# **MEES Teacher Candidate Assessment Rubric**

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<ul> <li>Provides no opportunity for students to process content.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates an awareness of strategies to allow students to process content.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides students limited opportunities to process content.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides students with multiple opportunities to process the content.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identifies low engagement and responds with strategies to increase engagement.</li> <li>Uses a variety of skillful</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Shares incorrect information.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates an understanding of basic content.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conveys accurate information when teaching content.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conveys accurate content knowledge, relevant examples, and content- specific resources to engage students and support learning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>questioning strategies to promote active participation and depth of student response.</li> <li>Facilitates a lesson in which every student in the class appears engaged for the duration of the lesson.</li> <li>Promotes students authentically using vocabulary and terminology relevant to the content.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of addressing needed vocabulary and/or terminology for student understanding of content.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans to introduce vocabulary and terminology, but does not use strategies to enhance student engagement and responses.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Introduces vocabulary and terminology necessary to understand content, but uses limited strategies to engage students</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conveys vocabulary and terminology necessary to understand content and uses evidence-based instructional strategies to engage students.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of planning for student engagement.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans for student engagement but no evidence of implementation.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Inconsistently engages students in the content.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consistently engages the majority of students in the content.</li> </ul>	

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<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of differentiating content, process, product, or environment or shows no awareness of student differences.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Describes strategies to differentiate and adjusts instruction based on student differences.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Varies activities and strategies within a lesson but does not intentionally consider individual student differences represented in the classroom.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implements lessons that intentionally vary one or more of the following in order to address student differences: content, process, product, or environment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adjusts strategies in the moment based on individual student needs.</li> <li>Uses individual student data or assessments to inform the selection and modification of strategies.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of understanding students' background knowledge and learning needs.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates understanding that some students may require differentiation based on cognitive, social, emotional, and physical needs.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses evidence-based strategies for differentiation, though choices in strategies are not matched to some students' needs and interests.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Applies knowledge of individual students' needs and interests by selecting a variety of evidence- based strategies, including any necessary accommodations or modifications.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Goes beyond food, holidays, and customs to acknowledge and explore deeper cultural expectations (sociolinguistics) and communication strategies (pragmatics) in classroom instruction and interactions.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of understanding students' languages, family, culture, and community needs.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates understanding of students' languages, family, culture, and community in planning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Affirms students' languages, family, culture, and community during learning opportunities.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Integrates understanding of students' languages, family, culture, and community when selecting, creating, and facilitating learning opportunities.</li> </ul>	

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<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of learning activities with alignment to standards.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans for learning activities that are appropriately aligned to standards.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implements learning activities aligned to standards.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implements learning activities aligned to chosen standards and incorporates embedded formative assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Delivers lessons and assessments that illustrate a high degree of understanding of the intended standards.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of posting or mentioning the learning objectives during the lesson.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Posts the learning objectives but does not mention the objective during the lesson.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>States the learning objectives so that some students are able to articulate the objective of the lesson.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Clearly conveys objectives in student-friendly language so that the majority of students are able to articulate the objective of the lesson.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Connects cross-curricular subjects and/or considers scope and sequence when implementing lessons.</li> <li>Connects learning objectives to real world references to aid in student comprehension.</li> </ul>

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<ul> <li>Demonstrates no awareness of the importance of students sharing ideas and generating possible solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans strategies to facilitate opportunities for students to share ideas and generate possible solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses strategies for some students to share ideas and generate possible solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implements strategies in which most students convey their ideas or solutions through product or process.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Facilitates student-centered lessons in which students discover for themselves the desired knowledge or skills, rather than relying on teacher-provided information.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of knowledge of importance of student analysis and discussion of problems and possible solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans strategies for analyzing and discussing problems and possible solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Creates opportunities for some students to analyze and discuss problems and possible solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Facilitates opportunities in which most students analyze and discuss problems and possible solutions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides opportunities for students to demonstrate creativity, engage in creative problem-solving, and develop curiosity through hands-on experiences.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of using questions that promote critical thinking.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans to use questions that promote critical thinking.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses questioning techniques that promote students' critical thinking.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses questioning techniques that result in most students providing answers reflecting critical thinking.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Allows students to express their thoughts, feelings, insights, opinions, and attitudes (not just knowledge) through a variety of media.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of higher order thinking.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans for higher order thinking.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses strategies to incorporate higher order thinking.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consistently uses evidence-based strategies to promote higher order thinking.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Provides opportunities for student thinking to delve into real-world topics, which address differing viewpoints, and allows students to respectfully justify their own opinion and solution to a problem.</li> </ul>

that encourages active engage	ment in learning, positive socia	l interaction, and self-motivation	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	havior to create a learning environment
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<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of classroom expectations that would contribute to a safe learning environment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans to communicate expectations to maintain a safe learning environment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Communicates expectations to students in advance, though may not consistently maintain these expectations throughout the lesson.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Implements developmentally appropriate expectations to maintain a respectful and safe learning environment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Involves all students in creating a safe learning environment that respects differences and individual preferences.</li> <li>Seeks feedback from students or his or her teaching, strategies, classroom, etc.</li> <li>Facilitates an environment that supports student self-monitoring to maximize instructional time</li> </ul>
• Displays a lack of awareness of how to build appropriate relationships with students.	<ul> <li>Describes strategies for building appropriate relationships with students.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Fosters positive social interactions in the classroom.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintains positivity in formal and informal interactions, which encourages students to actively engage in learning.</li> </ul>	
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of strategies for monitoring student behavior and addressing disruptions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Explains strategies for monitoring student behavior and minimizing disruptions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Responds appropriately to classroom disruptions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Proactively uses varied classroom management strategies to minimize disruptions to the learning environment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>and student learning.</li> <li>Effectively uses varied management or organizational strategies to motivate students and minimize interference with classroom instruction.</li> </ul>

Standard 6: Effective Commun families to foster active inquiry			bal, and media communication techniques wit	h students, colleagues and
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<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of instructions in lesson plan.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans to provide instructions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conveys instructions to students through verbal <b>OR</b> non-verbal cues.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Conveys clear instructions through verbal AND non-verbal cues or other communication strategies; follows up with students not understanding instructions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Adjusts communication and interactions to support individual student understanding.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of understanding the need to articulate expectations for student communication and interaction.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans to articulate expectations for respectful student communication and interaction.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Articulates vague expectations to students about respectful communication and interaction.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Articulates or models expectations for student communication and interaction with respect for diverse backgrounds or differing opinions.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Encourages students to develop effective speech qualities including volume, tone, and inflection or other effective communication techniques</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Uses volume, tone, inflection, or sight lines that negatively impact lesson delivery.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Displays self-awareness of the impact of volume, tone, inflection, or sight lines on lesson delivery.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses volume, tone, inflection, or sight lines that periodically impact lesson delivery.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Ensures volume, tone, inflection, and sight lines positively impact lesson delivery that is sensitive to the diverse needs of students, using resources as necessary.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Consistently uses and fosters correct, effective verbal and nonverbal communication, including strategies to communicate with</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Consistently includes distracting communication errors that interfere with meaning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Includes communication errors that interfere with meaning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses communication that includes errors that do not interfere with meaning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Models proper spelling and grammar consistently in written and verbal communication.</li> </ul>	students whose first language is not Standard English or whose disability requires specific forms of communication.
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of culturally and linguistically appropriate communication, resources, or examples.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Plans for culturally and linguistically appropriate communication, resources, or examples.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses culturally and linguistically appropriate communication, resources, or examples.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Intentionally integrates and responds to culturally and linguistically appropriate communication, resources, or examples based on audience and context.</li> </ul>	communication.

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<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of data from assessments to monitor the progress of students.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Articulates the importance of collecting assessment data.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses formative and/or summative assessment data to monitor the progress of the class as a whole.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses formative and/or summative assessment data to effectively monitor the progress of individual students and the class as a whole.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Analyzes trend data to respond instructionally, resulting in a positive impact on student learning.</li> <li>Uses multiple assessments to</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no awareness that formative assessments are needed to guide future instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Articulates the need to use formative assessment strategies to gather data on student understanding to guide future instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses some formative assessment strategies to partially gather data on student understanding and sporadically implements adjustments to plan future instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses formative assessment strategies to effectively gather data about student understanding and uses it to plan future instruction.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>accurately monitor, analyze, triangulate the progress of eastudent and the class as a wh</li> <li>Supports students in creating and articulating progress tow goals.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of an understanding of maintaining student assessment records.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Articulates a process for maintaining student assessment records.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Confidentially maintains student assessment records, though processes are inconsistent.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Maintains student assessment records consistently and confidentially.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses formative assessment strategies to adjust mid-lesson instruction.</li> </ul>

Standard 8: Professionalism. The t candidate actively seeks out opport 0-The teacher candidate does not possess the necessary knowledge, therefore, the standard is not evident or is incorrect in performance.		• •	students. 3-Skilled Candidate: The teacher candidate is able to articulate the necessary knowledge and effectively demonstrates in performance. Expected level of	<ul> <li>ctions on others. The teacher</li> <li>4-Exceeding Candidate: The teacher candidate adapts and develops the lesson according to the teaching environment/ student response (all descriptors in the skilled candidate (3) column must be met as well as at least one descriptor below):</li> </ul>
			performance by the end of the student teaching semester.	
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of reflection on the lesson.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reflects on the lesson when prompted by the evaluator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Independently reflects on aspects of the lesson.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Reflects on the effectiveness of a lesson based on student learning and engagement.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Demonstrates commitment to the learning of the entire school, grade level, or data team, such as providing resources or activities, collaborating with colleagues on curriculum, etc.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of acceptance of feedback provided by the evaluator.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accepts feedback but does not use feedback to adjust and improve practice.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accepts and uses feedback inconsistently to adjust and improve practice.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Accepts and uses feedback consistently to adjust and improve practice.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Actively participates in a professional organization to improve practice.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of recognition of own weaknesses even when prompted.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acknowledges weaknesses when prompted, but does not improve professional conduct.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monitors and adjusts professional conduct when prompted.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Monitors and adjusts professional conduct through self- assessment.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Identifies areas of growth and seeks out opportunities to strengthen professional knowledge, e.g., webinars, books, professional development</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no acknowledgement of the importance of professional development.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Acknowledges the importance of professional development, but does not attend.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Attends approved professional development.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Uses techniques or strategies introduced in approved professional development to improve student learning.</li> </ul>	opportunities, professors, etc.

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<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of understanding the importance of professional collaboration with colleagues.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognizes the importance of professional collaboration with colleagues.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Participates in professional collaboration with colleagues.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Prepares for and fully engages in professional collaboration with colleagues to enhance student learning.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Volunteers to be a member of a school-wide committee.</li> <li>Collaborates with outside community members for the benefit of students.</li> </ul>
<ul> <li>Provides no evidence of understanding the importance of building relationships.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Recognizes the importance of building relationships with students, colleagues, and families.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Builds and maintains appropriate relationships with a limited number of students, colleagues, and families.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Builds, maintains, and seeks out positive, appropriate relationships with students, colleagues, and families to support student success.</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Actively participates in school or district events to build a broader network of collaboration.</li> </ul>