



**The University of Texas at Tyler**  
College of Education and Psychology  
School of Education

**EDLR 5349 - Curriculum and Instruction for School Improvement**

**Instructor Information**

<b>Session</b>	Summer 2021
<b>Credit</b>	3 hours
<b>Course Meeting/Room</b>	Online
<b>Office Hours</b>	By Appointment <a href="https://calendly.com/kdyer-2">https://calendly.com/kdyer-2</a>

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**Catalog Description**

This course offers a framework intended to help educational leaders (principals) recognize quality instructional and curricular practices that lead to school improvement and student success. The course will provide research-based-teaching methods, explains how to implement them in the classroom, and shows what exemplary instruction really looks like. Students will observe examples of state-of-the-art teaching methods in action.

**Student Learning Outcomes**

The student will be able to:

- Understand the attributes of high-quality instructional practices to improve and restructure student learning (*Texas Principal Standard 1*)
- Learn to design and understand the importance of aligning curriculum, instruction and assessment (*Texas Principal Standard 1*)
- Understand how to advocate, sustain instructional program conducive to student learning (*Texas Principal Standards 1, 3 & 4*)
- Learn how to coach teachers to promote organizational change and establish advanced learning organizations (*Texas Principal Standards 1, 2 & 3*)
- Apply leadership and management principles (*Texas Principal Standard 3*)

**[Click here](#) for a copy of the Texas Principal Standards.**

**Course Requirements**

Discussion and Participation	25%
Assignments & Quizzes	50%
Final Exam	25%

For details about weekly assignments and due dates refer to the assignment schedule.

**Course Grading**

A	90-100% of points
B	80-89% of points
C	70-79% of points
D	60-69% of points
F	below 59.9% of total points

**Required Textbooks**

Zemelman, S., Daniels, H., and Hyde, A. (2012). *Best practice: Bringing Standards to Life in America's Classrooms*. Fourth Edition. Portsmouth: Heinemann.

Last Day to Withdraw from this course: **July 9, 2021**

**COURSE POLICIES**

All assignments are expected to be completed to the best ability of the student and adhere to the stated assignment criteria. All assignments must be submitted by date listed on the assignment schedule. No late work is accepted.

**Participation** and your commitment to your learning is critical to your success in any course. Your timely participation in the class discussion and group assignments is a substantial part of your grade in this course. You will note that your original post to the class discussions will be due first while your response to your classmates will be due later in the module. This structure will ensure we can engage in meaningful conversations about instructional supervision. If you wait until Friday evenings, when the assignments are due, to complete the required readings and watch the lecture videos, you will not be successful in this course.

**Communication**

To contact me via email, you may use the Canvas email. Click on the Inbox on the left side of the Canvas main menu. Through Canvas, you may send a text email or a video message. You may also email me at [kdyer@uttyler.edu](mailto:kdyer@uttyler.edu)

I will respond to your emails as quickly as possible; my priority is to be supportive of your work to ensure your success. I generally reply to emails within 24 hours during the workweek.

### **Written Assignments, Quizzes & Exams**

Some of the written assignments in this course require collaboration with other students; your participation as documented on Canvas will count towards the participation grade.

All other written assignments as well as all quizzes and exams are **individual assignments**. Students may not collaborate on the individual assignments. Unauthorized collaboration is considered cheating and will be handled according to University Policies and the Students Standards of Academic Conduct.

### **Guidelines for all discussions:**

WHEN POSTING: When responding to assigned readings or activities via discussion forums, I suggest using the following questions as a *general guide for organizing your responses*:

- a. What are the main point(s) made or issue(s) raised in the assigned readings?
- b. What are some of your own connections to the readings via your life experiences, your observations, your readings or viewings of other text/film/media?
- c. What are the strengths and weaknesses (or limitations) of the main points outlined, arguments made, or solutions provided?
- d. In what ways will the knowledge gained from the assigned reading(s) or activities help you enhance your role and/or work as a classroom teacher, reading specialist, or literacy coach?
- e. What are you thinking about *differently* as a result of this/these reading(s)? What questions does it raise for you?
- f. Posts should be at least 200 words and always CITE the text and page.

WHEN COMMENTING: Reply thoughtfully, and carefully, Refer to specific comments for which you can give your colleague positive reinforcement. Also, if you disagree, do so tactfully (e.g. “I wonder what it might look like if...” Or “Have you considered taking a look at .....?”). And, use your I-Statements (e.g. “Reading your post helped me connect your point to my 8<sup>th</sup>

grade PLC because....” Or, “I sometimes get confused by arguments for standardized testing because....”). Be specific, be tactful, and act as a thinking-partner J. Any comment should be substantive and in the range of 50 to 100 words in length.

**Discussion Rubric:**

**A Discussion (9-10 points) – participated 3 times, minimum of 4-5 posts**

***A-level postings:***

- Are made in a timely fashion, giving others an opportunity to respond.
- Are thoughtful and analyze the content or question asked.
- Make connections to the course content and/or other experiences.
- Extend discussions already taking place or pose new possibilities or opinions not previously voiced.
- Are from participants aware of the needs of the community, motivate group discussion, and present a creative approach to the topic.

**B Discussion (8-9 points) – participated 2 times, minimum of 3-4 posts**

***B-level postings:***

- Are made in a timely fashion, giving others an opportunity to respond.
- Are thoughtful and analyze the content or question asked.
- Make connections to the course content and/or other experiences, but connections are unclear, not firmly established or are not obvious.
- Contain novel ideas, connections, and/or real-world application but lack depth, detail and/or explanation.
- Are from participants who interact freely and occasionally attempt to motivate discussion.

**C Discussion (7-8 points) – participated 2 time, minimum of 3 posts**

***C-level postings:***

- Are usually, but not always, made in a timely fashion.
- Are generally accurate, but the information delivered is limited.
- Make vague or incomplete connections between class content and posting by other students.
- Summarize what other students have posted and contain few novel ideas.
- Show marginal effort to become involved with group.

**D Discussion (6-7 points) – participated 1 time, minimum 2 posts**

***D level postings:***

- Are not made in timely fashion, if at all.
- Are superficial, lacking in analysis or critique.
- Contribute few novel ideas, connections, or applications.
- May veer off topic.
- Show little effort to participate in learning community as it develops.

**F Discussion (0 points).**

Participant was rude or abusive to other course participants. In this case, the number and quality of other posts is irrelevant.

**OR**

Participant failed to meet the basic criteria for the “D Discussion”.

**Course Schedule**

	<b>Module Opens</b>	<b>Original Discussion Posts or Group Work Original Contribution<sup>‡</sup> Due</b>	<b>Discussion Responses &amp; Group Assignments Due</b>
<b>Start Here Module</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Review Expectations</li> <li>Introduction Quiz (5pts)</li> </ul>			May 17
<b>Module 1: Curriculum and Instruction</b> <b>Assignments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video Discussion – C &amp; I (10pts)</li> <li>Module 1 Quiz (10 pts)</li> </ul>	May 10	May 19	May 23
<b>Module 2: Best Practices for Reading</b> <b>Assignments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Video Discussion – Reading and Writing Best Practice (10pts)</li> <li>Module 2 Quiz (10 pts)</li> </ul>	May 24	June 2	June 6
<b>Module 3: Best Practices for Writing</b> <b>Assignments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observation Rubric Analysis (20 pts)</li> <li>Feedback Conversation Preparation (15 pts)</li> <li>Discussion (10pts)</li> <li>Module 3 Quiz (10pts)</li> </ul>	June 7	June 16	June 20
<b>Module 4: Best Practices for Mathematics</b> <b>Assignments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observation Rubric Analysis (20 pts)</li> <li>Feedback Conversation Preparation (15 pts)</li> <li>Discussion (10pts)</li> <li>Module 4 Quiz (10pts)</li> </ul>	June 21	June 30	July 5
<b>Module 5: Best Practices for Science</b> <b>Assignments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observation Rubric Analysis (20 pts)</li> <li>Feedback Conversation Preparation (15 pts)</li> <li>Discussion (10pts)</li> <li>Module 5 Quiz (10pts)</li> </ul>	July 5	July 14	July 18
<b>Module 6: Best Practices for Social Studies</b> <b>Assignments</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Observation Rubric Analysis (20 pts)</li> <li>Feedback Conversation Preparation (15 pts)</li> <li>Discussion (10pts)</li> <li>Module 6 Quiz (10pts)</li> </ul>	July 19	July 28	August 1
<b>Final Exam (100pts)</b>	<b>Window open August 2-6</b>		

## UNIVERSITY POLICIES

### **UT Tyler Honor Code**

Every member of the UT Tyler community joins together to embrace: Honor and integrity that will not allow me to lie, cheat, or steal, nor to accept the actions of those who do.

### **Students Rights and Responsibilities**

To know and understand the policies that affect your rights and responsibilities as a student at UT Tyler, please follow this link: <http://www.uttyler.edu/wellness/rightsresponsibilities.php>

### **Campus Carry**

We respect the right and privacy of students 21 and over who are duly licensed to carry concealed weapons in this class. License holders are expected to behave responsibly and keep a handgun secure and concealed. More information is available at <http://www.uttyler.edu/about/campus-carry/index.php>

### **Tobacco-Free University**

All forms of tobacco will not be permitted on the UT Tyler main campus, branch campuses, and any property owned by UT Tyler. This applies to all members of the University community, including students, faculty, staff, University affiliates, contractors, and visitors. Forms of tobacco not permitted include cigarettes, cigars, pipes, water pipes (hookah), bidis, kreteks, electronic cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, snuff, chewing tobacco, and all other tobacco products. There are several cessation programs available to students looking to quit smoking, including counseling, quitlines, and group support. For more information on cessation programs please visit <http://www.uttyler.edu/tobacco-free>

### **Grade Replacement/Forgiveness and Census Date Policies**

Students repeating a course for grade forgiveness (grade replacement) must file a Grade Replacement Contract with the Enrollment Services Center (Stewart Hall 230) on or before the Census Date of the semester in which the course will be repeated. Grade Replacement Contracts are available in the Enrollment Services Center or at <http://www.uttyler.edu/registrar>. Each semester's Census Date can be found on the Contract itself, on the Academic Calendar, or in the information pamphlets published each semester by the Office of the Registrar.



Failure to file a Grade Replacement Contract will result in both the original and repeated grade being used to calculate your overall grade point average. Undergraduates are eligible to exercise grade replacement for only three course repeats during their career at UT Tyler; graduates are eligible for two grade replacements. Full policy details are printed on each Grade Replacement Contract.

The Census Date is the deadline for many forms and enrollment actions of which students need to be aware. These include:

- Submitting Grade Replacement Contracts, Transient Forms, requests to withhold directory information, approvals for taking courses as Audit, Pass/Fail or Credit/No Credit.
- Receiving 100% refunds for partial withdrawals. (There is no refund for these after the Census Date)
- Schedule adjustments (section changes, adding a new class, dropping without a “W” grade)
- Being reinstated or re-enrolled in classes after being dropped for non-payment
- Completing the process for tuition exemptions or waivers through Financial Aid

### **State-Mandated Course Drop Policy**

Texas law prohibits a student who began college for the first time in Fall 2007 or thereafter from dropping more than six courses during their entire undergraduate career. This includes courses dropped at another 2-year or 4-year Texas public college or university. For purposes of this rule, a dropped course is any course that is dropped after the census date (See Academic Calendar for the specific date).

Exceptions to the 6-drop rule may be found in the catalog. Petitions for exemptions must be submitted to the Enrollment Services Center and must be accompanied by documentation of the extenuating circumstance. Please contact the Enrollment Services Center if you have any questions.

### **Disability/Accessibility Services**

In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and the ADA Amendments Act (ADAAA) the University of Tyler at Texas offers accommodations to students with learning, physical and/or psychological disabilities. If you have a disability, including non-visible a diagnosis such as a learning disorder, chronic illness, TBI, PTSD, ADHD, or you have a history of modifications or accommodations in a previous educational environment, you are encouraged to visit <https://hood.accessiblelearning.com/UTTyler> and fill out the New Student application. The **Student Accessibility and Resources** (SAR) office will contact you when your application has been submitted and an appointment with an Accessibility Case Manager. For more information, including filling out an application for services, please visit the SAR webpage at <http://www.uttyler.edu/disabilityservices>, the SAR office located in the University Center, # 3150 or call 903.566.7079.

### **Student Absence due to Religious Observance**

Students who anticipate being absent from class due to a religious observance are requested to inform the instructor of such absences by the second class meeting of the semester.

### **Student Absence for University-Sponsored Events and Activities**

If you intend to be absent for a university-sponsored event or activity, you (or the event sponsor) must notify the instructor at least two weeks prior to the date of the planned absence. At that time the instructor will set a date and time when make-up assignments will be completed.

### **Social Security and FERPA Statement:**

It is the policy of The University of Texas at Tyler to protect the confidential nature of social security numbers. The University has changed its computer programming so that all students have an



identification number. The electronic transmission of grades (e.g., via e-mail) risks violation of the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act; grades will not be transmitted electronically.

### **Emergency Exits and Evacuation**

Everyone is required to exit the building when a fire alarm goes off. Follow your instructor's directions regarding the appropriate exit. If you require assistance during an evacuation, inform your instructor in the first week of class. Do not re-enter the building unless given permission by University Police, Fire department, or Fire Prevention Services.

### **Student Standards of Academic Conduct**

Disciplinary proceedings may be initiated against any student who engages in scholastic dishonesty, including, but not limited to, cheating, plagiarism, collusion, the submission for credit of any work or materials that are attributable in whole or in part to another person, taking an examination for another person, any act designed to give unfair advantage to a student or the attempt to commit such acts.

- (i) "Cheating" includes, but is not limited to:
- copying from another student's test paper;
  - using, during a test, materials not authorized by the person giving the test;
  - failure to comply with instructions given by the person administering the test;
  - possession during a test of materials which are not authorized by the person giving the test, such as class notes or specifically designed "crib notes". The presence of textbooks constitutes a violation if they have been specifically prohibited by the person administering the test;
  - using, buying, stealing, transporting, or soliciting in whole or part the contents of an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program;
  - collaborating with or seeking aid from another student during a test or other assignment without authority;
  - discussing the contents of an examination with another student who will take the examination;
  - divulging the contents of an examination, for the purpose of preserving questions for use by another, when the instructors has designated that the examination is not to be removed from the examination room or not to be returned or to be kept by the student;
  - substituting for another person, or permitting another person to substitute for oneself to take a course, a test, or any course-related assignment;
  - paying or offering money or other valuable thing to, or coercing another person to obtain an unadministered test, test key, homework solution, or computer program or information about an unadministered test, test key, home solution or computer program;
  - falsifying research data, laboratory reports, and/or other academic work offered for credit;
  - taking, keeping, misplacing, or damaging the property of The University of Texas at Tyler, or of another, if the student knows or reasonably should know that an unfair academic advantage would be gained by such conduct; and
  - misrepresenting facts, including providing false grades or resumes, for the purpose of obtaining an academic or financial benefit or injuring another student academically or financially.
- (ii) "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the appropriation, buying, receiving as a gift, or obtaining by any means another's work and the submission of it as one's own academic work offered for credit.
- (iii) "Collusion" includes, but is not limited to, the unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing academic assignments offered for credit or collaboration with another person to commit a violation of any section of the rules on scholastic dishonesty.
- (iv) All written work that is submitted will be subject to review by SafeAssign™, available on Blackboard.

**UT Tyler Resources for Students**

- UT Tyler Writing Center (903.565.5995), [writingcenter@uttyler.edu](mailto:writingcenter@uttyler.edu), <http://www.uttyler.edu/writingcenter/>
- UT Tyler Tutoring Center (903.565.5964), [tutoring@uttyler.edu](mailto:tutoring@uttyler.edu), <https://www.uttyler.edu/tutoring/>
- The Mathematics Learning Center, RBN 4021, This is the open access computer lab for math students, with tutors on duty to assist students who are enrolled in early-career courses.
- UT Tyler Counseling Center (903.566.7254) <https://www.uttyler.edu/counseling/>

**COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND PSYCHOLOGY (CEP)  
VISION AND MISSION**

**Vision**

The College of Education and Psychology is nationally recognized and respected for its academic programs and opportunities. It is a center of academic excellence, scholarly inquiry, and public service. The College prepares leaders to meet the critical challenges of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century through productive contributions to local and global communities and toward individual and cultural equity.

**Mission**

The mission of the College of Education and Psychology is to provide a positive environment that fosters the acquisition of knowledge and skills. The mission is individually and collectively realized through a community of scholars that contributes to knowledge through scholarly inquiry; organizes knowledge for application, understanding and communication; and provides leadership and service. We affirm and promote global perspectives that value individual and cultural diversity to enhance learning, service, and scholarship.

**SCHOOL OF EDUCATION PROGRAM STANDARDS**

The School of Education has adopted program standards that guide the development of teacher candidates in their understanding of the complexity of teaching. These standards are based on those developed by the Interstate New Teacher Assessment and Support Consortium (InTASC) and shared by other accredited universities in Texas and across the United States. The Standards are broad understandings and practices gained throughout the program using a constructivist model in which new learnings are assimilated and attached to prior understandings, thus, over time, building a mental structure (schema) of educational concepts.

**Standard #1: Learner Development (students in general)**

The teacher understands how learners grow and develop, recognizing that patterns of learning and development vary individually within and across the cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas, and designs and implements developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.2, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1*

**Standard #2: Learning Differences (individual students)**

The teacher uses understanding of individual differences and diverse cultures and communities to ensure inclusive learning environments that enable each learner to meet high standards.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.3, 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 4.1*

**Standard #3: Learning Environments**

The teacher works with others to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, and that encourage positive social interaction, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.3, 1.4, 1.6, 2.3, 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 4.4*

**Standard #4: Content Knowledge**

The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline(s) he or she teaches and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of the discipline accessible and meaningful for learners to assure mastery of the content.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.2, 1.5, 1.6, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 5.2*

**Standard #5: Application of Content**

The teacher understands how to connect concepts and use differing perspectives to engage learners in critical thinking, creativity, and collaborative problem solving related to authentic local and global issues.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.5, 3.2, 3.3*

**Standard #6: Assessment**

The teacher understands and uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, to monitor learner progress, and to guide the teacher's and learner's decision making.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.6, 5.1, 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.2*

**Standard #7: Planning for Instruction**

The teacher plans instruction that supports every student in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, curriculum, cross-disciplinary skills, and pedagogy, as well as knowledge of learners and the community context.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 5.1, 5.3, 5.4*

**Standard #8: Instructional Strategies**

The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage learners to develop deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and to build skills to apply knowledge in meaningful ways.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.4, 1.5, 1.6, 5.4*

**Standard #9: Professional Learning and Ethical Practice**

The teacher engages in ongoing professional learning and uses evidence to continually evaluate his/her practice, particularly the effects of his/her choices and actions on others (learners, families, other professionals, and the community), and adapts practice to meet the needs of each learner.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 3.2, 3.3, 6.1, 6.2, 6.4*

**Standard #10: Leadership and Collaboration**

The teacher seeks appropriate leadership roles and opportunities to take responsibility for student learning, to collaborate with learners, families, colleagues, other school professionals, and community members to ensure learner growth, and to advance the profession.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 6.3, 6.4*

**Standard #11: Technology**

The teacher is able to create, implement, and evaluate technology to enhance teaching, student learning, and other obligations (e.g. reports, grades, tests, etc.) required of teachers.

*Texas Teacher Practice Standards: 1.5*

**Teacher Ethics:** The School of Education is committed to producing highly ethical educators for the K-12 students of Texas. Our program interweaves the Code of Ethics and Standard Practices for Texas Educators throughout our program.

### Texas Administrative Code

<b>TITLE 19</b>	<b>EDUCATION</b>
<b>PART 7</b>	<b>STATE BOARD FOR EDUCATOR CERTIFICATION</b>
<b>CHAPTER 247</b>	<b>EDUCATORS' CODE OF ETHICS</b>
<b>RULE §247.2</b>	<b><i>Purpose and Scope; Definitions</i></b>

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(b) Enforceable Standards.

***(1) Professional Ethical Conduct, Practices and Performance.***

- (A) ***Standard 1.1.*** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in deceptive practices regarding official policies of the school district, educational institution, educator preparation program, the Texas Education Agency, or the State Board for Educator Certification (SBEC) and its certification process.
- (B) ***Standard 1.2.*** The educator shall not knowingly misappropriate, divert, or use monies, personnel, property, or equipment committed to his or her charge for personal gain or advantage.
- (C) ***Standard 1.3.*** The educator shall not submit fraudulent requests for reimbursement, expenses, or pay.
- (D) ***Standard 1.4.*** The educator shall not use institutional or professional privileges for personal or partisan advantage.
- (E) ***Standard 1.5.*** The educator shall neither accept nor offer gratuities, gifts, or favors that impair professional judgment or to obtain special advantage. This standard shall not restrict the acceptance of gifts or tokens offered and accepted openly from students, parents of students, or other persons or organizations in recognition or appreciation of service.
- (F) ***Standard 1.6.*** The educator shall not falsify records, or direct or coerce others to do so.
- (G) ***Standard 1.7.*** The educator shall comply with state regulations, written local school board policies, and other state and federal laws.

(H) **Standard 1.8.** The educator shall apply for, accept, offer, or assign a position or a responsibility on the basis of professional qualifications.

(I) **Standard 1.9.** The educator shall not make threats of violence against school district employees, school board members, students, or parents of students.

(J) **Standard 1.10** The educator shall be of good moral character and be worthy to instruct or supervise the youth of this state.

(K) **Standard 1.11.** The educator shall not intentionally or knowingly misrepresent his or her employment history, criminal history, and/or disciplinary record when applying for subsequent employment.

(L) **Standard 1.12.** The educator shall refrain from the illegal use or distribution of controlled substances and/or abuse of prescription drugs and toxic inhalants.

(M) **Standard 1.13.** The educator shall not consume alcoholic beverages on school property or during school activities when students are present.

**(2) Ethical Conduct Toward Professional Colleagues.**

(A) **Standard 2.1.** The educator shall not reveal confidential health or personnel information concerning colleagues unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.

(B) **Standard 2.2.** The educator shall not harm others by knowingly making false statements about a colleague or the school system.

(C) **Standard 2.3.** The educator shall adhere to written local school board policies and state and federal laws regarding the hiring, evaluation, and dismissal of personnel.

(D) **Standard 2.4.** The educator shall not interfere with a colleague's exercise of political, professional, or citizenship rights and responsibilities.

(E) **Standard 2.5.** The educator shall not discriminate against or coerce a colleague on the basis of race, color, religion, national origin, age, gender, disability, family status, or sexual orientation.

(F) **Standard 2.6.** The educator shall not use coercive means or promise of special treatment in order to influence professional decisions or colleagues.

(G) **Standard 2.7.** The educator shall not retaliate against any individual who has filed a complaint with the SBEC or who provides information for a disciplinary investigation or proceeding under this chapter.

**(3) Ethical Conduct Toward Students.**

(A) **Standard 3.1.** The educator shall not reveal confidential information concerning students unless disclosure serves lawful professional purposes or is required by law.

(B) **Standard 3.2.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly treat a student or minor in a manner that adversely affects or endangers the learning, physical health, mental health, or safety of the student or minor.

(C) **Standard 3.3.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly misrepresent facts regarding a student.

(D) **Standard 3.4.** The educator shall not exclude a student from participation in a program, deny benefits to a student, or grant an advantage to a student on the basis of race, color, gender, disability, national origin, religion, family status, or sexual orientation.

(E) **Standard 3.5.** The educator shall not intentionally, knowingly, or recklessly engage in physical mistreatment, neglect, or abuse of a student or minor.

- (F) **Standard 3.6.** The educator shall not solicit or engage in sexual conduct or a romantic relationship with a student or minor.
- (G) **Standard 3.7.** The educator shall not furnish alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs to any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child or knowingly allow any person under 21 years of age unless the educator is a parent or guardian of that child to consume alcohol or illegal/unauthorized drugs in the presence of the educator.
- (H) **Standard 3.8.** The educator shall maintain appropriate professional educator-student relationships and boundaries based on a reasonably prudent educator standard.
- (I) **Standard 3.9.** The educator shall refrain from inappropriate communication with a student or minor, including, but not limited to, electronic communication such as cell phone, text messaging, email, instant messaging, blogging, or other social network communication. Factors that may be considered in assessing whether the communication is inappropriate include, but are not limited to:
- (i) the nature, purpose, timing, and amount of the communication;
  - (ii) the subject matter of the communication;
  - (iii) whether the communication was made openly or the educator attempted to conceal the communication;
  - (iv) whether the communication could be reasonably interpreted as soliciting sexual contact or a romantic relationship;
  - (v) whether the communication was sexually explicit; and
  - (vi) whether the communication involved discussion(s) of the physical or sexual attractiveness or the sexual history, activities, preferences, or fantasies of either the educator or the student

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**Source Note:** The provisions of this §247.2 adopted to be effective March 1, 1998, 23 TexReg 1022; amended to be effective August 22, 2002, 27 TexReg 7530; amended to be effective December 26, 2010, 35 TexReg 11242