Northwest Missouri State University
College of Education
Teacher Work Sample
Cover Sheet

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The Northwest Missouri State Teacher Work Sample: An Overview

Guidelines for Preparation

As a requirement for the Teacher Education Program, you must develop a Teacher Work Sample (TWS). This will help you document your ability to plan, deliver, and assess a standards-based instructional sequence while demonstrating your ability to reflect on the impact your instruction has on student learning. The student teacher is required to complete a Teacher Work Sample (TWS) and submit it to Tk-20 for evaluation. Your TWS must be submitted to Tk-20 at least two weeks prior to the final campus seminar mandatory for all student teachers.

The student teacher is required to pass each TWS quality indicator in order to earn a passing grade for student teaching. Work submitted for each quality indicator may be revised and resubmitted. Revisions must be submitted to Tk-20 within two weeks of the final campus seminar (TWS evaluation date). Failure to earn a passing score on all quality indicators of the TWS will result in a failing grade for all student teaching hours.

Each TWS covers an instructional sequence comprised of at least five consecutive lessons within a teaching unit focused on a concept or set of concepts. For your TWS, you will plan, deliver, and assess your instructional sequence and then complete an analytical report and reflection according to the guidelines provided in this document. An entire teaching unit is not required for submission provided all TWS elements are included.

Targeted Standards
(Northwest’s Conceptual Framework, MoSPE Standards, GLE, CLE, NCATE, ISTE)

Your TWS provides evidence of your knowledge, skills, and dispositions (NCATE), and is correlated to performance relative to the following MoSPE standards [page 63 of the Professional Education Handbook].

1. **Standard #1 Content Knowledge, including varied perspectives, aligned with appropriate instruction**: The teacher understands the central concepts, structures and tools of inquiry of the discipline(s) and creates learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful and engaging for students.

2. **Standard #2 Understanding and Encouraging Student, Learning Growth and Development**: The teacher understands how students learn, develop, and differ in their approaches to learning. The teacher provides learning opportunities that are adapted to diverse learners and support the intellectual, social, and personal development of all students.

3. **Standard #3 Implementing the Curriculum**: The teacher recognizes the importance of long-range planning and curriculum development. The teacher develops, implements, and evaluates curriculum based upon standards and student needs.

4. **Standard #4 Teaching for critical thinking**: The teacher uses a variety of instructional strategies to encourage students’ development and critical thinking, problem solving, and performance skills including instructional resources.

5. **Standard #5 Creating a positive classroom environment for learning**: The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages active engagement in learning, positive social interaction and self-motivation.

6. **Standard #6 Utilizing Effective Communication**: The teacher models effective verbal, nonverbal, and media communication techniques with students, colleagues and parents to foster active inquiry, collaboration, and supportive interaction in the classroom.

7. **Standard #7 Use of Student Assessment Data to Analyze and Modify Instruction**: The teacher understands and uses formative and summative assessment strategies to assess the learner’s progress, uses assessment data to plan ongoing instruction, monitors the performance of each student and devises instruction to enable students to grow and develop.

8. **Standard #8 Professional Practice**: The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually assesses the effects of choices and actions on others. The teacher actively seeks opportunities to grow professionally in order to improve learning for all students.

9. **Standard #9 Professional collaboration**: The teacher has effective working relationships with students, parents, school colleagues and community members.

Required Components of the Teacher Work Sample

- There are no specific page limits for your TWS.
- Please include ONLY required materials.
- A typical TWS project is approximately 40 pages plus student work, charts & graphs

Your TWS must include the components listed below. Suggested page limits for each section are noted.

1. **Learning Context**
2. **Learning Objectives**
3. **Assessment Plan**
4. **Teaching Unit Instructional Plans**
5. **Instructional Decision Making**
6. **Analysis of Student Learning**
7. **Reflection and Self-Evaluation**
8. **Organization, Readability, Spelling and Grammar**
Type title of unit here

Teacher Work Sample

Element 1: Learning Context

This section of your Teacher Work Sample describes the community, school, and classroom context in which you are completing your teaching experience. This context is critical as it describes the environment for learning. This section of your TWS is written in narrative form and includes the following 5 tasks.

Discuss each of the following topics in this section of the Teacher Work Sample:

Element 1.1

Describe in detail the characteristics of the local neighborhood/community in which the school is located, the school, your classroom, and your students.

Begin by providing a brief description of the characteristics of the local neighborhood/community in which the school is located and the school community, including the type of school and grade/subject configuration. Visit the local Chamber of Commerce web page to find out more about the community. Tell about the population, cost of living, labor force and unemployment rate, average cost of housing, and other characteristics of this community. Based on this information, what will be the socioeconomic background of most of the students in your school?

Then explain major characteristics of the school that impact your instructional planning, delivery, and assessment. Detail any district or state mandates, such as required texts or curricula and content standards, services available in the school for students with special needs, etc. Remember, for each factor you describe, you must explain how that factor impacts teaching and learning.

Describe the classroom environment in which you are teaching the instructional sequence presented in your Teacher Work Sample. Include a description of the classroom rules, daily routines, physical arrangements (you might want to include photographs showing your classroom arrangement), technology available for students and teachers, social dynamics and grouping patterns, and scheduling that affects teaching and learning. Remember, for each factor you describe, you must explain how that factor impacts your teaching and student learning in the classroom.

Describe the students in your classroom, including the number of students and their ages and genders, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds, native language(s), levels of English proficiency, range of abilities, and special needs. Remember, for each factor you describe, you must explain how that factor impacts your teaching and student learning in the classroom.

Element 1.2

Build upon your work in 1.1 to connect specific student, classroom, school, and community characteristics to a classroom management plan (outlines district/building/classroom plan; explain specific plans for developmental/special needs behaviors, etc.). Include the name of the theorist(s) associated with this classroom management plan.
Element 1.3
Explain how specific characteristics may influence development of learning objectives (prior knowledge, student support, necessary modifications, accommodations and/or modifications, etc.). In other words, how do the characteristics of your school and classroom impact planning for instruction.

Element 1.4
Describe how these specific characteristics may influence selection of teaching strategies you will use in your classroom (grouping considerations, expertise available in the community, use of technology, etc.).

Element 1.5
Document an interview and/or collaborative discussion with the cooperating teacher regarding learning context.

Definition of Terms
- **Impacts teaching and learning**: A contextual factor impacts teaching and learning if it matters (is important to, is relevant to, affects) how or the extent to which students learn.

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Element 2: Learning Objectives

In this section of your Teacher Work Sample, you must

1. list the learning objectives that guide the planning, delivery, and assessment of your instructional unit (or sequence);

2. show how these objectives align with appropriate national, state, and/or local standards;

3. show how the learning objectives are linked to multiple instructional strategies (including use of technology) and developmentally appropriate learning theories;

4. reflect on possible assessments (both formative and summative) connected to these objectives;

5. develop and administer a content pre-test;

6. based on those pre-test results, explain what changes you will make to the learning objectives.

There are five specific tasks to be completed in Element 2 of your Teacher Work Sample.

Elements 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, and 2.4

Complete the following table that outlines your objectives (what you expect your students to know and be able to do), identifies national, state, and/or local standards correspondent to each objective, and illustrates how each objective links to multiple instructional strategies, developmentally appropriate learning theories, and use of technology (when appropriate).

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<td>Write each learning objective in a research-based format such as ABCD format (audience, behavior, condition, degree) or SMART (specific, measurable, attainable, related, time-bound). List each learning objective on a different row of this table.</td>
<td>Indicate to what standard(s) your objective is aligned.</td>
<td>Indicate appropriate instructional strategies that can be utilized to reach your objective.</td>
<td>Indicate any appropriate technology that can be utilized to enhance the learning of your students related to the objective</td>
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Element 2.5

Explain (paragraph form) why each objective is linked with the chosen strategies, theories, and (where applicable) use of technology. Include a reflection statement (paragraph form) about possible assessment strategies (both formative and summative) related to the objectives (include what strategies you choose, and why you choose them).
Element 2.6

Develop, administer, score, and interpret a content-specific pre-test. Now, based on the interpretation of the pre-test results, explain (paragraph form) the changes you would make to your learning objectives and why you would make those changes. Include completed student copies of the pre-test and the revised objectives.

Definition of Terms

- **National, state, and/or local standards**: General statements about learning expectations for what P-12 students should know and be able to do as required by national, state, or local standards

- **Developmentally appropriate**: Appropriate for the student’s level of learning based on knowledge of his/her physical, social, emotional, intellectual development and/or prior level of achievement

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<td>2.6 Based on pre-test results, candidate explains any needed changes to learning objectives and/or explains why no changes are needed (includes completed student copies of pre-test and revised objectives) (narrative).</td>
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7. Professional Collaboration
Element 3: Assessment Plan

In this section of your Teacher Work Sample, you must design an assessment plan that will be used to monitor student progress toward the learning objectives. Plan appropriate assessment measures for assessing student learning before instruction, during instruction, and after instruction.

Assessment methods may include constructed response items, selected response items, performance assessment that includes scoring rubrics, and personal communication documented in anecdotal records. Your instructional sequence should include a variety of assessment methods and strategies suited for the developmental level of the students and your learning objectives. You must also state and defend the criteria you will use for determining the accomplishment of each learning objective.

There are three tasks to be completed in Element 3 of your Teacher Work Sample. You will need to:

1. Construct a table that outlines the assessment plan for your unit.
2. Include copies of each assessment you will use, including the student copy and the answer key for each assessment.
3. Write a reflection statement about how your chosen assessments match the instructional strategies you will employ in your unit.

In Element 2 of your Teacher Work Sample, you administered a pre-test for your unit and made any necessary changes to your learning objectives based on what you want your students to know and be able to do. Now, based on these revised learning objectives, it is time to develop your unit assessment plan. Before you begin to write this section of your TWS, we recommend that you ask yourself the following key questions:

- Are there different ways I can determine the degree to which objectives have been met?
- If so, what is the best or most appropriate assessment tool for this class based on the learning context? Are these assessment tools formative or summative?
- How will I know when students have attained these objectives?
- How can these assessments be modified to meet the needs of the various learners in my classroom?

Element 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, and 3.4

After considering these key questions for assessment, you can begin to develop your unit assessment plan. Remember to review the rubric for this section as you develop your assessment plan table. Please using the following format:
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<td>List each learning objective in a separate row. Remember, your learning objective should include a Standard of Performance or Expectation</td>
<td>List and briefly describe the appropriate assessment method you have chosen for this objective. Indicate whether the assessment is formative or summative.</td>
<td>Explain why you chose this assessment. Explain how you will administer, score, and interpret this assessment.</td>
<td>What modifications will you make to this assessment to meet the needs of individual students in your class who have special needs?</td>
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**Element 3.5**

Finally, in paragraph form, include a written reflection statement that addresses how and why the assessments you utilized in your unit complement or match the instructional strategies you have selected.
Element 4: Instructional Plans

In this section of your Teacher Work Sample you will provide detailed lesson plans for the lessons you are teaching. You will demonstrate your ability to plan instruction that is academically sound, developmentally appropriate, and addresses appropriate content standards as designated by the state or your school district. This section of your TWS includes the three following tasks:

1. Re-read the reflection written at the end of Element 2 regarding changes to the learning objectives based on the results of the pre-test. Think carefully: How will these revised learning objectives impact the lessons you plan?

2. Re-read the reflection written at the end of Element 3 outlining possible instructional strategies. Review the needs of the students in your class and the content you will be teaching. Carefully select the most appropriate instructional strategies to help students learn the content you are teaching in this unit.

3. Write detailed lesson plans for a five-lesson sequence. Include copies of all instructional materials, i.e., handouts, worksheets, PowerPoint slides, SmartBoard materials, etc. as well as selected copies of student work to illustrate the formative (and/or summative) assessment(s) associated with each lesson.

What do I need to do?

First, write five detailed lesson plans for five sequential lessons that meet the criteria outlined below and in the rubric.

Element 4.1

Lesson plans must be consistent with a researched-based format (Hunter lesson plan, Learning Cycle, etc.) and must be in parallel style. Templates for these lesson plan formats are provided in Appendices I and II.

Element 4.2

Plans must include sufficient detail to demonstrate your knowledge of the content, i.e., include completed examples you will use and scripts explaining what you will say during Input/Modeling (Hunter Lesson Plan) or Explanation (Learning Cycle). Include appropriate academic language you will use to present the content to your students.

Element 4.3

Plans must demonstrate your ability to use multiple subject-specific teaching strategies (must incorporate at least three different strategies in each lesson plan).

Element 4.4

Plans must include strategies for facilitating students’ expression through speaking, writing, listening, or communicating in other ways, for example using media or other technology.
Element 4.5

Lesson plans must include strategies used to keep students actively and effectively engaged during the lesson, i.e., questioning techniques, group accountability, hands-on activities, etc.

Element 4.6

Lesson plans must outline how you will manage activities, time (pacing), transitions, etc. during the lesson. Include a description of pacing throughout the lesson, descriptions of class routines associated with stations, group activities, etc.

Element 4.7

Make sure to include copies of all instructional materials. These include handouts, worksheets, Powerpoint presentations, assessments, rubrics, and answer keys. Also include samples (not the entire class) of student work. Remember to remove all information that identifies students (such as their name) from the student work that you include.

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Lesson Reflection Sheet
Teacher Candidate

This Reflection Sheet should be completed by the Teacher Candidate following lessons taught in the Teacher Work Sample (TWS) sequence. After teaching the lesson, use this form to make notes regarding instructional decision making. Meet with your cooperating teacher and discuss/compare your reactions to the following items. A copy of this form should be included (along with a copy of your cooperating teacher’s reflections) with your TWS documents.

Teacher Candidate: ____________________  Cooperating Teacher: ____________________

School___________________________  Grade/Subject ______________________  Date_______

1. As I reflect on the lesson, to what extent were the students productively engaged in the work? How do I know?

2. Did the lesson allow for students to engage in activities and learning situations which were consistent with the planned lesson and/or the district’s curriculum guide?

3. What feedback did I receive from students indicating they achieved understanding and that the goal/objective(s) were met for this lesson?

4. Did I adjust my goals or my work as I taught the lesson? Why? How?

5. If I had the opportunity to teach this lesson again to this same group of students, what would I do differently?

* If more space is needed, please add additional pages.
Element 5: Instructional Decision Making

In this section of your Teacher Work Sample you will actually teach your lessons and then you must provide examples of “Instructional Decision-Making” and the “thought process” you go through when you consider your students’ learning. Each of these statements will be approximately one paragraph in length. Provide a reflection of two different instances when you, as a teacher, used ongoing reflection during your instructional sequence that resulted in modifications to the existing lesson. You must describe a situation when the whole class, groups, or an individual student’s learning or response caused you to modify or adapt your original instructional sequence, lesson plan(s), or assessments. The modifications/accommodations must be based on your students’ behavior, not on circumstances such as a shortened time period for teaching or equipment failure.

What do I need to think about to complete this task?

- While teaching your lessons, you will want to continually consider what you could change or modify that will help the students better understand the material you are presenting.

- You will want to consider what triggered you to make this change. Was it a look that you got from one of the students or a comment that was made? Was it your student(s)’ inability to answer your questions? Was the change based on the results of a pre-planned assessment?

- Use the lesson reflection sheet to record information about each of your lessons. Use this information to reflect on your instructional decision making.

This section of your TWS contains three tasks. The first two tasks of this element should be written in narrative form. The third task is to make sure you have included your cooperating teacher feedback form.

**Element 5.1**

Discuss your teaching with your cooperating teacher. Complete the cooperating teacher feedback form (located at the end of this section) and include a copy of the form with your TWS. This form allows your cooperating teacher to comment on how your adjustments took place during your lesson.

**Element 5.2**

For each of the two instances/examples you provide,

- Clearly describe the context of the student learning or response. What is happening? The student’s learning or response may come from a planned (formal) or informal (interim) assessment or another source other than the pre-assessment.

- Analyze what were you thinking as this instance was occurring. Why did you believe an adaptation or modification was needed?

- Describe in detail the modifications or adaptations you made.

- Explain your rationale for how you thought the adaptations or modifications would improve student progress toward mastering the learning objective(s) and how you feel this will help your future instruction related to a particular learning objective.
Definition of Terms

- **Reflection-in-Action**: Reflection that occurs during teaching
- **Modifications**: Change from original instructional plan, i.e., materials, learning environment, strategies, etc. based on information about students
- **Accommodations**: Changes or alterations in any aspect of the instructional plan that do not substantially change academic level, performance criteria, or objective of instructional or tasks
- **Instructional strategy**: Teaching strategies such as reciprocal teaching, cooperative learning, etc.

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<td>5.1 Candidates discuss (post-teaching) 2 TWS lessons with the cooperating teacher and documents these discussions. (Include a lesson reflection sheet from each of your discussions with your cooperating teacher if required.)</td>
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<td>5.2 Candidates explains two changes made during your student teaching experience due to unforeseen circumstances and reflects upon how these affected student learning (such as technology malfunctions, fire alarms, student illness, unexpected learning outcomes, incorporating current events associated with the lesson, etc.) May not be related to your TWS unit.</td>
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MOSPE Standards:

- 1. Content Knowledge
- 2. Learners and Diversity
- 3. Curriculum
- 4. Instruction
- 5. Classroom Management
- 6. Effective Communication
- 7. Assessment
- 8. Professional Practice
- 9. Professional Collaboration
*This Cooperating Teacher Lesson Reflection Sheet (below) will be completed by your Cooperating Teacher in their section of the field experience binder of Tk20. Please obtain a printed copy of this form, scan it into a PDF document, and upload it in this element.
Cooperating Teacher Feedback Form

This Reflection Sheet should be completed by the cooperating teacher following observations of lessons taught in the Teacher Work Sample (TWS) sequence. Please meet with your teacher candidate after they have taught the lesson to discuss/compare reactions to the following items. A signed copy of this form should be included with the TWS documents.

Teacher Candidate: ___________________ Cooperating Teacher: ___________________

School ___________________ Grade/Subject ___________________ Date __________

1. As you observed this lesson, to what extent were students productively engaged in the work?

2. Did the lesson allow for students to engage in activities and learning situations which were consistent with the planned lesson and/or the district’s curriculum guide?

3. How did the teacher candidate act on feedback from students that they did/did not achieve understanding and/or that the goal/objective(s) of the lesson were met?

4. Did the teacher candidate adjust their goals and/or plans as the lesson was taught? Why? How?

5. What suggestions would you make if the teacher candidate were to teach this lesson again?

*If more space is needed, please add additional pages

Teacher Candidate: ___________________ (signature) Cooperating Teacher: ___________________ (signature)
Element 6: Analysis of Student Learning

In this section of the Teacher Work Sample, you will describe student learning that occurred as a result of the instructional sequence. You should provide evidence of the assessment you developed to align with your learning objectives and the standards, consider students’ performances on the assessment connected to those learning objectives, and use your analysis of the data to identify the next steps in your instruction.

Before you begin, think about the following questions:

- How have you evaluated student learning throughout the entire learning segment?
- How do you document student learning?
- How have you provided feedback to students about their learning strengths and needs? You will want to collect assessment responses from the entire class, and then analyze patterns in student learning.
- Did several students demonstrate the same strengths or similar needs? How will you use this information to inform your instruction for future lessons?

This section of your TWS contains four tasks. Tasks 1 and 2 include constructing graphs or charts and tasks 3 and 4 include writing narrative summaries that give both you and your students detailed feedback about the progress students are making toward meeting the identified learning objectives. You will present data for at least two of the learning objectives addressed in the instructional sequence.

Element 6.1

Quantitative whole class analysis: Collect data for each student in the class on a pre-assessment and post-assessment for each of the two identified learning objectives. Provide a graphic representation to compare pre- and post-test results on one objective and explain what the graph illustrates. Then, provide a second graphic representation to compare pre- and post-test results for the second learning objective. For each of the featured learning objectives, you may indicate:

A. the percent of the students who achieved the objective according to the criteria stated in your assessment plan, and

B. the number of students who showed improvement from the pretest to the post-test.

Graphic representation for students in early childhood may be in a format such as a teacher checklist with detailed analysis.

Element 6.2

Quantitative subgroup and/or individual analysis: Select a contextual characteristic to analyze, i.e., performance level, socioeconomic status, gender, language proficiency, or other attributes of diversity. Consider a subgroup and/or individual student(s) based on that distinguishing characteristic, and explain why it is important to understand the learning of this particular subgroup and/or individual in relation to at least two of the learning objectives addressed in the instructional sequence. Use disaggregated data to draw conclusions about the extent to which the subgroup met the learning objectives. Provide graphic representations to compare pre- and post-test results for each featured
target, and explain what the two graphs illustrate about the learning of the sub-group in comparison to the whole class.

**Elements 6.3 and 6.4**

For 6.3 and 6.4, you will explain your results in qualitative form, one narrative for each of the quantitative analyses you presented (whole class and sub-group). Your narrative should analyze student progress toward meeting the two identified learning objectives. As you summarize your students’ learning,

1. discuss what students appear to understand well and where they continue to struggle, including any misunderstandings, errors, confusion, or needs;
2. describe any modifications/accommodations to the planned assessment or procedure that allowed students with specific needs to demonstrate their learning.
3. cite evidence of common patterns across the class, as well as groups of students with similar strengths or needs.

Based upon your analysis of students’ performance on the pre- and post-test, describe the next steps for instruction of the whole class. Based upon your analysis of students in the subgroup’s performance, describe the next steps for instruction that may be needed for this group of learners.

**Definition of Terms:**

- **Subgroups:** A subset of the class based on specific, distinguishing characteristics
- **Disaggregate:** Ungrouping objects or data into meaningful subcategories or parts

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Element 7: Reflection

Element 7 of your Teacher Work Sample provides you an opportunity to reflect on key points of the unit you taught as well as your overall student teaching experience.

It is important for you to critically reflect on these experiences before you begin to write this section of your Teacher Work Sample.

Element 7 contains three parts. Each section should be two to three paragraphs written in narrative form. Follow these specific instructions for each section:

**Element 7.1**

Reflect on the effectiveness of your classroom management plan. In this section tell the reader what you learned about classroom management during your student teaching experience. How did you apply what you learned to improve your classroom management? How did you/will you change your classroom management in the future? Be specific, and provide examples.

**Element 7.2**

Reflect on the importance of collegial and collaborative activities within your school setting. This section includes participation in professional development activities, learning communities, department or grade level meetings, etc. Again, focus on what you learned, what you can apply in the future, and how your ideas about collegial and collaborative activities have changed. Be specific, and provide examples.

**Element 7.3**

Develop and reflect on your own self-improvement plan. This section is related to the specific unit you taught for your TWS project. Think about learning objectives, lesson plans, instructional strategies, assessments, student engagement, and student learning. Identify areas of strength and areas for improvement. Be specific, and provide examples. What did you do well while teaching this unit? What can you do better next time you teach this unit? How have you changed as a teacher?

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Element 8: Organization, Academic Language, Spelling, and Grammar

Element 8.1

Element 8 is the last element in the Teacher Work Sample where you demonstrate your ability to communicate using academic language related to professional education and the content of your unit. Element 8 of your TWS will be evaluated in three main areas:

1. Organization. Your TWS should be well organized.
2. Use of Academic Language. You should use the appropriate, accepted academic language of your discipline.
3. Spelling and Grammar. Your TWS should demonstrate your use of standard English conventions, grammar, punctuation, and spelling.

Proofread your TWS thoroughly before you submit it for grading.

Your Teacher Work Sample must include all seven of the elements listed and must be keyed into MS Word, double-spaced, and error-free. It should include the provided TWS Cover Sheet and table of contents that lists the sections of your paper and the page numbers. Submit your Teacher Work Sample to the TK20 website by the deadline set by the Field Experiences Director. Your Teacher Work Sample will be evaluated using the attached scoring rubric.

Electronically submitted Teacher Work Samples will need to be in a file format readable on the Northwest campus, preferably Microsoft Word (.doc). If you use another word processing program, save your Teacher Work Sample as .doc by opening the document, going to File in the menu, then selecting Save As. Choose the MS Word format.

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