Missouri State University

Teacher Education Professionalism Contract

As a Missouri State University teacher candidate, with the intent to become a PK-12 teacher, you agree to act professionally as a representative of the university and the field of education by:

1. Treating peers, faculty and staff, and PK-12 school personnel and students with compassion and respect.
2. Recognizing, respecting, and responding to diverse cultures, identities, and backgrounds of students, families, caregivers, community and colleagues.
3. Using appropriate professional language in all forms of communication.
4. Consistently demonstrating responsibility and dependability.
5. Demonstrating punctuality with submission of work, communication, and meeting attendance.
6. Responding positively to feedback, being self-reflective, and using feedback for improvement.
7. Taking the initiative to actively engage in the educational setting.
8. Demonstrating ethical behavior in all situations.
9. Following policies and procedures of the university and PK-12 school settings and requesting clarification when necessary.
10. Maintaining confidentiality and demonstrating respect for the principle of informed consent.

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