

Wildrose Public Schools

Teaching Assistant Quality Standards

1. You understand that all students can learn, at different rates and in different ways. You understand the need to support students' with unique needs by creating multiple pathways to learning.
2. You understand students' needs for physical, social, cultural and psychological security. You know how to engage students in classroom routines. You know how and when to apply a variety of management strategies that are in keeping with the situation and that result in minimal disruptions to students' learning.
3. You understand the importance of respecting students' human dignity. You know how to establish, with different students, professional relationships that are characterized by mutual respect, trust and harmony.
4. You understand that there are many approaches to learning. You know a broad range of instructional strategies appropriate to the educational environments that you are assisting in. You also know which strategies are appropriate to help students achieve success.
5. You understand the importance of contributing independently and collegially, to the quality of your school. You know the strategies that can enhance and maintain the quality of your school to the benefit of students, parents, colleagues and the community.
6. You understand the functions of traditional and electronic instructional technologies in learning environments. You know how to use these technologies and how to engage students in their learning.
7. You understand the importance of life-long learning. You know how to assess your own abilities and how to work with others responsibly.

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