

Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

4a Reflecting on Teaching

I plan on taking time to reflect on my teaching and what went well and what didn't by going over my observations of how the students understood the lesson. This way I can then make my future lessons more effective based on what worked. I also will need to reflect on my own strengths and weaknesses and see what I need to practice.

4b Maintaining Accurate Records

I will keep all grades in an electronic grade book. I will also keep track of my students' behaviors and progress while it is happening so my observations and recordings will be as accurate as possible. This might be done on an app or a blog so parents can see what their students are doing.

4c Communicating with Families X

When I am a teacher I hope to use a variety of techniques in order to connect with the families of my students. I plan on using either an app or a blog to allow parents to keep up with what is happening within the classroom. I want to send out a weekly newsletter, whether print or digitally, to let parents know what is going on in the classroom and with their students. I would also like to have fairly regular parent teacher conferences, not just when something "bad" happens but just every so often to let parents know how their child is doing and so I can get to form a face-to-face connection with them.

4d Participating in the Professional Community

I plan on establishing healthy relationships with my coworkers to be able to share tips and ideas with each other. This will not only make our jobs easier but also will provide us with a support system.

4e Growing and Developing Professionally

I plan on continuing my education throughout my life. Being a lifelong learner will keep my brain sharp and make sure that I am still able to relate to how my students will be learning and the process of understanding new information. This will also continue my understanding of educational practices and how I can bring new methods of pedagogy into my classroom that can better help my students.

4f Showing Professionalism

I will be professional in my dress, making sure my appearance is always well kept and appropriate for a school setting. I will be timely with my job, showing up when needed and making sure any paperwork or assignments are returned back in a timely manner. I will be professional with the way I communicate with my students, their families, and my coworkers and superiors.