

## Artifact Reflection

**Title:** Communication Log

**Date Completed:** 2015-2016 School Year

**Description:** This is a log of all contact with parents, the administration, and other teachers in regards to specific students.

### **Alignment:**

#### ***Wisconsin Teacher Standard Alignment:***

Standard 6-Communication: The teacher uses effective verbal and nonverbal communication techniques as well as instructional media and technology to foster active inquiry, collaboration, active engagement in learning and self motivation.

This artifact aligns to standard 6 by showing I am constantly communicating and collaborating with parents, staff, and the administration in regards to the needs and information relating to special education students. This artifacts includes the method of contact, which shows that I use a variety of methods to communicate.

#### ***UW-Platteville School of Education Knowledge, Skill, and Disposition Statement Alignment:***

KSD4.c. COMMUNICATES WITH FAMILIES-The candidate is able to provide frequent, sensitive and appropriate information to parents and students about students' positive and negative progress within the instructional program and successfully engages families in the educational process when appropriate.

Through this artifact, I am able to show my ability to communicate and/or collaborate important and time sensitive information to staff and parents. This is a crucial ability because it creates positive relationships and trust with staff and parents.

#### ***Secondary KSDs:***

KS3.a. COMMUNICATES CLEARLY AND ACCURATELY-*The candidate's spoken and written language are correct, expressive and clear, with well-chosen vocabulary that enriches teaching and communicates thoughtfully, responsively, and effectively for a wide range of student understanding and encourages appropriate student language development.*

***Reflection:***

**What have I learned about teaching/learning?**

Through this experience, I learned that positive relationships are formed when parents and staff communicate and collaborate often and openly. I also learned that it is important to use multiple forms of communication so that every part of the team (parent/staff) is able to have the information in a timely manner.

**What have I learned about myself as an educator?**

I learned that I am a good verbal communicator and I use a variety of methods to do so. I need to work on my nonverbal communication skills. I have easy to read facial expressions and need to work on my body language. I need to be more aware of those nonverbal cues so that I am the best communicator I can be.