

2008 Elementary CORE Academy Graduate Credit Grading Rubric

The following rubric provides information regarding the grading criteria for the assignments of the 2008 Elementary CORE Academy.

Criteria				
	Exemplary (A)	On Target (B)	Adjustments Needed (C)	Needs Work (I)
Presentation (all assignments)	Three typed pages, 12-point font, double spaced, correct grammar and spelling. Organized using clear format. Proof reading evident.	Typed 12-point font double-spaced, some errors in grammar and spelling. Well organized, and minimally exceeds page requirements.	Contains mechanical errors yet is understandable. Some problems with organization. Exceeds page limits.	Poorly organized, contains significant errors in grammar and spelling. Dramatically exceeds page limits.
Student Work Reflection (Assignment #1) *Must be included in submission.	Concrete (2008) examples submitted. Activity planning, student work, and reflection are evident. Student work samples are included with action-focused reflections.	Descriptions provided of most assignment components. Student samples connect to teacher's reflections but may not be directly focused on classroom practice.	Student work examples are absent and instruction examples are shared but not connected to assignment. Does not meet the 3-page length requirement.	Student work missing and/or teacher responses do not align with the assignment instructions.
Differentiation (Assignment #2)	Clear description of differentiation is provided. Powerful classroom application for using differentiation to improve practice evident. Clear personal insights from sessions identified. Classroom vignette demonstrates use of differentiation in the classroom.	A description of differentiation is provided. Application in teacher practice referenced with limited personal insights identified. Vague classroom description with some connections to differentiation.	Differentiation is discussed. Lacks teacher practice and application discussion. Limited reference to personal insights. Classroom experience discussed but no clear connections are made to differentiation.	Differentiation is not discussed. Missing personal insights and classroom applications. No classroom vignette is shared.
Self Needs Action Plan (Assignment #3)	Development, implementation, and evaluation of an individual professional improvement process is described. Documentation of investment and usefulness is clear.	Individual improvement plan is described. Connections to professional practice are inferred and/or application to teaching and instruction is limited.	Improvement plan was created but implementation or application seems absent. Action plan is a description of standard teacher practice.	Activity description is sketchy and limited to what the teacher has done in the past. Improvement and change are not evident.
Classroom Application (all assignments)	Submitted assignments reflect application to student achievement. Student understanding is identified and is a clear focus of teacher practice.	Assignments identify student achievement but are not strongly linked to teacher practice or learning.	Student achievement may be implied in discussions but is only an afterthought.	Student understanding is not identified.