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Professional Dispositions Expected of All Teacher Candidates

Teacher candidates at the Tennessee State University are expected to demonstrate behaviors that are indicative of the following dispositions characteristic of effective teachers.

The candidate shows a disposition toward and commitment to each of the following:

1. Adheres to ethical standards governing the profession (e.g. avoids all forms of academic dishonesty)
2. Protects students from conditions harmful to their mental and physical health
3. Provides quality education to **all** students
4. Dresses appropriately for the situation (i.e. wears appropriate attire for teachers when working in or observing in schools)
5. Is consistent in attendance and punctuality (i.e. completes assigned tasks on time, follows directions and follows through on commitments)
6. Is consistent in attendance and punctuality (i.e. adheres to University Attendance Policies)
7. Demonstrates respect (in speech and action) for self and others
8. Works cooperatively with parents, peers, faculty, school personnel and other professionals to promote the education and well-being of **all** students
9. Is a thoughtful and responsive listener who values the many ways in which people seek to communicate and encourages various modes of communication in the classroom
10. Values human diversity and shows respect for all students' talents and perspectives
11. Communicates expectations that all children can learn at high levels and persists in helping all children achieve their potential
12. Values all aspects of a child's experiences and uses students' strengths as a basis for growth, and their errors as an opportunity for learning
13. Establishes a positive climate in the classroom that helps to foster all aspects of a child's well-being (e.g. cognitive, emotional, social and physical)
14. Encourages critical thinking and self-directed learning
15. Uses reflection and assessment to facilitate learning as an ongoing process

I understand that I must adequately and consistently demonstrate these dispositions in order to maintain my good standing in the teacher preparation program at the Tennessee State University.

Signed _____ SSN _____ T# _____

Printed Name: First _____ M I _____ Last _____ Date _____