

## Newberry College Teacher Education Dispositions for Teaching

*Fairness ~ Judgment ~ Sense of Community ~ Professional Commitment ~ Reflection ~ Integrity*

### Fairness

- Demonstrates the qualities of caring, respect, empathy, and fairness, in relationships with students, parents, and peers
- Promotes classroom culture of caring and respect for differences
- Maintains high standards and expectations for all students
- Shows sensitivity to all students and is committed to teaching all students
- Respects and promotes understanding of different ethnic/ racial, gender, religious, and other aspects of children's culture
- Demonstrates a caring attitude toward students

### Judgment

- Makes rational decisions based upon available information
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- Understands the difference between equity and equality
- Demonstrates self-control and reacts appropriately under stress
- Monitors and adjusts readily to a situation
- Expresses both positive and negative feelings in a professional manner
- Accepts responsibility for own actions

### Sense of Community

- Demonstrates initiative in the classroom
- Holds all stakeholders accountable for learning
- Works collaboratively with students, teachers, parents, and peers
- Establishes positive rapport and appropriate relationships
- Appreciates multiple perspectives
- Strives to develop sound content knowledge
- Models behaviors and principles that lead all students to learning

### Professional Commitment

- Is punctual and responsible
- Completes assignments in a timely manner
- Attends class regularly
- Demonstrates pride in self and work
- Adheres to the guidelines as stipulated by each professional association, school, and school district
- Exhibits dress and grooming appropriate for the setting
- Exhibits positive leadership
- Participates in professional development, leading to a commitment to life-long learning
- Engages in professional discourse about subject matter knowledge and children's learning in the discipline

### Reflection

- Accepts and adapts to change
- Displays intellectual and academic curiosity
- Thoughtfully considers suggestions for improving instruction
- Practices reflective teaching
- Makes connections to learning/teaching and everyday life
- Demonstrates the capacity and inclination to examine the effects of his or her choices and actions on himself and others
- Thinks, speaks and writes about teaching
- Demonstrates listening skills
- Keeps abreast of new ideas, research, and best practices in the field

### Integrity

- Demonstrates ethical decision making
- Is trustworthy
- Demonstrates and supports academic integrity as specified in the Newberry College catalog
- Upholds the missions of the college and teacher education program by demonstrating integrity at all times