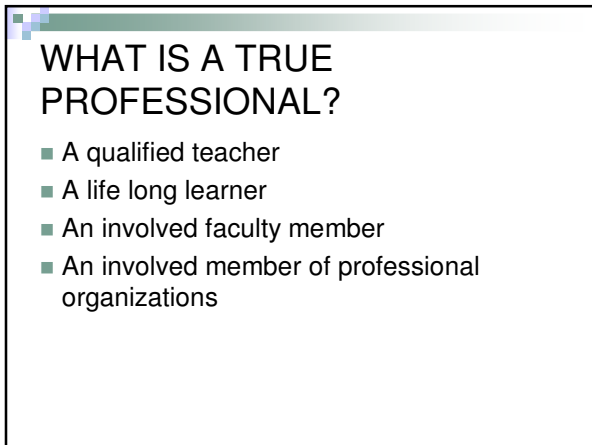
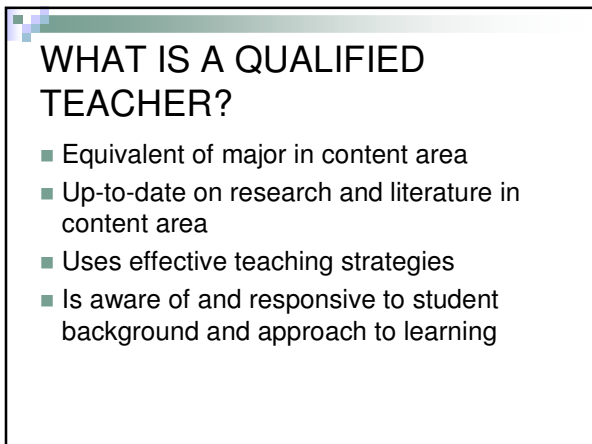


WHAT IS A TRUE PROFESSIONAL?



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- A qualified teacher
- A life long learner
- An involved faculty member
- An involved member of professional organizations



WHAT IS A QUALIFIED TEACHER?

- Equivalent of major in content area
- Up-to-date on research and literature in content area
- Uses effective teaching strategies
- Is aware of and responsive to student background and approach to learning

WHAT IS A LIFE LONG LEARNER?

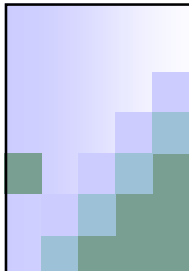
- Constantly learning, adding to content knowledge for classroom
- Aware of opportunities for students
- Responsible for personal growth through reading, courses, staff development opportunities

WHAT IS AN INVOLVED TEACHER?

- Serves on faculty committees
- Assists with extracurricular activities
- Offers assistance to students, teachers, and administrators voluntarily


WHAT IS AN INVOLVED PROFESSIONAL?

- Content area organizations (GCTE, GCSS, GSTA, GMTA, etc.)
- Honorary organizations(Phi Delta Kappa, etc.)
- General educational organizations




CODE OF ETHICS FOR EDUCATORS

What are the standards that guide educators?



STANDARD 1: CRIMINAL ACTS

- An educator should abide by federal, state, and local laws
- Conviction includes a finding or verdict of guilty as well as a plea of nolo contendere



STANDARD 2: ABUSE OF STUDENTS

- Physical and emotional abuse
- child endangerment
- soliciting an unlawful sexual act
- harassing behavior
- soliciting, encouraging, or consummation of inappropriate relationship with student
- furnishing tobacco, alcohol, or illegal drugs

STANDARD 3: ALCOHOL OR DRUGS

- Refrain from the use of alcohol or drugs during course of professional practice
- Includes school events, school sponsored trips
- Trips or events associated with the school

STANDARD 4: MISREPRESENTING/ FALSIFYING

- Application
- Academic credentials
- School records
- Student evaluation
- Reasons for absence or leave
- Official inquiry/investigation

STANDARD 5: PUBLIC FUNDS AND PROPERTY

- School related funds/property
- Funds collected from students or parents
- Fraudulent reimbursement requests
- Co-mingling public or school-related funds with personal funds

**STANDARD 6: IMPROPER
REMUNERATIVE CONDUCT**

- Gifts from students/parents
- Soliciting funds for personal benefit
- Gifts from vendors

**STANDARD 7:
CONFIDENTIAL INFORMATION**

- Academic Records
- Disciplinary Records
- Personal Confidences
- Health and Medical Information
- Family Status/Income
- Testing/Assessment Results

**STANDARD 8:
ABANDONMENT OF
CONTRACT**

- Perform duties as outlined in contract
- Sign contract with only one system
- Perform duties during dates of contract

STANDARD 9: FAILURE TO MAKE A REQUIRED REPORT

- Child Abuse
- Violation of one of the standards

STANDARD 10: PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT

- Educators are held to the highest standards of ethical and moral conduct
- Any behavior that impairs an individual's ability to function professionally in his position
- Any behavior that is detrimental to the health, welfare, discipline, or morals of students

GEORGIA PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS COMMISSION

- The licensing and governing board for educators in Georgia
