**Early Field JOURNAL PROMPT #8**

**Reflecting on Teaching, Growing, and Developing Professionally**

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| Name:  Date: | Cooperating Teacher:  School Site:  Grade Level: |
| Danielson Framework Component: 4a Reflecting on Teaching | |
| Danielson Framework Component: 4e Growing and Developing Professionally | |

Introduction to Journal Topic:

In the Danielson Framework, professional growth is demonstrated through an attitude of reflection and life-long learning. Use these guiding questions and statements to help you write a reflective journal explaining how you demonstrate professional growth.

1. Why should continuous and immediate reflection be used to check for understanding while teaching? How or why can assessment be used as a reflective tool to guide planning and instruction? How does reflection influence your future practice?
2. Practicing teachers are usually required to set goals as part of his/her evaluation process.
3. Setting goals are not enough. The professional teacher reflects on the goals he/she has chosen and provides evidence or rationales regarding why the goals were chosen.

Required Elements:

For this journal you are to take a deeper look at what it takes to be a professional educator. The truly professional teacher looks back at his/her instruction through self-reflection. ***What was good/bad about that lesson, day, month, unit instruction, semester, and/or year?*** So, not only do good teachers look back, they also look forward through goal setting. ***What type of goals do I want to set for myself, my practice, and/or classroom? Why am I setting these goals? How am I going to know if I reach my goals?***

Evaluation:

The grading criteria for this journal is as follows- Points will be taken off for missing elements, not being reflective, and spelling & grammatical errors.

* The journal should be at least 2 pages.
* It should include how and why self-reflection is an important element to good teaching.
* When self-reflection should/could be used within your practice now and in the future;
* Three goals for you and your practice;
* Explanation as to why and/or how goals were chosen;
* How will you be held accountable for your goals?

**TOTAL= \_\_\_\_\_/10**

Comments: