## EDA: Educator Disposition Assessment

THE EDA IS A VALID AND RELIABLE MEASURE OF TEACHER CANDIDATE DISPOSITIONS USED TO TRACK AND MONITOR CANDIDATE DISPOSITIONAL BEHAVIORS AS THEY PROGRESS THROUGH TEACHER PREPARATION PROGRAMS.

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#### **Presentation Goals**

- Defining Dispositions
- Disposition Research
- CAEP and Dispositions
- Validity and Reliability Explained
- Construct Validity and Inter-rater Reliability
   Estimates Associated with EDA
- Benefits of Assessing Dispositions
- A Look at Components of the EDA instrument
- Timeline

## Dispositions Defined

- Villegas (2007) defined dispositions as an individual's inclination to act in a particular way under particular circumstances, based on personal beliefs.
- Borko, Liston, and Whitcomb (2007) defined dispositions as a person's tendencies to act in a given manner and are predictive of patterns of action. They also found dispositions candidates demonstrate in either the college classroom or the field are likely to continue into their classrooms when they begin teaching.

## Dispositions in Teacher Education

- Tamim, Colburn, & Karp (2017) noted high-quality teaching is not solely linked to academic credentials.
- They suggested teacher attitudes (manifested through behaviors) have a significant impact on student performance.
- They identified three components of high-quality teaching:
  - o 1) content knowledge and skills,
  - o 2) pedagogical knowledge, and
  - o 3) professional dispositions

### Research Suggesting Disposition Assessment

• Sanders and Rivers (1996) suggested teacher quality is critically related to the skills and dispositions of the teacher.

• Notar, Riley, Taylor, Thornburg and Cargill (2009) found a strong correlation between the dispositions of teachers and the quality of their students' learning.

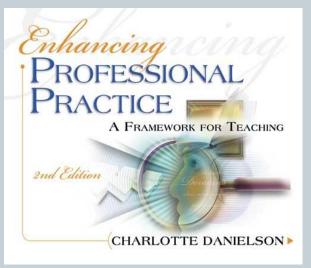
#### Research Summarized

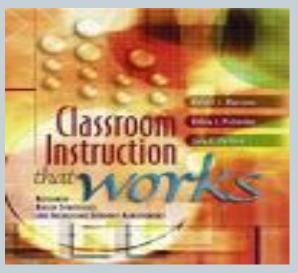
Teachers who possess dispositions favorable to the profession set the tone of the classroom by:

- Developing supportive and encouraging <u>relationships</u> with their students,
- Establishing and implementing behavioral guidelines in ways that **promote positive learning outcomes**,
- Encouraging cooperation among students;
- Acting as role models for <u>respectful</u> and appropriate communication and exhibitions of prosocial behavior.

## Other Assessment Considerations

Dispositional elements are included on prominent teacher evaluation instruments including Marzano and Danielson.





#### **Positive Links to Educational Outcomes**

Motivation for assessing disposition may be particularly helpful for pre-service teachers to expedite the course of change needed to address problems associated with inappropriate attitudes and actions before and during clinical experiences (Dee & Henkin, 2002).

## **Accreditation Requirements**

Educator preparation programs (EPPs) are charged with the responsibility of assessing candidates' knowledge, skills, and dispositions.

The Council for the Accreditation of Educator Preparation (CAEP) accreditation process as well as that of state departments of education and other professional organizations requires EPPs to develop/use appropriate assessment devices to measure and document candidate dispositions.





## **CAEP Standards & Disposition**

 CAEP Standards 1, 2, 3, and 5 require teacher preparation programs address and assess candidate dispositions.

• The EDA provides abundant evidence for programs using the package to successfully meet each standard.

#### Standard 1:

# CONTENT AND PEDAGOGICAL KNOWLEDGE Candidate Knowledge, Skills, and Professional Dispositions

1.1 Candidates demonstrate an understanding of the 10 InTASC standards at the appropriate progression level(s) in the following categories: the learner and learning; content; instructional practice; and professional responsibility.

#### Standard 2: CLINICAL PARTNERSHIPS AND PRACTICE

#### Clinical Experiences

2.3 The provider works with partners to design clinical experiences of sufficient depth, breadth, diversity, coherence, and duration to ensure that candidates demonstrate their developing effectiveness and positive impact on all students' learning and development. Clinical experiences, including technology-enhanced learning opportunities, are structured to have multiple performance-based assessments at key points within the program to demonstrate candidates' development of the knowledge, skills, and professional dispositions, as delineated in Standard 1, that are associated with a positive impact on the learning and development of all P-12 students.

#### Standard 3:

## CANDIDATE QUALITY, RECRUITMENT, AND SELECTIVITY

#### Additional Selectivity Factors

3.3 Educator preparation providers establish and monitor attributes and dispositions beyond academic ability that candidates must demonstrate at admissions and during the program. The provider selects criteria, describes the measures used and evidence of the reliability and validity of those measures, and reports data that show how the academic and non-academic factors predict candidate performance in the program and effective teaching.

# Standard 5: PROVIDER QUALITY ASSURANCE AND CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT

• 5.2 The provider's quality assurance system relies on relevant, verifiable, representative, cumulative and actionable measures, and produces empirical evidence that interpretations of data are valid and consistent.

## CAEP Evaluation Framework for EPP-Created Assessments



#### CAEP EVALUATION FRAMEWORK FOR EPP-CREATED ASSESSMENTS

For use with: Educator preparation provider (EPP)-created assessments, including subject and pedagogical content tests, observations, projects, assignments, and surveys

For use by: EPPs to evaluate their own assessments and by CAEP site teams to review evidence in self-study submissions

CAEP uses the term "assessments" to cover content tests, observations, projects or assignments, and surveys. All of these assessment forms are used with candidates. Surveys are often used to gather evidence on aspects of candidate preparation and candidate perceptions about their own readiness to teach. Surveys are also useful to measure the satisfaction of graduates or employers with preparation and the perceptions of clinical faculty about the readiness of EPP completers.

Assessments and scoring guides are used by faculty to evaluate candidates and provide them with feedback on their performance. Assessments and scoring guides should address relevant and meaningful attributes of

candidate knowledge, performance, and dispositions, aligned with standards. Most assessments that comprise evidence offered in accreditation self-study reports will probably be used by an EPP to examine candidates consistently at various points from admission through exit. These are assessments that all candidates are expected to complete as they pass from one stage of preparation to the next, or that are used to monitor progress of candidates' developing proficiencies during one or more stages of preparation.

CAEP site teams will follow the guidelines in this evaluation tool and it can also be used by EPPs when they design, pilot, and judge the adequacy of the assessments they create.

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	EXAMPLES OF ATTRIBUTES BELOW_SUFFICIENT LEVEL		CAEP SUFFICIENT LEVEL		EXAMPLES OF ATTRIBUTES  ABOVE SUFFICIENT LEVEL	
		-	1.	ADMINISTRATION AND PURPOSE (informs relevancy)		+
	a. b. c.	Use or purpose are ambiguous or vague. There is limited or no basis for reviewers to know what information is given to candidates. Instructions given to candidates are	a. b. c.	The point or points when the assessment is administered during the preparation program are explicit.  The purpose of the assessment and its use in candidate monitoring or decisions on progression are specified and appropriate.  Instructions provided to candidates (or respondents to surveys) about what they are expected to do are informative and unambiguous.  The basis for judgment (criterion for success, or what is	a. b.	The purpose of the assessment and its use in candidate monitoring or decisions are consequential. Candidate progression is monitored and information is used for
	d.	incomplete or misleading. The criterion for success is not provided or is not		"good enough") is made explicit for candidates (or respondents to surveys).	c.	mentoring.  Candidates are informed  how the instrument

#### **CAEP Evaluation Framework**

The EDA package successfully addresses each component of the CAEP Evaluation Framework to include:

- training
- suggestions for administration and explanation of purpose,
- indicators (aligned to InTASC, and other research-based teacher evaluation frameworks) that require evaluators to judge consequential attributes of candidate proficiencies and standards,
- well defined scoring criteria,
- estimates of reliability to include reported reliability coefficients;
- evidences of construct validity.

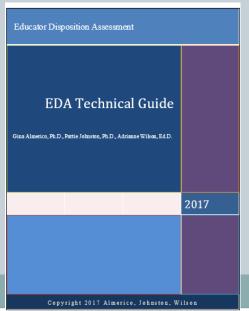
## **Observing Dispositions**

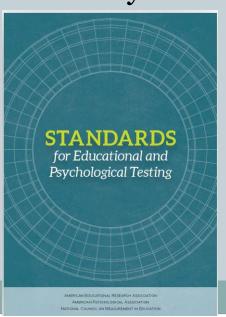
The most ideal way to observe professional dispositions is to witness them within the context of the profession, for instance:

- oIn the college classroom through case studies, simulations, or role play
- In field and clinical experiences monitored by university supervisors and cooperating teachers

#### The EDA: A Sound Measure of Dispositions

The measurement of teacher dispositions conducted for the development of the EDA was completed with careful consideration of the psychometric properties of the scale being used resulting in sound assessment of "teacher disposition" with reported evidence of construct validity and estimates of inter-rater reliability.





## Psychometric Features of Sound Measures of Teacher Dispositions

- A sound assessment of "teacher disposition" requires evidence of construct validity and estimates of interrater reliability.
  - Evidence of construct validity suggests that all appropriate dispositional behaviors are included in the measure so that the measure is actually assessing what it is reporting to assess.
  - Inter-rater reliability is a statistical measure that determines the level of consistency in rank ordering of ratings across raters. The level of agreement or inter-rater reliability by evaluators is estimated by calculating the correlation between ratings of the same persons between two evaluators.

## Methodology

#### Validity Evidences

- 1. A list of possible indicators of disposition was compiled from the literature (N=17)
- 2. A 5 point Likert scale was created to measure expert ratings of representativeness of each indicator to dispositions (1 not representative at all to 5 very representative).
- 3. Highly rated indicators were retained (N=11 items retained).
- 4. Experts consulted to provide descriptions of each indicator to enhance collective understanding. Two items were dropped because of descriptive overlap (N=9 items left).

## Methodology

#### **Reliability Estimates**

- 1. Multiple raters scored assessments of disposition of sample ratees (N=30).
- 2. Inter-rater reliability coefficients (Pearson Product Moment) were calculated for each disposition.
- 3. Coefficients indicated high levels of agreement between raters (actual coefficients are reported).

## **Survey Content**

#### **Back to Construct Validity**

- 1. CAEP/InTASC standards and Marzano/Danielson teacher evaluation instruments suggest indicators of dispositions. The 9 research derived dispositions should align with other suggested indicators because they are all measuring the same construct.
- 2. Experts were gathered and tasked with aligning the EDA indicators with dispositional indicators suggested by CAEP/InTASC and evaluation instruments.
- 3. A Q-sort procedure was used and alignment was confirmed.

## Back to Construct Validity Continued......

- To better assure that the descriptions/indicators were aligned with each disposition we asked SMEs from across the nation at a CAEP Conference to rate them on a 5 point Likert Scale.
- Results suggested all behaviors rated highly on the scale were retained and serve as the basis for verbiage in the cells.

## **Dispositions Assessed**

#### The nine EDA dispositions are:

- Oral Communication
- Written Communication
- Professionalism
- Positive Attitude
- Preparedness
- Appreciation of and value for cultural and academic diversity
- Collaboration
- Self-Regulation
- Social Emotional Learning

## **Three Scoring Levels**

- o-Needs Improvement: minimal evidence of understanding and commitment to the disposition
- 1-Developing: some evidence of understanding and commitment to the disposition
- 2-Meets Expectations: considerable evidence of understanding and commitment to the disposition

#### A Look at the EDA

Educator Disposition Assessment							
Name; Date:							
Evaluator							
Directions: Please use the following numbers to rate the individual on each disposition based on the following scale by marking the corresponding number in the cell. Please note that italicized constructs are further explained in the technical manual, indicators for each disposition are found in the cells. Scores for each of the rine dispositions will overaged to calculate an overall composite score. Lastly, please add comments to support ratings as needed.							
O-Needs Improvement: minimal evidence of understanding and commitment to the disposition     T-Developing: some evidence of understanding and commitment to the disposition     C-Meets Expectations: considerable evidence of understanding and commitment to the disposition							
Disposition		Associated Indicators	. 0				
Demonstrates     Effective Oral     Communication     Skills	Needs Improvement 0	Developing 1	Meets Expectations 2				
	☐ Does not consistently model Standard English as evidenced by making major errors	Models Standard English     and makes common and     noticeable errors	<ul> <li>Models Standard English with a high level of competence as evidenced by no errors</li> </ul>				
	Does not vary oral communication to motivate students as evidenced by monotone voice with visible lack of student participation	Strives to vary oral communication as a sydenced of same students demonstrating a lack of participation	☐ Varies oral communication as evidenced by encouraging participatory behaviors				
	Choice of vocabulary is either too difficult or too simplistic	Occasionally uses vocabulary that is either too difficult or too simplistic	<ul> <li>Communicates at an age appropriate level as evidenced by explaining content specific vocabulary</li> </ul>				
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, o ,	<ul> <li>Demonstrates major spelling and grammar errors or demonstrates frequent common</li> </ul>	Demonstrates common errors in spelling and grammar	<ul> <li>Demonstrates precise spelling and grammar</li> </ul>				

#### Benefits of EDA

- The EDA instrument is intended to be used at multiple points in the program to track and monitor candidate dispositions that are associated with positive learning impact of P-12 students.
- The EDA is used to both raise concerns and identify exemplary dispositional behavior of students as they progress through a program.
- It can be used initially to assess baseline dispositional data and then used as candidates' progress through programs to document when changes have occurred in dispositions and under what set of circumstances.



#### Intervention

- Within the EDA package, EPPs will find a clearly articulated process for intervening when candidates are not demonstrating effective dispositional behaviors or making progress toward improving documented dispositional concerns.
- The EDA can identify gaps for the purpose of intervention.

## **Teaching Candidates Dispositions**

- Cummins and Asempapa (2013) found that dispositions can be taught.
- Yost (1997) found that dispositions can improve during teacher preparation programs if dispositions foster awareness and reflection.

These findings together suggest that teacher preparation programs can improve dispositions during clinical experiences by providing direct and reflective learning opportunities through undergraduate coursework.

#### **Evidence-Based Solutions**

• The research team has developed a series of effective disposition development strategies aligned to the dispositional indicators in the instrument.

• Therefore, providing EPPs with data informed solutions for teacher candidate dispositional growth.

Timeframe/Program Point	Task
Freshman Year	Introductory Education Course:
Semester 1	• Introduce the Educator  Disposition Assessment (EDA)  instrument to the students.
	• Students self-assess using the <b>EDA</b> instrument in class to familiarize themselves with program dispositional expectations.
	• The professor assesses each student using the EDA at the end of the semester and conducts individual conferences with each candidate to share results.

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Timeframe/Program Point	Task
Admission into the Department of Education Teacher Preparation Programs	Applicants are required to read and sign a statement as part of their admission paperwork into the teacher education program acknowledging the use and purpose of the <b>EDA</b> .  If students in the education major have participated in formal supervised field experiences, simulations, or peer teaching prior to program admission it is appropriate to use the EDA as a component of the application process.

Timeframe/Program Point	Task
Senior Year Semester 1	The Educator Disposition Assessment (EDA) instrument is included for review as part of the intern application. The EDA form must be completed by an Education faculty who taught the candidate in the course selected by the institution.

#### Timeframe/Program Point

#### **Task**

Senior Year Semester 2 – At the completion of the final internship The practicum professor who oversees the field experience during the final internship completes the **Educator Disposition Assessment (EDA)** instrument at the completion of the practicum experience.

## **Calibration Training**

- Adopting institutions participate in annual calibration training exercises conducted by the EDA Team.
- Participants earn a certificate of completion to document training efforts for accreditation purposes.

#### What's Next?

- The Educator Disposition Assessment (EDA)
- Coming Fall 2018: Psychometrically-Sound Assessments of Candidate Performance Aligned to CAEP/InTASC Standards
  - o Classroom Management Plan
  - TWS/Student Impact series of tasks
    - Assessing Reading/Running Records (initial teaching reading course)
    - Diagnostic/Prescriptive Reading Research Brief (diagnostic reading course)
    - Teacher Work Sample Impact on Student Learning: Reading Group Lessons/K-6 (final internship)

## Classroom Management Plan

#### **Format**

- Name of Task
- Task Overview
- Standards Met
- Specific InTASC Standards Assessed
- Academic Contextualization & Prerequisites
- Progression Over Time
- Description of Task

#### Rubric

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## Teacher Work Sample/Impact

#### **Format**

- Name of Task
- Task Overview
- Standards Met
- Specific InTASC Standards Assessed
- Academic Contextualization & Prerequisites
- Progression Over Time
- Description of Task

#### Rubric

Teacher Work Sample (TWS) Grading Rubric							
	Elementary Education						
Blooms	Progression for Standards #1 &	Unacceptable	Progressing	Accomplished	Exemplary		
Taxonomy	#2						
Cognitive	Learner Development &						
Domain	Learning Differences						
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Levels	grow and develop (in cognitive,						
	Enguistic, social, emotional, and						
	physical areas) to design and						
H	implement developmentally						
H	appropriate and challenging learning experiences.						
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	Development	school, classroom,	and development.	development.	determine how those		
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	with families, communities,	group that may			learner growth and		
	colleagues, and other	have an impact on			development.		
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	growth and development.	development.					
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