

Missouri State University

CANDIDATE PROFESSIONAL DISPOSITION TRAITS CHECKLIST

As an educator, you are to demonstrate intellectual, social, and ethical attributes indicative of the dispositions that contribute to the learning and development of all learners in Birth -12 classrooms. Dispositions refer to those “professional attitudes, values, and beliefs demonstrated through both verbal and non-verbal behaviors as educators interact with students, families, colleagues, and communities.”¹ The dispositions listed below are to be demonstrated through coursework, teaching practica, professional activities, and student teaching throughout your program of study.

Candidate demonstrates:
<i>Community Engagement through</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Cooperation with authority and peers
<input type="checkbox"/> Appropriate response to suggestions/feedback/criticism
<input type="checkbox"/> Responsibility/Reliability/Dependability
<input type="checkbox"/> Supportive/Encouraging
<input type="checkbox"/> Courtesy/Respect
<i>Cultural Competence through</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Acceptance of diversity/differences
<input type="checkbox"/> Optimism
<input type="checkbox"/> Non-Judgmental Attitude
<input type="checkbox"/> Caring/Kindness
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-control/emotional stability
<i>Ethical Leadership through</i>
<input type="checkbox"/> Honesty/Truthfulness
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional appearance (hygiene, grooming, attire)
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional oral and/or sign language
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional written language
<input type="checkbox"/> Punctuality
<input type="checkbox"/> Initiative
<input type="checkbox"/> Ethical behavior
<input type="checkbox"/> Tactful behavior

I understand that I must demonstrate these dispositions throughout my coursework in professional education. In the event that Professional Education Unit faculty has concerns about how I demonstrate one or more of these dispositions, I may be required to complete a Disposition Development Plan, in addition to my other course requirements.

Printed Name of Student _____ M-Number _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Major _____

¹ National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (2007). *The NCATE Unit Standards*. Washington, DC: Author Available <http://www.ncate.org/documents/standards/UnitStandardsMay07.pdf>.