

Teacher Candidate Commitment

The California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) requires all candidates to demonstrate personality and character traits that satisfy the standards of the teaching profession. Developing as a Professional Educator (TPE 6) discusses the importance of how your personality and character traits may influence your professionalism as a teacher. **Please read and initial each statement below.**

1. As a candidate in this program, I will seek opportunities to reflect on and improve my practice through collaborative inquiry, observation feedback, and my own performance data.	Initial
2. As a candidate in this program, I will aim to develop an awareness of my own potential implicit and explicit biases, and the potential impact (positive and/or negative) they may have on my expectations for and relationships with students, families, and colleagues.	Initial
3. As a candidate in this program, I will work toward becoming a lifelong learner. I understand it will be my responsibility for ongoing professional learning and for maintaining my certification as a member of the teaching profession.	Initial
4. As a candidate in this program, I aim to develop an understanding of the fundamental responsibilities I need to possess as a professional educator, as well as my accountability to students, families, colleagues, and employers.	Initial
5. As a candidate in this program, I aim to develop an understanding in how to participate as a team member with my future colleagues and families. I recognize that this begins with how I conduct myself as a teacher candidate in this credential program; specifically with fellow classmates, staff and faculty.	Initial
6. As a candidate in this program, I aim to develop an understanding in how to take responsibility for all students' academic learning outcomes, recognizing that I will need to hold high expectations for all students.	Initial
7. As a candidate in this program, I aim to develop an understanding on how to articulate and practice the teaching profession's professional standards of practice. I understand that this will mean upholding relevant laws and policies, including but not limited to those related to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • professional conduct and moral fitness; • use of digital content and social media; • education and rights of all stakeholders, including students with disabilities, English learners, and those who identify as LGBTQ+; • privacy, health, and safety of students, families, and school professionals; • mandated reporting; and • students' acts of intolerance and harassment such as bullying, racism, and sexism. 	Initial
8. As a candidate in this program, I aim to develop an understanding in how to be a productive member of a complex organization. I also aim to become familiar with issues of equity and justice within the structures and contexts of public education, including state, district, and school governance; curriculum and standards development; testing and assessment systems; and basic school finance.	Initial

Your initials represent your commitment to working toward developing as a professional educator while in the teaching credential program. If you were unable to initial any of the statements above, we encourage you to explore a different career pathway. Teaching is not for everyone and there are many professions in high demand. Fresno State's [Career Development Center](#) offers career counseling services for all students and alumni.