

Professional Behaviors and Dispositions Assessment

User Guide

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Professional Behaviors and Dispositions Assessment (PBDA) Guidelines

The PBDA was developed by a task force of Georgia educators. The assessment is based on the contributions of dozens of education experts who spent hundreds of hours in its development, and therefore, the task force cautions against changing any of the content of the rubric when using it to assess candidates. Within teacher preparation programs, the PBDA is intended to be embedded in a longitudinal, comprehensive, and systematic plan for supporting preservice teachers.

Program completers should pass the assessment with a minimum score of "Meets Expectations" on each of the 14 indicators. The target total by the end of the summative assessment is 28 points for 14 items (14 \times 2 points = 28).

Notes on Scoring the PBDA

The PBDA contains 14 criteria, in the form of Outcome Statements, that have been carefully selected by the task force. The score for each item is designated as follows:

Does Not Meet Expectations	0 points
Developing	1 points
Meets Expectations	2 points
Exceeds Expectations	3 points

Indicators are included for each outcome statement to describe the level of performance expected at each scoring level. Assessors should read each of the indicators carefully, being careful to avoid the tendency to always rate good students at the highest level. A criterion should only be scored as "Exceeds Expectations" when the candidate demonstrates behaviors or dispositions that identify them as significantly advanced beyond the expectations for their first year of teaching. In most cases, this level indicates a candidate who is proactive in helping or encouraging others toward success or who demonstrates exceptional initiative in the teaching environment. Students who are in the early stages of their programs are not expected to score "Meets Expectations" on all criteria. It is expected that students will develop their professional behaviors and dispositions throughout the program.

Assessors should enter evidence in the column "Evidence that Supports Assessor Rating" for each criterion. This evidence will help others to understand the assessor's rationale for the rating.

In some cases, it is not possible for the assessor to score an item because they have not observed the teacher candidate's behaviors or dispositions related to that item. The score for that item should not be entered as a zero, which would have a detrimental effect on the overall score. Therefore, when calculating a score on the rubric, the assessor should first note the number of items that can be scored. That is, if two criteria have been marked as "Not Observed," the total number of scorable items will be 12. The table below is based on an expectation that the candidate will score, on average, at the level of "Meets Expectations" (2 points) on all criteria. Therefore, the target total will be the number of scorable items times 2. The total points earned, divided by the target score, should equal to 1.0 or higher for the final score. It is possible for a candidate to score higher if s/he scores at the level of "Exceeds Expectations," on some items and therefore, the final score may exceed 1.0.

Steps for Determining the Final Score:

- a. Select the number of scorable items (14 minus the number of "Not Observed" items).
- b. Enter the total number of points the candidate earned.
- c. Check to see the target total for the appropriate scorable items.
- d. Calculate the final score: $(b \div c)$

Important note: If an assessor marks more than 5 items as "Not Observed," it should be assumed that the assessor has insufficient knowledge of the candidate and should not be used to complete the assessment.

Note: Dispositions must be scored by the following observers during the following transition points:

Transition Point		Observation Type/Observer	
XXXX 2999 Course:	First semester in program or	Teacher Candidate Self-Assessment	
Entry to the Profession	just prior to beginning program	Teacher Candidate Sen-Assessment	
	Near end of final field		
Final Field Experience	experience prior to clinical	University Supervisor	
	practice/student teaching		
	Mid-point of clinical	University Supervisor	
Mid Formative	practice/student teaching	Mentor Teacher	
	practice/student teaching	Teacher Candidate Self-Assessment	
Summative	Near end of clinical	Collaborative with University Supervisor,	
Summauve	practice/student teaching	Mentor Teacher, and Teacher Candidate	

Additional dispositions ratings may be used at the programs discretion. This same form will be utilized for all dispositions ratings.

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Outcome Statement Professional Behaviors and Dispositions	Exceeds Expectations (3)	Meets Expectations (2)	Developing (1)	Does Not Meet Expectations (0)	Not Observed	Evidence That Supports Assessor Rating
1. Collaboration The teacher or teacher candidate collaborates with others. CAEP 1.1; InTASC Cross-Cutting Themes 1(k), 3(k), 3(l), 3(nm), 5(u), 5(v), 6(m), 7(l), 8(s), 9(l), 10(k), 10(l)	Actively seeks opportunities to collaborate with others AND makes positive contributions to collaborative work	Collaborates with others AND makes positive contributions toward productive, collaborative work	Acknowledges verbally or in writing the need for or the importance of collaboration but does not engage in productive, collaborative work	Acknowledges verbally or in writing a reluctance or unwillingness to collaborate with others OR is confrontational, argumentative, or unwilling to cooperate with others in collaborative settings		
The teacher or teacher candidate demonstrates a positive attitude. CAEP 1.1; InTASC 9 Note: This criterion is measurable only by observation of the candidate's behaviors. Examples are provided but are not intended to be inclusive of all behaviors related to the criterion.	Demonstrates a positive attitude in typical and challenging situations AND is proactive in promoting positive attitudes among others, Example: Views constructive criticism as an opportunity for growth; recognizes the strengths in others rather than their deficits	Demonstrates a positive attitude in typical AND challenging situations Example: Focuses on positive outcomes when faced with challenging situations; avoids complaining; is pleasant to others; faces challenges or problems with a demeanor of hope or optimism; exhibits flexibility and openness while working with colleagues	Demonstrates a positive attitude under typical, circumstances, but response to challenging situations is often unpredictable Example: Requires guidance to seek positive solutions for challenging situations	Demonstrates a negative attitude Example: Gossips or complains excessively or engages in other negative discourse		

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3. Relationship with Adults The teacher or teacher candidate maintains positive relationships with adults (parents, colleagues, guardians, staff, administration, etc.). CAEP 1.1; InTASC 3, 10 Note: This criterion is measurable only by observation of the candidate's behaviors. Examples are provided but are not intended to be inclusive of all behaviors related to the criterion.	Maintains positive relationships with adults at all times AND is proactive in creating and promoting an environment that is mutually respectful Example: Encourages others to develop and maintain positive relationships amongst themselves	Maintains positive relationships with adults at all times Example: Always respectful and kind toward others; communicates appropriately; considers others' feelings, perspectives, and cultures	Generally maintains positive relationships with adults, with few lapses Example: Generally respectful of others; communicates appropriately; considers others' feelings, perspectives, and cultures	Acts toward others in ways that are disrespectful or inappropriate Example: Often OR egregiously demonstrates a lack of respect for others; communicates inappropriately; behaves in ways that are disrespectful to others' feelings, perspectives, and/or cultures	Observed	Assessor Raung
4. Communication The teacher or teacher candidate communicates effectively. CAEP 1.1; InTASC Cross-Cutting Themes 3(o), 3(n), 6(o), 8(u), 10 (a, d-g, k, m, n q, r)	Communicates effectively with all stakeholders (e.g., students, parents or guardians, district and school personnel) and uses verbal, non-verbal, and written communication techniques to foster positive interactions and promote learning in the classroom and school environment; AND	Communicates effectively with all stakeholders (e.g., students, parents or guardians, district and school personnel) AND uses verbal, non-verbal, and written communication techniques to foster positive interactions and promote learning in the classroom and school environment	Acknowledges verbally or in writing the importance of effective communication (e.g., with students, parents or guardians, district and school personnel) BUT sometimes lacks the verbal, non-verbal, and written communication techniques that foster positive interactions and promote learning in the classroom and school environment	Acknowledges verbally or in writing a reluctance or unwillingness to use effective and appropriate communications with others (e.g., students, parents or guardians, district and school personnel) OR lacks the verbal, non- verbal, and written		

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	communicates with individuals outside the school environment to promote awareness of education-related issues Example: Speaks at a local service organization; writes a letter to their congressperson; presents a workshop or seminar at a professional conference; creates and distributes a newsletter for parents			communication techniques that foster positive interactions and promote learning in the classroom and school environment Example: Uses negative or closed body language; speaks harshly; ignores others		
5. Attendance The teacher or teacher candidate adheres to policies regarding attendance and punctuality. CAEP 1.1; InTASC 9	Knows and adheres to university, school, and/or district policies regarding attendance and punctuality AND attends school related events that are not required, such as extracurricular school activities, parent organization meetings, community events related to the school	Knows and adheres to university, school, and/or district policies regarding attendance and punctuality	Works toward becoming knowledgeable of university, school, and/or district policies regarding attendance and punctuality AND attempts to comply with policies	Absences and/or late arrivals violate university, school, and/or district policies regarding attendance and punctuality.		
6. Relationship with Students The teacher or teacher candidate interacts appropriately and positively with others.	Interacts appropriately and positively with students and provides instruction that respects and aligns with the intellectual, social, cultural, emotional, and physical needs of the age group AND is proactive in promoting respect for	Interacts appropriately and positively with students AND provides instruction that respects and aligns with the intellectual, social, cultural, emotional, and physical needs of the age group	Interacts appropriately and positively with students BUT provides instruction that disregards, disrespects, or is not aligned with the intellectual, social, cultural, emotional, and physical needs of the age group	Interacts inappropriately or negatively toward students OR provides instruction that disregards, disrespects, or is not aligned with the intellectual, social, cultural, emotional,		

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CAEP 1.1; InTASC 3, 10	and understanding of students' needs and interests		Example: Plans/teaches lessons that are age-inappropriate or which portray certain cultures in stereotypical ways	and physical needs of the age group Example: Shows bias and/or favoritism toward students; engages in inappropriate physical or social interactions with		
7. Initiative The teacher or teacher candidate demonstrates evidence of initiative. CAEP 1.1; InTASC 10	Initiates and completes responsibilities without prompting AND seeks opportunities to take on new responsibilities and challenges	Initiates and completes responsibilities without prompting Example: Is proactive in asking questions and seeking guidance for areas of uncertainty; draws on knowledge and experience to respond to new situations and challenges; anticipates and plans for the unexpected	Completes assigned responsibilities when prompted Example: Reflects on experience and suggests possibilities for approaching new situations and challenges	students Avoids opportunities to initiate and/or complete responsibilities Example: Blames others rather than taking personal responsibility; provides excuses, such as lack of understanding or support		
8. Professional Appearance The teacher or teacher candidate adheres to good hygiene and follows university, school, and/or district policies for professional appearance.	Is clean and neat AND consistently exceeds university, school, and/or district minimum standards for professional appearance Example: A male teacher wears a long-sleeve shirt and tie on most days, even though it is not required by school policy.	Is clean and neat AND adheres to university, school, and/or district policies for professional appearance	Is clean and neat BUT occasionally fails to adhere to university, school, and/or district policies for professional appearance	Does not meet minimum expectations for personal hygiene OR violates university, school, and/or district policies for professional appearance		

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CAEP 1.1; InTASC 9						
9. Legal and Ethical Conduct The teacher or teacher candidate adheres to legal and ethical standards for behavior. CAEP 1.1; InTASC 9	Knowledgeable of and adheres to university, school, and/or district policies related to legal and ethical standards of behavior and upholds the State Code of Ethics for Educators AND advocates for equitable treatment of others AND develops preventative methods to protect students and/or teachers from conditions that interfere with learning or are harmful to their health and safety Example: Develops a workshop for students or others in which s/he explicitly teaches the	Knowledgeable of and adheres to university, school, and/or district policies related to legal and ethical standards of behavior AND upholds the State Code of Ethics for Educators Example: Exhibits equitable treatment of others and exerts reasonable effort to protect students from conditions that interfere with learning or are harmful to their health and safety	Reviews and seeks guidance for gaining knowledge of and adhering to university, school, and/or district policies related to legal and ethical standards of behavior AND asks questions or pursues information to increase understanding of the State Code of Ethics Example: Seeks guidance on the equitable treatment of others and protecting students from conditions that interfere with learning or are harmful to their health and safety	Does not adhere to university, school, and/or district policies; OR deliberately fails to uphold the State Code of Ethics Example: Falsifies information on student records		
10.15	State Code of Ethics for Educators	T:	T**			
10. <u>Diversity</u> The teacher or teacher candidate demonstrates respect for and appreciation for a wide variety of individual differences. CAEP 1.1; InTASC 2	Listens and responds appropriately to others' opinions and exhibits respect for those of different cultural backgrounds, cognitive and physical abilities, and personal ideologies AND advocates for fair and equitable treatment for all	Listens and responds appropriately to others' opinions AND exhibits respect for those of different cultural backgrounds, cognitive and physical abilities, and personal ideologies	Listens and responds appropriately to others' opinions AND seeks guidance on how to exhibit respect for those of different cultural backgrounds, cognitive and physical abilities, and personal ideologies	Does not listen and respond appropriately to others' opinions AND/OR demonstrates a lack of respect for or insensitivity to those of different cultural backgrounds, cognitive and		

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11. Learning Environment The teacher or teacher candidate demonstrates a commitment to creating a positive, low-risk learning environment. CAEP 1.1; InTASC 3	Demonstrates a commitment to creating a positive, low-risk learning environment by providing students with choices, making relevant connections, building understanding, and developing relationships that create a sense of belonging between and among learners AND is proactive in disseminating information with others about how to create a positive learning environment	Demonstrates a commitment to creating a positive, low-risk learning environment by providing students with choices, making relevant connections, building understanding, and developing relationships that create a sense of belonging between and among learners	Demonstrates progress toward creating a positive, low-risk learning environment AND provides students with choices, makes relevant connections, builds understanding, and develops relationships that create a sense of belonging between and among learners	and personal ideologies Does not demonstrate a willingness to create a positive, low-risk learning environment OR allows disruptive behavior to interfere with learning		
12. <u>Time</u> <u>Management</u> The teacher or teacher candidate uses time effectively. CAEP 1.1; InTASC 7	Demonstrates effective use of time through thoughtful planning, thorough preparation, and efficient organization AND supports others in helping them to learn time management skills	Demonstrates effective use of time through thoughtful planning, thorough preparation, and efficient organization Example: Prepares in advance for events and uses a reliable system for planning and scheduling	Demonstrates progress toward development of a reliable system for planning and scheduling Example: Sometimes waits until the last minute to prepare; does not use a reliable system for planning and scheduling	Demonstrates no evidence of a reliable system for planning and scheduling Example: Waits until the last minute to prepare; does not use a reliable system for planning and scheduling		
13. Commitment to Student Learning	Demonstrates commitment to student learning by evaluating student strengths and	Demonstrates commitment to student learning by evaluating student strengths AND needs	Demonstrates commitment to student learning by identifying student strengths OR needs	Demonstrates little or no evidence of commitment to student learning		

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The teacher or teacher candidate demonstrates a commitment to students' learning. CAEP 1.1, 1.3; InTASC 1, 2, 7	needs AND advocates for optimal student learning opportunities based on the latest research and, if applicable, using the latest technology	Example: Plans instruction and assessments that are clearly aligned with learning objectives; takes time to know every student and their learning need; differentiates instruction and assessments based on identified strengths and areas for improvement	based on evaluations, assessments	Example: Lesson plans are poorly constructed and/or inadequately aligned with learning objectives		
14. Commitment to Continuous Improvement The teacher or teacher candidate demonstrates a commitment to continuous improvement as an educator. CAEP 1.1; InTASC 10	Demonstrates commitment to continuous improvement as an educator through intentional use of information, feedback, and research related to professional practice to guide instruction in the classroom AND engages in professional learning opportunities, seeks feedback from others, holds membership in professional organizations	Demonstrates commitment to continuous improvement as an educator through intentional use of information and feedback related to professional practice Example: Analyzes and applies data to guide instruction in the classroom; seeks feedback; accepts constructive criticism; attends recommended workshops, conferences, and job-related meetings	Demonstrates evidence of a developing commitment to continuous improvement as an educator through use of information and feedback related to professional practice Example: Demonstrates a willingness to analyze and apply data to guide instruction in the classroom; accepts and attempts to apply feedback and/or constructive criticism; attends recommended workshops, conferences, and job-related meetings	Demonstrates little or no evidence of commitment to continuous improvement as a professional educator Example: Restricts efforts to meet minimum requirements with no evidence of ongoing professional development		

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Valdosta State University Dewar College of Education& Human Services Professional Behaviors and Dispositions Assessment (PBDA) Rating Sheet

Teacher Candidate:		School:	
Grade/Subject:	Date:	Departme	nt:
Assessment Type (Circle):	Final Field Experience	Mid-Formative	Summative Other
Observer's Name		Feacher Candidate □	Mentor □ Supervisor □
1. Collaboration: The teache	er or teacher candidate collabo	rates with others.	
Rating: $\frac{\text{Exceeds}}{\text{Expectations (3)}}$	Meets Expectations (2) De	Weloning (I)	s Not Meet Not ons (0) Observed
Evidence That Supports Asse	ssor Rating:		
Note: This criterion is measur	eacher candidate demonstrates rable only by observation of the ve of all behaviors related to t	he candidate's behaviors.	Examples are provided but
Rating: $\frac{\text{Exceeds}}{\text{Expectations (3)}}$	Meets Expectations (2) De	Weloning (I)	s Not Meet Not ons (0) Observed
Evidence That Supports Asse	ssor Rating:		
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Exceeds	ve of all behaviors related to t Meets		Not Most Not
Rating: Expectations (3)	Expectations (2) De	eveloping (1) Expectation	s Not Meet Not ons (0) Observed
Evidence That Supports Asse	ssor Rating:		

4. Communication: The teacher or teacher candidate communicates effectively.					
Rating:	Exceeds Expectations (3)	Meets Expectations (2)	Developing (1)	Does Not Meet Expectations (0)	Not Observed
Evidence	e That Supports Asso	essor Rating:			
5. Atten	dance: The teacher	or teacher candidate	adheres to policies rega	rding attendance and pu	inctuality.
Rating:	Exceeds	Meets	Developing (1)	Does Not Meet	Not
	Expectations (3)	Expectations (2)	Developing (1)	Expectations (0)	Observed
Evidence	e That Supports Asso	essor Rating:			
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Rating:	Exceeds	Meets	Developing (1)	Does Not Meet	Not
	Expectations (3)	Expectations (2)	Beveloping (1)	Expectations (0)	Observed
Evidence	e That Supports Asso	essor Rating:			
7. Initia	tive: The teacher or	teacher candidate de	emonstrates evidence of	initiative.	
Rating:	Exceeds Expectations (3)	Meets Expectations (2)	Developing (1)	Does Not Meet Expectations (0)	Not Observed
Evidence	e That Supports Asso	essor Rating:			
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Rating:	Exceeds Expectations (3)	Meets Expectations (2)	Developing (1)	Does Not Meet Expectations (0)	Not Observed
Evidence	e That Supports Asse	essor Rating:			
9. Legal behavior		act: The teacher or t	eacher candidate adheres	s to legal and ethical sta	ndards for
	Exceeds	Meets	Daveloning	Does Not Meet	Not
Rating:	Expectations	Expectations	Developing	Expectations	Observed
Evidence	e That Supports Ass	essor Rating:			
	rsity: The teacher o	r teacher candidate	demonstrates respect for	and appreciation for a v	wide variety of
Rating:	Exceeds Expectations (3)	Meets Expectations (2)	Developing (1)	Does Not Meet Expectations (0)	Not Observed
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	learning environment		cher candidate demonstra	ates a commitment to cr	eating a positive,
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12. Time Management: The teacher or teacher candidate uses time effectively.					
Rating:	Exceeds	Meets	Developing (1)	Does Not Meet	Not
	Expectations (3)	Expectations (2)		Expectations (0)	Observed
Evidence That Supports Assessor Rating:					
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13. Commitment to Student Learning: The teacher or teacher candidate demonstrates a commitment to students'					
learning.					
	Exceeds	Meets		Does Not Meet	Not
Rating:	Expectations (3)	Expectations (2)	Developing (1)	Expectations (0)	Observed
Evidence That Supports Assessor Rating:					
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14. Commitment to Continuous Improvement: The teacher or teacher candidate demonstrates a commitment to					
continuous improvement as an educator.					
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