University of Kansas Educator Performance Assessment (KU-EPA)

TAG: Tagging CAEP 1.1, 1.2, 1.3, 1.4, 1.5, 3.5, 5.1, 5.3

Tagging InTASC Standard #1-#10

The University of Kansas Educator Performance Assessment (KU-EPA) is designed to provide the teacher candidate an opportunity to demonstrate the use of contextual factors in an educational setting to design, implement, and reflect on a unit of study. The teacher candidate will provide information about the unit's lesson plans and assessments. The KU-EPA assesses competency according to the Kansas Professional Education Standards (see www.ksde.org for full description of the Standards). The educational setting may be comprised of (but are not limited to) a whole class of students, small group(s), or even one-on-one teaching situations.

The KU-EPA includes four tasks. The 4 tasks encompass the 10 Kansas Professional Education (KPE) Standards and the 10 InTASC standards:

Task #1. Context Information, Learning Development and Learning Differences

In this task, candidates demonstrate an understanding of the learners in the class or setting, and how learner characteristics are used for planning activities, and designing inclusive learning environments. (Kansas Professional Education Standards #1, #2)

Task #2. Planning and Instructional Design

In this task, candidates demonstrate the ability to design learning activities, and plan ways to monitor progress, assess outcomes, use technology, and design inclusive activities.

(Kansas Professional Education Standards #4, #7)

Task #3. Teaching and Learning

In this task, candidates demonstrate the ability to implement learning activities. The candidate will demonstrate a variety of instructional methods.

(Kansas Professional Education Standards #3, #5, #6, #8)

Task #4. Self-Evaluation and Reflection

In this task, candidates demonstrate the ability to examine and reflect on their performance, and the impact of activities on learners. In addition, the candidate will evaluate their own professional growth and development. (Kansas Professional Education Standards #9, #10)

Scoring

Each portfolio is scored by two external evaluators. Ten scores are assigned for a maximum possible score of 30. A passing score is 20.

Maximum scores possible for each task:

- Task 1 (2 items) 6 points
- Task 2 (2 items) 6 points
- Task 3 (4 items) 12 points
- Task 4 (2 item) 6 points
- Total Score (10 items) 30 points

KU-EPA Unit and Program Level Pass Rate

| | Academic Year 2023-24 | Academic Year 2022-23 | Academic Year 2021-22 |
|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Unit Level Pass Rate | 100% | 100% | 100% |
| Unit Count | 145 | 135 | 175 |
| Art | 3 | 4 | 11 |
| Early Childhood Unified (GR, B-K) | 18 | 9 | 9 |
| Early Childhood Unified (UG, B-3) | 13 | 12 | 12 |
| Elementary | 48 | 50 | 74 |
| Elementary Unified | 11 | * | * |
| English | 10 | 11 | 16 |
| Foreign Language | 2 | 2 | 5 |
| History & Government | 17 | 17 | 13 |
| Music | 16 | 17 | 12 |
| Physical Education | 5 | 8 | 14 |
| STEMTeach | 2 | 5 | 9 |

KU-EPA Unit Level Met Standard by Task and Total

Student performance on the EPA showed a consistently high level of mastery across all four tasks. It is unsurprising that Task 3: Teaching and Learning continues to be the most challenging task for the candidates as this is the task that focuses on the interaction between the candidates expectations and the students' needs.

Number and Percent of Students Who "Met Target" for Each Task

| | Academic Year 2023-24 Met Target Count M. | | Academic Year 2022-23 | | Academic Year 2021-22 | |
|---|--|-----|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | | | Met Target | Count | Met Target | Count |
| Task 1: Contextual Information and Learning Environment | 97% | 140 | 98% | 132 | 99% | 173 |
| Task 2: Planning and Instructional Design | 99% | 144 | 99% | 134 | 98% | 172 |
| Task 3: Teaching and Learning | 95% | 137 | 97% | 131 | 94% | 165 |
| Task 4: Self-Evaluation and Reflection | 100% | 145 | 99% | 134 | 99% | 173 |

KU-EPA Unit Level KPE/InTASC Standards Performance Categories

Task 1 Standards Performance Categories

| | | Academic Year 2023-24 | | Academic Year 2022-23 | | Academic Year 2021-22 | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|-------|
| | | Percent Count | | Percent | Count | Percent | Count |
| Standard 1: Learner | Criteria Met (3) | 91.7% | 133 | 94.0% | 126 | 71.4% | 125 |
| Development | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 6.9% | 10 | 5.2% | 7 | 26.9% | 47 |
| | Criteria Not Met (1) | 1.4% | 2 | 0.7% | 1 | 1.7% | 3 |
| Standard 2: Learning | Criteria Met (3) | 91.7% | 133 | 92.5% | 124 | 91.4% | 160 |
| Differences | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 7.6% | 11 | 7.5% | 10 | 8.6% | 15 |
| | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.7% | 1 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 |

Note: For publicly available documents categories with fewer than 10 observations are masked for privacy.

Task 2 Standards Performance Categories

| | · · | Academic Year 2023-24 | | Academic Year 2022-23 | | Academic Year 2021-22 | |
|----------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-----|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| | | Percent Count | | Percent | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Standard 3: Learning | Criteria Met (3) | 97.2% | 141 | 97.8% | 131 | 90.9% | 159 |
| Environment | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 2.8% | 4 | 2.2% | 3 | 8.0% | 14 |
| | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 1.1% | 2 |
| Standard 4: Content | Criteria Met (3) | 88.3% | 128 | 94.0% | 126 | 85.1% | 149 |
| Knowledge | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 11.7% | 17 | 6.0% | 8 | 12.6% | 22 |
| | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 2.3% | 4 |

Task 3 Standards Performance Categories

| | | Academic Year 2023-24 | | Academic Year 2022-23 | | Academic Year 2021-22 | |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| | | Percent | Count | Percent | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Standard 5: | Criteria Met (3) | 93.8% | 136 | 94.8% | 127 | 86.9% | 152 |
| Application of Content | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 6.2% | 9 | 5.2% | 7 | 13.1% | 23 |
| | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 |
| Standard 6: | Criteria Met (3) | 87.6% | 127 | 93.3% | 125 | 81.7% | 143 |
| Assessment | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 12.4% | 18 | 6.7% | 9 | 16.6% | 29 |
| | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 1.7% | 3 |
| Standard 7: Planning | Criteria Met (3) | 79.3% | 115 | 85.1% | 114 | 65.7% | 115 |
| for Instruction | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 20.7% | 30 | 14.2% | 19 | 30.9% | 54 |
| | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.0% | 0 | 0.7% | 1 | 3.4% | 6 |
| Standard 8: | Criteria Met (3) | 93.1% | 135 | 94.8% | 127 | 84.0% | 147 |
| Instructional Strategies | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 6.9% | 10 | 5.2% | 7 | 15.4% | 27 |
| | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.6% | 1 |

Task 4 Standards Performance Categories

| | | Academic Year 2023-24 Percent Count | | Academic Year 2022-23 | | Academic Year 2021-22 | |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|---------|
| | | | | Percent | Percent | Count | Percent |
| Standard 9: | Criteria Met (3) | 89.0% | 129 | 91.0% | 122 | 54.9% | 96 |
| Professional Learning | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 11.0% | 16 | 9.0% | 12 | 43.4% | 76 |
| and Ethical Practice | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 1.7% | 3 |
| Standard 10: | Criteria Met (3) | 93.8% | 136 | 91.8% | 123 | 71.4% | 125 |
| Leadership and | Criteria Partially Met (2) | 6.2% | 9 | 8.2% | 11 | 28.6% | 50 |
| Collaboration | Criteria Not Met (1) | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 | 0.0% | 0 |