EDLD 6000

CAPEs Formative Insights Assignment

The California Commission for Teacher Credentialing (CCTC) has drafted California Administrator Performance Expectations (CAPEs) to support preliminary administrative services credential candidates to acquire competencies in the following six categories: (A) Visionary Leadership, (B) Instructional Leadership, (C) School Improvement Leadership, (D) Professional Learning and Growth Leadership, (E) Organizational and Systems Leadership, and (F) Community Leadership as outlined in the California Administrator Performance Expectations. The Department of Educational Leadership at CSUEB has developed Essential Questions for Leaders that correlate to the CAPEs (see below).

The purpose of this initial reflection is for you to become familiar with the CAPEs and to describe your beliefs in relation to each leadership area as well as observations you have made of other educational leaders.

Please review each CAPE category, reflect on its meaning and (1) describe your own beliefs about this aspect of educational leadership. In addition, think about leaders you have worked with and/or observed and (2) provide evidence, examples you have of each CAPE in practice.

This reflection assignment will give you and the department a snapshot of where you are in your thinking and work in educational leadership. If you have not observed or had experience with a particular area, please share your questions and desire to develop your professional learning in that area. Collaboratively we can build your leadership capacity considering what you bring to this year as well as the areas you want to develop, strengthen, or refine.

California Administrator Performance Expectations (CAPE)

Category A: Visionary Leadership

Essential Question: What are powerful ways to include and energize everyone to share responsibility for equity and better results for all students?

CAPE 1: Developing and Articulating a Vision of Teaching and Learning for the School Consistent with the Local Education Agency’s Overall Vision and Goals
The principal is able to facilitate the development of a vision of teaching and learning specific to the school and its political, social, economic, and cultural context that is consistent with the local education agency’s vision and goals. The vision is student-centered and based in data from multiple sources. The principal facilitates the development of a mission statement to help guide the school community towards implementation of the vision. School program, plans and activities are integrated, articulated through the grades, and consistent with the vision.

CAPE 2: Developing a Shared Commitment to the Vision Among All Members of the School Community
The principal works collaboratively with all members of the school community to develop a shared commitment to the achievement of the school’s vision. The principal understands the nature of school governance in California, including the roles, responsibilities and relationships of the individual and organizational entities within the California educational system. The principal communicates effectively with various audiences and for various educational purposes, including consensus building and decision making, to help promote a shared sense of responsibility for the school mission and vision.

CAPE 3: Leading by Example to Promote Implementation of the Vision

The principal is able to facilitate the development of a vision of teaching and learning specific to the school and its political, social, economic, and cultural context that is consistent with the local education agency’s vision and goals. The vision is student-centered and based in data from multiple sources. The principal facilitates the development of a mission statement to help guide the school community towards implementation of the vision. School program, plans and activities are integrated, articulated through the grades, and consistent with the vision.
The principal examines and responds to equity issues related to race, diversity, and access in order to help the school achieve the mission and vision. The principal identifies potential barriers to accomplishing the vision and effective ways to work with others to address and overcome barriers. The principal holds him/herself and others accountable for exhibiting personal and professional ethics, integrity, justice, and fairness.

**CAPE 4: Sharing Leadership with Others in the School Community**

The principal build trust and provides opportunities for shared and distributed leadership among all members of the school community, and promotes opportunities for all members of the school community to engage in shared decision making and problem solving in support of the school’s vision and student learning.

**Category B: Instructional Leadership**

**Essential Question:** What difference are we making and for which students?

**CAPE 5: Promoting Implementation of K-12 Standards, Pedagogical Skills, Effective Instructional Practices and Student Assessments for Content Instruction**

The principal is knowledgeable about all of the K-12 student academic content standards and the appropriate pedagogical skills for teaching the content of the standards to K-12 students. As the instructional leader of the school, the principal promotes the use of the state-adopted K-12 standards as the primary basis for classroom instruction and for student assessments. The principal helps teachers, students, parents, and community members understand the K-12 standards and their relationship to accomplishing the school’s vision and goals. The principal understands and can articulate principles of effective instruction and appropriate student assessment processes. The principal is also knowledgeable about the state’s student assessment program and can explain the assessment program and its intended outcomes to staff, students, parents, and the community. The principal identifies and takes action to mitigate potential and actual barriers to student learning.

**CAPE 6: Evaluating, Analyzing, and Providing Feedback on the Effectiveness of Classroom Instruction to Promote Student Learning and Teacher Professional Growth**

The principal uses his/her knowledge of the K-12 student academic standards and appropriate instructional practices to observe and evaluate classroom planning and instruction in accordance with LEA policy and practices. As part of the evaluation process, the principal analyzes evidence of teacher effectiveness based on student work and student learning outcomes. The principal communicates evaluative feedback effectively, equitably, and on a timely basis to help teachers improve instructional practices. The principal models self-reflection and use of evidence to help teachers develop these skills and practices as part of their daily planning, instruction, and assessment activities with students. The principal uses his/her knowledge of available instructional resources and technologies to help provide support for improvements in teaching and learning based on teacher and student needs. The principal is knowledgeable about valid student assessment processes and the development and use of appropriate classroom assessment measures within a multiple measures, data-driven decision making process.

**CAPE 7: Demonstrating Understanding of the School and Community Context, Including the Instructional Implications of Cultural/Linguistic, Socioeconomic, and Political Factors**

The principal understands the demographics of the school community, including socioeconomic context, students and family characteristics, cultural and linguistic diversity, and political issues and uses this knowledge to help improve teaching and learning. The principal is knowledgeable about culturally-relevant instructional practices and instructional practices grounded in first and second language acquisition theories to support effective instruction for English learners, economically, culturally, and/or linguistically diverse students, and students with special needs, and others. The principal helps teachers and staff access community resources, including parents and other community members, to promote learning about students and families, and to promote culturally and linguistically inclusive instructional practices. The principal helps teachers, staff, and
others understand the political factors within the community that may affect the school’s instructional program, and is proactive in providing information about the schools, its needs and accomplishments, within the larger political environment. The principal understands how classroom structures, school and class scheduling, and grouping practices affect student learning.

**CAPE 8: Communicating With the School Community about Schoolwide Outcomes Data and Improvement Goals**
The principal communicates the school’s improvement goals to students, teachers, parents, and the community and engages in ongoing dialogue with all members of the school community about progress towards meeting the goals. The principal identifies, collects, analyzes, and uses multiple sources of data to provide information for decision making in a variety of contexts, including but not limited to student achievement, teacher professional learning, the school climate, and the school’s progress in achieving its goals. The principal organizes data relating to achieving schoolwide goals and outcomes in a manner understandable to students, teachers, parents and the community, and analyzes the data to indicate the degree of progress being made towards the school’s goals. The principal presents and discusses these data, including but not limited to standardized achievement data, classroom and other local assessments, with all members of the school community. The principal helps all members of the school community articulate revised school improvement goals based on continuous data analysis and reporting.

**Category C: School Improvement Leadership**

**Essential Question:** What skills and support do I need to take risks and lead for equity?

**CAPE 9: Working with Others to Identify Student and School Needs and Developing a Data-Based School Growth Plan**
The principal understands and implements strategies to institute, manage, and evaluate a school change process, including facilitating the development of a data-based school growth plan. The principal involves, encourages and supports multiple constituencies in sharing and using data to assess and diagnose instructional needs, define student, staff and community goals for continuous improvement, and collaboratively design the school growth plan consistent with the school’s vision and goals. The principal uses technology effectively to help support and manage the school growth and improvement processes.

**CAPE 10: Implementing Change Strategies Based on Current, Relevant Theories and Best Practices in School Improvement**
The principal is knowledgeable about theories and strategies as well as best practices related to school improvement and the management of change to accomplish the school growth plan. The principal determines an appropriate evaluation process to document progress towards achieving the school growth plan and is able to work collaboratively with others to identify and make needed changes based on multiple sources of data, including student outcomes.

**CAPE 11: Identifying and Using Available Human, Fiscal, and Material Resources to Implement the School Growth Plan**
The principal is knowledgeable about a wide range of resources to help implement the school growth plan, including but not limited to human, fiscal, and material resources. The principal identifies and seeks additional resources as needed from a variety of sources both within and outside of the local community to support the implementation of the school growth plan.

**CAPE 12: Instituting a Collaborative, Ongoing Process of Monitoring and Revising the Growth Plan Based on Student Outcomes**
The principal uses strategies for continuous progress monitoring of the school’s growth plan and outcomes, and
collaboratively engages others in the school community in using those data for updating the school growth plan as needed. The principal engages all members of the school community on an ongoing basis in reflecting about student outcomes.

Category D: Professional Learning and Growth Leadership

Essential Question: How does it feel to work, learn, participate and live here?

CAPE 13: Modeling Life-Long Learning and Job-Related Professional Growth
The principal models his/her own self-improvement and professional learning and growth activities, and demonstrates monitoring of improvement in his/her own performance over time. The principal uses multiple sources of data to help inform his/her own job-related professional growth plan. The principal understands how to support, motivate, and provide recognition to staff at various stages in their professional careers.

CAPE 14: Helping Teachers Improve Their Individual Professional Practice Through Professional Growth Activities
The principal is knowledgeable about adult learning principles and their use in designing, facilitating, and implementing effective, motivating, and data-driven professional growth activities for teachers. Professional growth activities are focused on authentic situations and problems and on improving student learning outcomes consistent with the school growth plan. The principal is knowledgeable about induction programs and support systems for beginning teachers, and about individualized teacher support processes such as mentoring and coaching. The principal uses data effectively to collaboratively design differentiated professional development to meet the needs of individual teachers as well as overall school improvement goals.

CAPE 15: Identifying and Facilitating a Variety of Professional and Personal Growth Opportunities for Faculty, Staff, Parents, and Other Members of the School Community in Support of the Educational Program
The principal involves all members of the school community in identifying and providing targeted professional and personal growth activities to support student achievement as well as increase adults’ knowledge and skills. The principal is knowledgeable about and actively seeks resources for accessing and providing a variety of professional and personal growth opportunities for all members of the school community.

Category E: Organizational and Systems Leadership

Essential Question: How are we doing at focusing resources and energy where they will make the most difference to the quality of teaching and learning?

CAPE 16: Understanding and Managing the Complex Interaction of All of the School’s Systems to Promote Teaching and Learning
The principal understands how to apply systems thinking to set priorities and manage organizational complexity. The principal applies research-based strategies and best practices for establishing, monitoring, and evaluating organizational structures, processes and systems that promote a culture of collaboration and respect, and that maintain a focus on continuous improvement and enhanced achievement for all student groups. The principal understands how to use technology effectively to facilitate communication, manage information, enhance collaboration, and support effective management of the organization. The principal has the skills and strategies to coordinate and align human resources within the school context, including making appropriate staffing and teacher placement decisions to support organizational goals and promote equitable learning opportunities for all student groups. The principal understands strategies for allocating and using space to meet instructional needs and accommodate a variety of learning programs as well as co-curricular programs. The principal recognizes and
addresses potential personal biases as well as potential and actual inequities within the educational system and the school site that can negatively impact student achievement, such as, the effect of class scheduling on student achievement and on equitable access to learning opportunities for all students, including English Learners and students with special needs.

CAPE 17: Developing, Implementing, and Monitoring the School’s Budget
The principal understands school finance in California, including relevant laws and regulations. The principal works collaboratively with others in the school community to develop, implement and monitor the school’s budget and expenditures, and reports accurate and timely fiscal information to the LEA and the school community. The principal prioritizes the use of school resources, including the budget, to support the school’s vision, goals, and growth plan. The principal understands financial recordkeeping and accounting processes, and the use of current technologies for financial management and business procedures.

CAPE 18: Implementing California School Laws, Guidelines, and Other Relevant Federal, State, and Local Requirements and Regulations
The principal understands and implements federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines relating to public schools and the educational process. The principal understands constitutional and related legal rights and protections for students and staff and the administrator’s role in monitoring and ensuring compliance with these rights and protections. The principal understands legal issues and responsibilities related to evolving technologies and the use of technology within the instructional system. The principal implements legal, equitable, and ethical procedures for evaluating, supervising, disciplining, and dismissing staff. Where applicable, the principal establishes legal, equitable, and ethical procedures for recruiting, selecting, hiring, inducting, developing, and retaining staff. The principal understands processes of labor relations and collective bargaining in California, and contract implementation and management in the local setting. The principal ensures that school practices and procedures meet legal maintenance, health and safety requirements, including ensuring student and staff safety, building security, crisis planning, and emergency management. Where applicable, the principal understands and implements legal requirements relating to procedures and practices for managing auxiliary services such as food service and student transportation. The principal understands strategies for responding effectively to unpredictable circumstances or unintended consequences of decisions and/or school events.

Category F: Community Leadership

Essential Questions: Who belongs and has influence-and who doesn’t?

CAPE 19: Representing and Promoting the School’s Accomplishments and Needs to the LEA and the Public
The principal serves as the spokesperson for the school, its accomplishments and its needs, and advocates for the school within the school community as well as to the external community and the public. The principal demonstrates public speaking, presentation, diplomacy, writing and advocacy skills necessary to represent and promote the school, its accomplishments and its needs to a wide variety of audiences and contexts.

CAPE 20: Involving the Community in Helping Achieve the School’s Vision and Goals
The principal understands the multiple connections between the school, families and the community. The principal encourages the involvement of the entire school community in working towards achieving the school’s mission, vision and goals. The principal understands and addresses the diverse expectations, needs, aspirations, and goals of family and community groups and uses this knowledge as a basis for planning and decision making. The principal understands and uses communication strategies effectively to reach out to the broader community, including families, agencies, and community organizations, to promote educational and organizational improvement. The principal demonstrates skills and strategies for trust building, team building, consensus building, and conflict resolution and for promoting a sense of shared responsibility among all members of the educational community.