

Rubric for Admission Essay to the University of Dallas Educator Preparation Program

Student: _____ Date: _____

	Exemplary Exceeds Expectations (3 points)	Developing Meets Expectations (2 points)	Concerning Unacceptable (1 point)
Content Points Awarded:	Candidate's responses demonstrate realistic impressions of the responsibility and skills demanded of a professional educator.	Candidate has unrealistic impressions of the responsibilities of the profession that will self-correct with time and experience.	Candidates' responses are directly opposed to the responsibility and skills demanded of an educator.
Consistency with the teaching profession Points Awarded:	Candidate response is reflective of someone who will be safe and effective in working with children. Believes everyone has the ability and need to learn, student and teacher alike.	Candidate response indicates intent and perspective that, when provided opportunities for field based experiences and content area instruction, seem to have potential to grow into that of an effective educator. Unclear about learning.	Candidates' responses create serious doubt regarding the candidate's ability to work effectively with children, their parents, colleagues, or administration. Little or no reflection around learning. Does not believe that all students can learn.
Style, Grammar, Usage, Spelling Punctuation & Legibility Points Awarded:	Words are precisely chosen. Sentences are clear, coherent, & varied in length and structure. Grammar, usage, spelling & punctuation consistently conform to the conventions of Standard American English.	Sentences are generally clear and correct; however, some may be basic, choppy or lack variety. Word choice lacks precision and minimizes writer credibility. Errors in grammar, usage, spelling, and/or punctuation occasionally interfere with communication and minimize writer credibility.	Sentences are frequently basic, choppy, or repetitive in structure and may lack clarity. Inappropriate or inaccurate word usage detracts from message. Multiple errors in grammar, usage, spelling, and or punctuation impede communication and undermine the writer's credibility.
Total Points: _____/9			

Candidates must be able to show they have met the expectations by receiving at least 2 points in each category. A total of 6 points is the minimum passing score.

Comments: _____

