expresses a concern regarding the lesson, assist in drawing connections between previous successes and possible alternatives/solutions to the problem.
- At the end of the conference, discuss the teacher candidate's continuing growth and encourage them to set goals and use past successes to move forward.
- Give the teacher candidate a copy of any observation notes/summaries and share them with the WSU supervisor.

## **Additional WSU Support**

#### **Field Concerns**

In most cases, there are minor concerns that a teacher candidate needs to address during a field experience. These instances are usually quickly addressed and improved. There are cases, however, when a teacher candidate struggles or demonstrates more significant deficits during a field experience.

If issues are not easily remedied and mentor teachers require additional support, please contact the WSU field services team beginning with the field supervisor, then the area coordinator, and finally the director.

Washington State University uses some or all of the following interventions when addressing field experience issues:

- 1. Remediation: a clear, written plan (Plan of Improvement) upon which all parties agree (mentor teacher, teacher candidate, and field supervisor).
- 2. Probation: a written contract explaining that the teacher candidate will be evaluated on a weekly basis to ensure that they are meeting expectations; they are not allowed to continue teaching the following week unless expectations are met.
- 3. Extension: used in cases where progress is being made, but it is agreed that additional time is needed to demonstrate competency. This extends responsibilities for the mentor teacher and field supervisor; it usually requires additional tuition.
- 4. Removal: The Department of Teaching and Learning reserves the right to remove any teacher candidate from any field experience when one or more of the following occurs:
  - a. The mentor teacher, building principal, and/or district placement coordinator request that the experience be terminated.
  - b. The field supervisor indicates that after repeated feedback and observation, documented in writing, sufficient progress is not being achieved.
  - c. The teacher candidate violates the WSU Student Code of Conduct, the Professional Dispositions of Teachers, the Washington State Code of Conduct Professional Conduct for Education Practitioners, Chapter 181-87 WAC, or district rules.

#### **Communication Ladder**

Not every field 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 mentor teacher has concerns about the placement or the responsibilities expected of them during the field experience, these steps should be followed:

- 1. Confer with the field supervisor.
- 2. If there is no resolution, contact should be made with the regional field coordinator.
- 3. If concerns continue, the next level of resolution should be made to the director of field services and certification.

## **Field Experiences**

Washington State University assigns mentor teachers and field supervisors to pre-internship and internship field experiences.

#### **Pre-internship Experience**

Elementary program, secondary program, and Master in Teaching (MIT) students complete an intensive preinternship the semester before their student teaching internship.

Elementary Pre-internship	(TCH LRN 490)	4-6 weeks beginning in August or January
Secondary Pre-internship	(TCH LRN 469)	4-6 weeks beginning in August or January
MIT Pre-internship	(MIT 571)	2 days per week August through mid-December

Teacher candidates completing the pre-internship field experience are expected to follow WSU's calendar.

WSU field supervisors will visit and/or observe two to three times during the pre-internship, including an initial introduction and a final visit to conference with the mentor teacher and teacher candidate to determine readiness for the full-time internship. The final visit may include observing a lesson.

The teacher candidate is responsible for completing assignments as detailed in the applicable Pre-internship Handbook available at <a href="http://www.education.wsu.edu/field/">http://www.education.wsu.edu/field/</a> and submitting all the paperwork directly to the pre-internship instructor. With input from the field supervisor and teacher candidate, the mentor teacher completes the Pre-internship Professional Dispositions Evaluation of Field Experiences (PDEFE).

#### **Internship Experience**

All teacher candidates complete a full semester student teaching internship.

Elementary Internship (TCH LRN 415)	5 days per week beginning in August or January
Secondary Internship (TCH LRN 415)	5 days per week beginning in August or January
MIT Internship (MIT 575)	5 days per week beginning in January

Teacher candidates completing the internship field experience are expected to follow the school district calendar and begin their experience when the mentor teacher returns to the classroom after the summer or winter break.

Teacher candidates are required to attend school for the teacher-contracted day. The experience is designed for the candidate to gradually take over responsibility for planning, instructing, and assessing students in their mentor's classroom with 4-6 weeks of solo teaching before returning the classroom to the mentor teacher at the end of the experience. Field supervisors are expected to have an initial visit, a mid-term conference, and an exit conference with the teacher candidate and mentor teacher and observe at least six formal lessons taught by the teacher candidate. The field supervisor will observe and conference with the teacher candidate for a minimum of twelve hours. The mentor teacher and field supervisor meet with the teacher candidate for a midterm and final evaluation using the Internship PDEFE.

## Field Experience Calendar

Teacher candidates follow WSU's calendar during the pre-internship field experience. Teacher candidates follow the school district calendar during the student teaching internship.

#### Fall 2023

Elementary and Secondary Pre-internship	
First Day of Instruction at WSU	Monday, August 21, 2023
First Day of Pre-internship	District Dependent
Last Day of Pre-internship	Friday, September 22, 2023
Elementary and Secondary Internship	
First Day of Internship	District Dependent
All Observed Holidays	District Dependent
Last Day of Internship	Friday, December 15, 2023
MIT Pre-internship	
First Day of Instruction at WSU	Monday, August 21, 2023
First Day of Pre-internship	District Dependent
Last Day of Pre-internship	Friday, December 15, 2023*
*MIT Pre-internship teacher candidates attend five full days during f	finals week, December 11 <sup>th</sup> – 15 <sup>th</sup> .

### Spring 2024

#### **Elementary and Secondary Pre-internship**

First Day of Instruction at WSU	Monday, January 8, 2024
First Day of Pre-internship	District Dependent
Last Day of Pre-internship	Friday, February 9, 2024
Elementary and Secondary Internship	
First Day of Internship	District Dependent
All Observed Holidays and Breaks	District Dependent
Last Day of Internship	Friday, May 3, 2024

## **MIT Internship**

First Day of Internship	District Dependent
All Observed Holidays and Breaks	District Dependent
Last Day of Internship	Friday, May 3, 2024



Eleanor Abbott (2023 graduate) and Stacey Robb (mentor teacher)

#### **Teacher Candidates as Substitute Teachers**

The following policy applies to teacher candidates participating in the full-time student teaching internship semester. Teacher candidates participating in the pre-internship semester are not eligible to substitute teach during their assigned days in the classroom.

Teacher candidates are eligible for two types of substitute certificates in Washington State.

- Intern Substitute Certificates will only be considered during the student teaching internship experience
  and must be approved by the Office of Field Services and Certification and initiated by the placement
  school.
- Emergency Substitute Certificates are available in some districts and are initiated by the placement school.

WSU will use the following policy, **regardless of certificate type**, to approve teacher candidates to substitute for their mentor teacher during the student teaching internship.

- The teacher candidate must be at least halfway through their internship and progressed to the point where they have demonstrated the ability to effectively solo teach.
- Teaching as a substitute is limited to the mentor teacher's classroom for no more than three consecutive days and ten days total during the entire internship.
- Teacher candidates must have written approval from the field supervisor and mentor teacher and notify coe.certification@wsu.edu before accepting their first substitute position.
- The teacher candidate shall notify, in writing, the field supervisor of each substitute teaching assignment.
- The teacher candidate shall not be penalized in any way, including performance evaluations, for refusing to accept an assignment as a substitute teacher.

Information and directions for applying for the Intern Substitute Certificate are available on our website at <a href="https://education.wsu.edu/internsub">https://education.wsu.edu/internsub</a>.

If the teacher candidate holds a valid Emergency Substitute Certificate for the district where they are completing their internship, applying for the Intern Substitute Certificate is unnecessary. *Please Note:* Some districts do not support using teacher candidates as substitutes.

## **Clock Hours and Stipends**

#### **Mentor Teacher Compensation**

Mentor teachers receive a one-time stipend of \$200 for hosting teacher candidates completing the student teaching internship (TCH LRN 415 and MIT 575). Voucher forms will be emailed to mentor teachers following the semester's midpoint. Mentor teachers need to sign and return the form to receive prompt compensation.

#### **Mentor Teacher Clock Hours**

Mentor teachers receive 10 clock hours for hosting teacher candidates completing the pre-internship (TCH LRN 469, TCH LRN 490, and MIT 571).

Mentor teachers receive 20 clock hours for hosting teacher candidates completing the student teaching internship (TCH LRN 415 and MIT 575).

Clock hour forms will be emailed to mentor teachers following the semester's midpoint. Instructions for clock hours are provided with the clock hour forms.



Erin Brewer (2023 graduate) and Patricia Maddux (mentor teacher)

#### **Field Documents**

Mentor teachers are responsible for completing and signing the Pre-internship PDEFE or PDEFE at the end of the semester. The field supervisor will submit all field experience documents to the Office of Field Services and Certification.

#### **Lesson Plan Template**

Effective teaching is purposeful and must be guided by a written lesson plan to assist the teacher in focusing on what is to be taught in the time allotted.

The teacher candidate will have been trained in lesson planning using the WSU Lesson Plan Template. **Teacher candidates are expected to complete daily lesson plans** for any content they are responsible for teaching. The mentor teacher may wish to give suggestions on the plans most appropriate for the classroom involved.

Daily lesson plans should be submitted to the mentor teacher at least a day in advance so the mentor teacher can make suggestions and confirm that planning has been thorough. Plans submitted on the morning of a lesson are too late for proper evaluation and conferencing. See Appendix F.

#### **Weekly Conference Form**

The Weekly Conference Form encourages communication between the mentor teacher and the teacher candidate. The focus should be on what the mentor teacher has observed during the week and suggestions for the next week. This will provide a snapshot of the week and focus for the following. A notebook or folder of these "week in review" conference forms should be available for the field supervisor to look over when they are in the classroom. See Appendix D.

#### **Weekly Reflection Form**

The Weekly Reflection Form encourages reflection upon one's teaching practice to identify strengths and weaknesses with the goal of student growth. Reflection helps educators to identify barriers to learning and assess teaching practices. Teacher candidates are required to use the Weekly Reflection Form. A notebook or folder of these forms should be available for the field supervisor to look over when they are in the classroom. See Appendix E.

#### **Pre-Internship and Internship PDEFE**

The Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE) is based on ten expected dispositions of competent teachers. These dispositions are conceptualized on a growth continuum, and teacher candidates in the internship phase should be able to show observable evidence to their mentor teacher of meeting a particular disposition. The intent is to provide a way to track progress/competency across the internship experience and assess from a growth mindset perspective. To be effective, illustrative examples or observation notes should be provided for each observed disposition. All ten dispositions should be addressed at the midterm of the internship, and all dispositions must be met with evidence provided at the end of the internship experience. The teacher candidate, mentor teacher, and supervisor must sign the form once it has been completed. PDEFEs that do not include the teacher candidate, mentor teacher, and supervisor's signatures will be returned and may delay the certification process. See Appendix H and I.

#### PDEFE 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 on the PDEFE. The intent is to use this tool as a *formative* data collection during the teacher candidate's experience. See Appendix J.

#### **Field Services Consent to Record**

Teacher candidates must follow school district policy when recording lessons during field experiences. If the school district does not have a specific policy, teacher candidates are required to use the Parent/Guardian Release Form before recording lessons in the field. Recordings will not be duplicated, and digital and print materials must be destroyed before the end of the semester. The recordings may not appear online or in any other public setting. See Appendix K.

## **Appendix A: Suggested Internship Timeline for Teacher Candidates**

Ultimate authority of teacher candidate progression will be determined by the mentor teacher.

#### **Prior to school starting**

- Set up an initial meeting with mentor teacher(s) before the placement begins. Establish teacher candidate time frame and daily schedule. Review resources, routines, and working space. Clarify expectations. Communicate with the building principal and send a thank you note along with a reintroduction.
- Check with placement school HR department and school office regarding district e-mail, keys, identification badge, teacher workdays, and district orientations.
- Look over the Internship Handbook and the College of Education Field Services and Certification website. Become familiar with the placement school (handbook, website, a tour of the building, etc.).
- Research the curriculum, pacing plans, and subject-specific resources for the grade level of your placement.

#### Week One

- Plan to arrive at school at least a half hour early and stay as long as your mentor teacher is expected to stay.
- Introduce yourself to students and, with the help of your mentor teacher, prepare a message to send to students' families.
- Ask questions, discuss observations, review routines and policies, and familiarize yourself with online learning platforms and curriculum guides.
- Learn the names of students in your classes. Study the characteristics and learning habits of the students in your class(es).
- Establish a weekly check-in/reflection time with your field supervisor. Submit weekly plan with goals.

#### Week Two

- Review with the mentor teacher the PDEFE as a certification requirement. Review the ten disposition standards. Set goals and discuss opportunities to provide evidence that you are meeting standard as a professional teacher candidate.
- Familiarize yourself with your district, school, and classroom, asking questions about student
  backgrounds, the community's socio-economic status, and the students in your classroom. Inquire
  about individual learning plans, pull-out services for individual students, curriculum and pacing plans,
  and resources for the staff and teachers in your building. Having a well-rounded knowledge of your
  classroom and the learners themselves will inform your teaching practice and guide you as an
  educator.
- Seek opportunities to ease into co-teaching roles.

#### **Weeks Three to Five**

- Gradually take on more teaching opportunities that include classroom management practice. Offer to co-teach and follow the lead of your mentor teacher.
- Prepare written lesson plans for your mentor teacher and field supervisor as you transition. Invite feedback.

- Record segments of your teaching to share with your field supervisor and to evaluate your progress.
- Create general outlines of unit plans with a clear idea of what assessment you intend to use.

#### Weeks Six through Eight

- Solo teach if the mentor teacher determines you are ready. Prepare all ideas, resources, and plans in consultation with your mentor teacher. Co-teaching may still occur, but not as much.
- By the end of week eight, collect assessment evidence showing the range of student learning from your lessons. Reflect on the student assessment and set goals for further planning and instruction.
- Schedule a formal observation and conference session with your field supervisor. Review with your mentor teacher and field supervisor the PDEFE for midterm evaluation.

#### Weeks Nine through Fourteen

- Continue teaching responsibilities inviting feedback from your mentor teacher and field supervisor.
- Create a Professional Growth Plan based on your PDEFE or the TPEP model used in your district.
- Invite the building principal to observe your teaching (most principals will not serve as a reference unless they have observed you teach).

#### **Final Weeks**

- Gradually transition all teaching responsibilities back to the mentor teacher. Observe or assist teachers in other classes if arranged.
- Be sure all papers, assignments, and resources are graded and returned to the mentor teacher, and that grading records are current.
- Show appreciation to all school personnel who have assisted you.
- Review and complete final WSU requirements (PDEFE, Professional Growth Plan, Exit Survey, etc.).
- Ask if your mentor teacher and field supervisor are willing to be a reference for you.

## **Appendix B: Tips for Feedback**

What to do	How to do it	Example
Align your feedback with the teacher candidate's agenda	Provide timely feedback and offer practical steps and options	"I have a few ideas that might help"  "What usually works for me is"
Remember that your reality is not the teacher candidate's reality	Set a context and be descriptive to show parallels in experiences	"In my experience, which was, I found thatI know that is not your situation, but maybe there is something to learn here."
Clarify your understanding of what is being said	Listen actively and summarize	"I understand that you are saying"  "Help me understand what you mean by"
Use a tone of respect.	Take care not to undermine the teacher candidate's self-esteem	"I like the way you" "I wonder" "Have you ever considered?"
Be aware of your communication style and how that works with your teacher candidate.	Share communication styles and implications for the feedback cycle	"I react positively to"  "I find that I get defensive when"
Avoid giving feedback when you lack adequate information	Ask for time to get the information you need	"To be honest with you, I need to think about that a little more."
Encourage the teacher candidate to experience feedback as movement forward.	Continuously link progress and learning to the big picture and journey	"When we started outand thenand now"

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## **Appendix C: Co-teaching Strategies**

The strategies are not hierarchical – they can be used in any order and/or combined to best meet the needs of the students in the classroom.

#### One Teach, One Observe

One teacher has primary responsibility while the other gathers specific observational information on students or the (instructing) teacher. The key to this strategy is to focus the observation – where the teacher doing the observation is noting specific behaviors.

#### One Teach, One Assist

An extension of One Teach, One Observe. One teacher has primary instructional responsibility while the other assists students with work, monitors behaviors, or corrects assignments.

#### **Station Teaching**

The co-teaching pair divides the instructional content into parts – each teacher instructs one of the groups and groups then rotate or spend a designated amount of time at each station. Often an independent station will be used along with the teacher-led stations.

#### **Parallel Teaching**

Each teacher instructs half the students. The two teachers address and present the same instructional material using the same teaching strategy. The greatest benefit of this approach is reducing the student-to-teacher ratio.

### **Supplemental Teaching**

This strategy allows one teacher to work with students at their expected grade level while the other works with those students who need the information and/or materials retaught, extended, or remediated.

### **Alternative (Differentiated)**

Alternative teaching strategies provide two different approaches to teaching the same information. The learning outcome is the same for all students; however, the avenue for getting there differs.

### **Team Teaching**

Well-planned, team-taught lessons exhibit an invisible flow of instruction with no prescribed division of authority. Using a team-teaching strategy, both teachers are actively involved in the lesson. From a student's perspective, there is no clearly defined leader. As both teachers share the instruction, both are free to interject information, and are available to assist students and answer questions.

#### **Solo Teaching**

The teacher candidate is the lead planner and teacher for the lesson. The lesson is designed specifically for only one teacher.

## **Appendix D: Weekly Conference Form**

Teacher candidates who communicate regularly and collaborate with mentors are often more effective in the classroom. We encourage mentors to use this form to share feedback and ideas and to promote reflective practice by the teacher candidate. Teacher candidates should keep conference forms in a binder and available for viewing by the field supervisor.

Teacher Candidate:	Date:
Mentor Signature:	
Successes (building relationships, instructional strategie	es, formative assessment, etc.):
Focus (challenge, concern, opportunity for growth):	
Teacher Candidate's Next Steps:	
Support Needed from Mentor:	
Next Meeting Date and Time:	

## **Appendix E: Weekly Reflection Form**

The Weekly Reflection Form encourages reflection upon one's teaching practice to identify strengths and weaknesses with the goal of student growth. Reflection helps teacher candidates to identify barriers to learning and assess teaching practices. Teacher candidates should keep reflection forms in a binder and available for viewing by the field supervisor.

Teacher Candidate:	Date:
Mentor Signature:	
What prep work have I done regarding student lessons or activities?	
What have I presented or taught to my students? How did it go?	
What progress have I made in building rapport with students or establish	ning a connection at home?
What new tips or strategies have I learned to help engage students in the	eir learning?
What student challenges or classroom management issues have I encour might try using?	ntered and what are some potential strategies
How have my lessons employed the principles of cultural competency, di unique needs of my students?	iversity, equity, and inclusion to meet the
What have I done to support the social-emotional development of my st	udents?
What have I planned for the following week with my mentor?	
What have I done to support my own social-emotional well-being?	

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## **Appendix F: WSU Lesson Plan Template**

Teacher Candidate:		Date:		Estimated Time for Lesson:
Grade/Subject:		Lesson Title/Focus:		
Materials Descurees and	l Tashnalagu u	sad in this Lassan		
Materials, Resources, and Materials/Resources		sed III tills Lessoli.		1
Technology				
Central Focus of Learning learning objectives):	Segment (Sum	nmary statement of the overar	ching learning outo	comes associated with learning standards and
State Learning Standard(s	(Please selec	t 1 or 2 Learning Standards fro	m content areas):	
Learning Targets (Objective	ves), Language	Development, and Assessmen	t:	
Learning Targets: Write	the	How will you provide opport	unities for	Assessment: Describe how you will
objectives in student-fri	endly	language development for st		gather evidence of student thinking,
language.		Academic vocabulary, Langu	age function,	understanding, or performance for this
		Discourse, & Syntax		learning target. Include as appropriate:
				Journal entries, rubrics, reflections, exit slips, etc.
				31103, etc.
Students' Prior Knowledg	e or Experience	es with the Content of this Les	son:	
Sequence of Learning Act	ivities (Beginni	ng, middle, and end - include r	evisiting the learni	ing target):
Include short descriptions	s of what the st	tudents will be doing (applicati	on), placed alongs	ide corresponding teacher actions &
minutes. Include major st	atements (sucl	n as definitions or directions, a	s needed). Include	major questions the teacher will ask.
Include a motivational int	ro & strong co	nclusion.		
Sequence of Learning Act	tivities (Incorp	orate UDL principles):		
Minutes What will th	ne teacher be o	doing?		dent be doing? Further prompt to include
			both practical planning and learning demands.	

#### **Lesson Review:**

- How will you differentiate instruction and outcomes to meet the needs of students? Include as appropriate: Universal Design, grouping, 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? (e.g., student self-assessment, metacognition, choice related to the learning target, peer assessment)
- How does this lesson connect with what students have previously learned and a progression of future learning you have planned?

Reflection (Complete after the lesson is taught) How did the lesson go? Why did you do what you did? What building blocks in student thinking, understanding, and performance did you observe? What needs remediated or extended in future lessons?

## **Appendix G: Lesson Plan Observation Form**

We encourage mentors to use this form to share feedback following lesson observations.

Teacher Candidate:	Date: _		
MantagCingatura			
Mentor Signature:			
The lesson plan was prepared 48 hours prior to the lesson	☐ no		
		Not	Not
	Met	Met	Observed
Part I: Introduction			
1. Introduction is engaging to learners			
2. Learning objectives are communicated in student-friendly language			
3. Connection to prior learning is made			
Part II: Instruction and Engagement			
4. Learning experiences address individual and whole class needs			
5. Lesson and activities respect gender, ethnic, and cultural differences			
6. Teacher candidate uses engaging and effective voice			
7. Lesson engages students in learning			
8. Concepts and directions are presented clearly			
9. Questioning prompt thinking from students			
10. Pacing of the lesson is appropriate for grade level			
11. Instruction allows for various learning styles of students			
Part III: Classroom Environment			
12. Teacher candidate demonstrates an enthusiasm for teaching			
13. Teacher candidate uses positive reinforcement			
14. Teacher candidate demonstrates respect for students			
15. Teacher candidate responds appropriately to off-task behavior			
16. Materials are prepared and transitions are smooth			
Part IV: Assessment			
17. Lesson includes checks for understanding with student feedback			
18. Adjustments are made during the lesson to meet student needs			
19. Lesson includes multiple modes of assessment (formative/summative)			
20. Assessment is aligned to learning objectives			
21. Lesson is summarized; tied to objectives in student-friendly language			
22. Student voice is included			

Additional Comments (please use the back of the form for additional feedback):

## Appendix H: Pre-internship Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE)

eacher Candidate Name: WSU ID#:		
PURPOSE: As an institution that prepares teachers, we owe our state' judgment and keenest observations when making assessments that coand evaluation of professional dispositions is part of WSU's profession	ould have profound effects in the future. The identification	
DISPOSITION STANDARD	OBSERVATIONS	
1. High Expectations/Understanding Diverse Cultures The teacher candidate centers instruction on high expectations for student achievement through the understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities.	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)  Lesson plans and learning tasks are aligned to standards  Lesson plans provide opportunities for students to understand academic language and vocabulary  Respects gender/ethnic/cultural differences  Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes  Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)	
2. <u>Differentiation</u> The teacher candidate <b>recognizes</b> individual student learning needs and <b>develops</b> strategies for planning differentiated instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals.	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)  Lesson plans include learning experiences that address individual and whole class needs  Lesson plans include informal and/or formal assessments to determine student learning and understanding  Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes  Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)	
3. <u>Instructional Strategies</u> The teacher candidate <b>demonstrates</b> 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.	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)  Uses effective voice (modulation, enunciation, volume Engages students in learning Understands & presents concepts and directions clearly  Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes  Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)	
4. Assessment 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.	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)  Lesson plan includes checks for understanding  Monitors students and provides feedback pointing out strengths and makes suggestions to improve student learning  Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes	

Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)

5. Classroom Environment The teacher candidate fosters and manages a safe and positive learning environment using a variety of classroom management strategies that take into account the cultural, physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being of students appropriate to their grade level.	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)  Develops positive rapport with students and promotes a culture of fairness and belief that all students can learn  Displays a positive attitude and empathy for students  Responds appropriately when issues develop and uses positive reinforcement with students  Articulates expectations for a positive and safe learning environment  Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes  Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)
6. Communication/Collaboration	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)
The teacher candidate communicates and collaborates with	☐ Demonstrates an enthusiasm for teaching
colleagues, parents, and the school community in an ethical and	☐ Utilizes mentor as a resource
professional manner to promote student learning and growth.	
	Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes
	Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)
7. Taking the Initiative to Participate and Collaborate	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)
The teacher candidate takes the <b>initiative</b> to participate and	☐ Participates in the school community
collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school	☐ Is self-motivated and willing to grow professionally
professionals, and community members to advance their own	(including participating in trainings or PLCs when
professional development and contributions to the broader	invited)
profession.	
	Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes
	Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)
9. Dogwoods Foodbook	Observations (Provided by Monter Teacher)
8. Requests Feedback The teacher candidate respectfully and openly requests, accepts,	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)   Responds positively when given suggestions from
and applies feedback for improvement.	mentor for improvement
and applies recuback for improvement.	☐ Learns new concepts willingly and demonstrates
	flexibility
	Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes
	Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)
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9. <u>Reflection</u>	Observations (Provided by Mentor Teacher)
The teacher candidate <b>reflects</b> on their own practice and progress to improve instruction for all learners.	<u> </u>
	improve their practice
	Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes
	Fuidance (Dravided by Teacher Cardidate)
	Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)

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10. <u>Professionalism</u> The teacher candidate <u>demonstrates</u> professionalism by attendall field experiences; arriving on time and departing appropriat preparing to participate and /or teach; dressing according to be climate, culture, and expectations; observing confidentiality; an adhering to school and state code of conduct.	ely; attendance uilding Organizes time, materials, and lesson plans in a timely
	behaviors with students  Demonstrates ethical conduct  Mentor and/or Supervisor Notes  Evidence (Provided by Teacher Candidate)
Standards adapted from the Teacher Performance Evaluation Pro Support Consortium (INTASC).	ogram (TPEP) and the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and
Candidate is ready to proceed to Student Teaching Intern	ship □ Yes □ No
Mark all population groups you worked with during your fi	eld experience:
☐ Black or African American ☐	Asian
☐ Hispanic ☐	Asian Subcontinent
☐ Native American or Alaska Native ☐	Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander
☐ White/non-Hispanic ☐	Special Needs Learner
□ Other □	Multilingual Learner
1. Briefly describe your experiences working with the stude observations, etc.).	ents marked above (small group instruction, large instruction,
2. Describe how your mentor provided regular opportuniti strategies to align communication with the communication	es for communication with students and families, including a styles or languages of others.
·	milies create a shared responsibility for learning. During the from various backgrounds to provide input on activities and
If you have yet to observe these due to the brief nature of communication and collaboration with families to better s	the pre-internship, what will you do to initiate and facilitate upport learning goals during the internship?
University Supervisor Signature	Mentor Teacher Signature

Date

Teacher Candidate Signature

## Appendix I: Internship Professional Dispositions Evaluation for Field Experiences (PDEFE)

eacher Candidate Name:		WSU ID#:	
URPOSE: As an institution that prepares teachers, we owe our sta	ate's n-12 stur	lents narents and citizens our hest professional	
udgment and keenest observations when making assessments that			
nd evaluation of professional dispositions is part of WSU's profess	-		
The evaluation of professional dispositions is part of woods profess	Torial respons	ionicy.	
DISPOSITION STANDARD		EVIDENCE	
High Expectations/Understanding Diverse Cultures	Notes supp	orting rating:	
The teacher candidate centers instruction on high	litotes supp		
expectations for student achievement through the			
understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures			
and communities.	☐ Met	☐ Not Met	
2. Differentiation	Notes supp	orting rating:	
The teacher candidate <b>recognizes</b> individual student learning			
needs and <b>develops</b> strategies for planning differentiated			
instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous	_	_	
learning goals.	☐ Met	☐ Not Met	
3. Instructional Strategies	Notes supp	orting rating:	
The teacher candidate <b>demonstrates</b> 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	□ Met	□ Not Mot	
focused on the learning targets.	□ Met	☐ Not Met	
4. Assessment	Notes supp	orting rating:	
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	□ Met	☐ Not Met	
learning.			
5. <u>Classroom Environment</u>	Notes supp	orting rating:	
The teacher candidate <b>fosters</b> and <b>manages</b> a safe and positive			
learning environment using a variety of classroom			
management strategies that take into account the cultural,			
physical, emotional, and intellectual well-being of students	☐ Met	☐ Not Met	
appropriate to their grade level.	<u> </u>		
6. Communication/Collaboration	Notes supp	orting rating:	
The teacher candidate <b>communicates</b> and <b>collaborates</b> with			
colleagues, parents, and the school community in an ethical			
and professional manner to promote student learning and	☐ Met	☐ Not Met	
growth.	Natas supe		
7. Taking the Initiative to Participate and Collaborate	Notes supp	orting rating:	
The teacher candidate takes the <b>initiative</b> 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.	☐ Met	☐ Not Met	
8. Requests Feedback	Notes sunn	Orting rating:	
The teacher candidate respectfully and openly <b>requests</b> ,	Notes suppl	Notes supporting rating:	
accepts, and applies feedback for improvement.			
accepts, and applies recuback for improvement.	□ Met	□ Not Met	

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9. Reflection	Notes sunn	orting rating:
The teacher candidate <b>reflects</b> on their own practice and	Notes supp	orting rating.
progress to improve instruction for all learners.	☐ Met	□ Not Met
<b>10.</b> Professionalism  The teacher candidate demonstrates professionalism by attending all field experiences; arriving on time and departir appropriately; preparing to participate and /or teach; dressi according to building climate, culture, and expectations;	ng	orting rating:
observing confidentiality; and adhering to school and state code of conduct.	☐ Met	□ Not Met
Standards adapted from the Teacher Performance Evaluation P Support Consortium (INTASC).	Program (TPEP) an	d the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and
Mark all population groups you worked with during your	field experience	:
☐ Black or African American	□ Asian	
☐ Hispanic [	☐ Asian Subcont	inent
□ Native American or Alaska Native [	☐ Native Hawaii	an or Pacific Islander
☐ White/non-Hispanic [	☐ Special Needs	Learner
□ Other [	☐ Multilingual L	earner
<ol> <li>Briefly describe your experiences working with the studo observations, etc.).</li> </ol>	dents marked ak	oove (small group instruction, large instruction
2. How did you communicate high expectations for stude historically marginalized groups?	nts of all backgr	ounds, especially those from minoritized or
3. Describe a time when you adapted a lesson or commulative life experiences and interests from most students in the communication.		
4. Washington State educators must continue seeking op students.	portunities to re	emove barriers and create opportunities for all
(a) What is your plan as a new educator to contin students during your first few years of teaching?	ue to work towa	ard equitable teaching and to advocate for all
(b) What methods will you use to seek feedback the help you teach your students more effectively?	from students a	nd families to increase student equity and to
University Supervisor Signature	Mentor T	eacher Signature
Teacher Candidate Signature	Date	

## **Appendix J: PDEFE Formative Collection Tool**

#### 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 a *formative* data collection during a candidate's experience.

Teacher Candidate Name:	Field Superviso	or
Subject observed	Date	Mentor
1.The teacher candidate <b>centers instruction</b> on high expectations for student achievement through the <b>understanding</b> of individual and diverse cultures and communities.	Respects gender/ethnic/cultural diffe	s appropriate adjustments in instruction els and other needs
	Models and provides opportunities for	or students to understand academic language and vocabulary related to the content
2.The teacher candidate <b>recognizes</b> individual student learning needs and develops strategies for planning differentiated instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals.	, ,	res that address individual and whole class needs as to determine student learning and understanding as/modifications/ accommodations ime
3.The teacher candidate <b>demonstrates</b> 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.	Checks for understanding throughou Understands and presents concepts of Uses effective voice (modulation, end Helps students make connections beto uses a variety of strategies and instrution paces lessons appropriately & provid Includes multiple intelligence consideration provides a variety of graphic organized Helps students use a variety of source	clearly – Gives clear directions unciation, volume)  Eween concepts and asks questions that require thinking/critical thinking actional groupings – Engages students in learning es closure, including assessment of objective
4.The teacher candidate <b>understands</b> and <b>uses</b> 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.	Modifies tasks, provides scaffolding of Uses informal/formal assessments to Provides, explains, and utilizes rubric	

5.The teacher candidate <b>fosters</b> and <b>manages</b> a safe and positive learning environment using a variety of classroom management strategies that take into account the cultural, physical, emotional, and intellectual wellbeing of students appropriate to their grade level.	<ul> <li>Develops a positive rapport with students and promotes a culture of fairness and belief that all students can learn</li> <li>Displays a positive attitude, appropriate sense of humor, and empathy for students</li> <li>Implements smooth and timely transitions; effectively manages materials, technology, and groups</li> <li>Intervenes in inappropriate or off-task behaviors quickly and effectively-parameters clear</li> <li>Responds appropriately when issues develop and uses positive reinforcement with students</li> <li>Implements and understands specific behavior plans/strategies for the class and individuals</li> <li>Routines and procedures are evident including expectations for preparation and completion of work</li> <li>Articulates expectations for a positive safe learning environment conducive to learning which includes respect for others</li> </ul>
6.The teacher candidate <b>communicates</b> and <b>collaborates</b> with mentor, colleagues, parents and the school community in an ethical and professional manner to promote student learning and growth.	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
7.The teacher candidate takes the <b>initiative</b> to participate and collaborate with mentor learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to advance their own professional development and contributions to the broader profession.	<ul> <li>Seeks opportunities to attend trainings</li> <li>Communicates/collaborates with teachers/counselors regarding students</li> <li>Provides early communication with administrators regarding students</li> <li>Participates in school activities outside the classroom</li> <li>Is self-motivated and willing to grow professionally including participating in trainings and/or PLCs.</li> </ul>
8.The teacher candidate respectfully and openly <b>requests</b> , <b>accepts</b> , <b>and applies</b> feedback for improvement.	<ul> <li>Responds positively when given suggestions from mentor/colleagues for improvement and/or lesson reflections</li> <li>Solicits suggestions for improvement from multiple sources</li> <li>Gives appropriate consideration to student and parent feedback</li> <li>Learns new concepts willingly and demonstrates flexibility</li> <li>Participates in pre-planning with mentor and shares plans with the mentor, soliciting suggestions and improvements</li> </ul>
9.The teacher candidate <b>reflects</b> on their own practice and progress to improve instruction for all learners.	Consistently completes and discusses the Weekly Conference FormReflects on the lesson during post-observation conferenceDuring planning/co-planning, reflects and expands on successful lessons, strategies, and practicesSeeks counsel and guidance from mentor and other staff
10. The teacher candidate <b>demonstrates</b> professionalism by attending all field experiences; arriving on time and departing appropriately; preparing to participate and /or teach; dressing professionally; observing confidentiality; and adhering to the school and state code of conduct.	<ul> <li>Punctual to school and meetings, practices good attendance</li> <li>Organizes time, materials, and lesson plans in a timely manner; balances various demands effectively</li> <li>Demonstrates dependability and reliability; keeps information and conversations confidential</li> <li>Maintains professional demeanor, behavior, and attire</li> <li>Demonstrates professional conversations and behaviors with students</li> <li>Seeks ways to build a community of learners</li> <li>Demonstrates careful oral, written, and electronic communication</li> <li>Follows established rules, laws, and policies and demonstrates ethical conduct</li> </ul>

## **Appendix K: Field Services Consent to Record**

#### Dear Parent/Guardian:

Sincerely

I am a teacher candidate at Washington State University working with your child's teacher to complete my university program requirements and state licensure. I may be required to film myself teaching a lesson during my internship. This video will be viewed for analysis in my teacher preparation program.

The primary focus of the video recording is on my instruction, not on the students in the class. While recording my teaching, your child may appear on the video. Additionally, I will collect student work samples as evidence of my teaching practice, which may include some of your child's work. If you choose not to give your permission, your child will still participate in classroom instruction as usual. I will adjust the camera range to exclude your student and no work samples will be collected.

No student's name will appear on any submitted materials and materials will always be kept confidential. The video recordings are submitted in a secure and confidential portfolio that will only be viewed by university faculty. The recordings will not be duplicated and digital and print materials will be destroyed prior to the end of the semester. The recordings will not appear online or in any other public setting. The attached form will be used to document your permission for these activities.

(Teacher Candidate Signature)
Student Name:
I am the parent/legal guardian of the child named above. I have read and understand the consent to record and agree to the following: (Please check the appropriate box below.)
I DO give permission for you to include my child's student work and/or image on video recordings as part of the video(s) showing your classroom performance to be used for the internship requirement. I understand that my child's name and any other personally identifiable information about my child will not appear on any materials.
☐ I DO NOT give permission for you to include my child's student work and/or image on video recordings as part of the video(s) showing your classroom performance for the internship requirement.
Signature of Parent or Guardian:
Date: