GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF EDUCATION AND HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Education Leadership Program Course Syllabus

Course Number and Title

EDLE 616.603 Curriculum Development & Evaluation (3 credits) Summer, 2013.

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Program Vision: The Education Leadership Program is devoted to improving the quality of pre-K through 12 education through teaching, research and service. Candidates and practicing administrators engage in course work devoted to experiential learning, professional growth opportunities, and doctoral research that informs practice. We educate exceptional leaders who act with integrity as they work to improve schools.

Schedule Information

Class Location: Oakton HS Library

Class Days/Times: Tuesdays, Thursdays, 5—8pm

Course Description: Examines relationship of written, taught, and tested curriculum; and identifies critical leadership decisions that can positively impact student achievement. Identifies components of effective curriculum guides, and constructs a Curriculum Design model for emerging leaders. Mini document for personal use is constructed.

Prerequisites: EDLE 620, EDLE 690, and EDLE 791

Textbooks:

English, Fenwick J. (2010). Deciding What to Teach and Test: Corwin Press. [3rd edition]

[The required text[s] is/are available in the GMU Bookstore in the Johnson Center]

Reference texts (optional use as resources.... purchase not required)

Jacobs, Hayes H. (2010) Curriculum 21: Essential Education for a Changing World Alexandria, VA: Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)

Virginia Standards of Learning

Relationships to Program Goals and Professional Organizations: The importance of strengthening and guiding instruction in educational settings is a leadership theme of academic and professional organizations alike. The purpose of the course is to strengthen the knowledge, skills and dispositions of EDLE candidates as instructional leaders and managers. The course provides models for (1) designing and managing curriculum; (2) relating to school board policy, professional development, and budget to effective instructional leadership; (3) constructing effective teacher-friendly curriculum guides; and (4) collecting and using demographic data to create a plan for improved student performance.

This course meets applicable competencies, standards, and guidelines set forth by the Virginia Department of Education (VA DOE), Interstate School Leaders Licensure Consortium (ISSLC), National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), and Educational Leadership Constituent Council (ELCC), as shown below.

VA DOE Competetencies (a 1,3,4,5 and 6; c1; e1; f 4,5)

NCATE Guidelines (Strategic Leadership: 1.3, 1.6, 2.4; Instructional Leadership: 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6. 3.9; Organizational Leadership: 9.1)

ELCC Standards [2011]: (1.1), (1.2), (1.4), (2.2), (2.3), (2.4), (6.3)

Learner Outcomes: Students who successfully complete the requirements for EDLE 616 will be able to:

- [i] demonstrate an in-depth knowledge of curriculum design, development and evaluation and connect all parts to ELCC standards in the design [and presentation] of a mini curriculum framework
- [ii] demonstrate the ability to analyze school demographic and assessment data and use the same to create a professional development plan [PDP] to improve student performance in <u>two</u> critical areas
- [iii] identify an emerging/controversial issue in curriculum development/evaluation and create a plan to serve as a guide for educators to fully understand it [the plan should connect best thinking/practices on the issue to 2 or 3 essential questions]
- [iv] investigate the components of a well-formed BOE policy on curriculum development/evaluation and apply that knowledge to *solve* a problem either at a specific grade level or content area.

Internship [EDLE 791]: For questions relating to the connections between the Internship and coursework, please talk with either [i] the Instructor, or [ii] your Internship Advisor.

<u>Nature of Course Deliver</u>y: A variety of instructional methods are used to cover the subject matter and create a dynamic, interactive learning environment. These methods <u>may</u> include large and small group discussions, case studies, media, Internet assignments, lecture, guest practitioners, group presentations, interviews, collaborative learning and reflection. There is some out-of-class work expected. <u>The challenge is to become a community of learners.</u>

<u>Course Requirements:</u> You are expected to attend each class because discussion, presentations and hands-on activities are critical parts of the course. The completion of and reflection on assigned readings, **constructive participation** in discussions and group work as well as on-line communication with group members are routine expectations. Access to a computer and a GMU email account are essential because you will receive important information from the university only on your GMU account and only GMU email accounts may be used to communicate with the instructor. You must also have an account in **Taskstream**.

**Every student registered for any (EDLE) course with a required performance-based assessment (will be designated as such in the syllabus) is required to submit these assessments, ([a] Demographic Analysis of Assessment Data, [b] Design of Curriculum Framework]) to TaskStream (regardless of whether a course is an elective, a onetime course or part of an undergraduate minor.) Evaluation of your performance-based assessment will also be provided using TaskStream. Failure to submit the

assessment to TaskStream will result in the course instructor reporting the course grade as Incomplete(IN). Unless this grade is changed upon completion of the required TaskStream submission, the IN will convert to an F nine weeks into the following semester.**

If missing a class is unavoidable, you are responsible for notifying the instructor (preferably in advance). It is your responsibility to check with class colleagues for notes and assignments and complete any missed assignments and readings, etc. before the start of the next class. All absences may affect your final grade because of the heavy emphasis on class participation. All written assignments must be completed on a word processor (unless otherwise indicated) and turned in on or before the due date.

Assignments # 2 and #3 are program performance-based assessments and are to be submitted on Taskstream.

Late assignments will lower your grade on the project, and will not be accepted or given credit if received 48 hours late. Specific course requirements and assigned due dates <u>may</u> be altered as the instructor receives input from you and your classmates about your school calendars. To plan and complete group projects, you may need to meet with other group members at times other than during scheduled class sessions.

Evaluation and Grading:

Because EDLE 616 is a graduate level course, high quality work is expected in class and on all assignments. Assignments 1, 2, 3 and 4 are graded by a rubric. In this way, the rubric can both inform the completion of the assignments and serve as an instrument to assess your grade for the activity.

This course is designed to further develop and expand your managerial and ethical skills in the area of instructional leadership and management. You will be assessed on your ability to analyze situations from the broad perspective of a school administrator, and be expected to view the impact of the decisions from a systematic perspective and from the benefit to student learning.

The grading assessment scales and assigned percentages shown below are guidelines only. Your final grade for the semester will reflect the instructor's judgment of your classroom performance as you attempt to demonstrate leadership behaviors, perspectives and attitudes.

Students may rewrite an assignment [other than the final group project] for re-grading within one week of receipt. The original assignment should be clipped/stapled to the rewrite.

Grading Scale:

Participation in class, contribution to group learning	10 points
Assignment #1	15 points
Assignment #2	20 points
Assignment #3	-
Assignment #4	-
-	-

TOTAL: 100 points

A+=100 points	A=95-99 points	A- =90-94 points
B+=87-89 points	B=83 -86 points	B - = 80 - 82 points
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C=75 -79 points F=74 points or below

College of Education and Human Development Expectations & Resources

- Academic integrity (honor code, plagiarism) Students must adhere to guidelines of the George Mason University Honor Code [See http://oai.gmu.edu/honor-code/].
- Mason Email Students are responsible for the content of university communications sent to their George Mason University email account and are required to activate their account and check it regularly. All communication from the university, college, school, division, and program will be sent to students solely through their Mason email account. Students must follow the university policy for Responsible Use of Computing [See http://universitypolicy.gmu.edu/1301gen.html].
- Counseling and Psychological Services The George Mason University Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) staff consists of professional counseling and clinical psychologists, social workers, and counselors who offer a wide range of services (e.g., individual and group counseling, workshops, and outreach programs) to enhance students' personal experience and academic performance [See http://caps.gmu.edu/].
- Office of Disability Services Students with disabilities who seek accommodations in a course must be registered with the George Mason University Office of Disability Services (ODS) and inform their instructor in writing at the beginning of the semester http://ods.gmu.edu/].
- Students must follow the university policy stating that all sound emitting devices shall be turned off during class unless otherwise authorized by the instructor.
- The Writing Center (Optional Resource) The George Mason University Writing Center staff provides a variety of resources and services (e.g., tutoring, workshops, writing guides, handbooks) intended to support students as they work to construct and share knowledge through writing [See http://writingcenter.gmu.edu/].

• University Libraries (Optional Resource) – The George Mason University Libraries provide numerous services, research tools, and help with using the library resources [See http://library.gmu.edu/].

Core Values Commitment

The College of Education and Human Development is committed to collaboration, ethical leadership, innovation, research-based practice, and social justice. Students are expected to adhere to these principles College of Education and Human Development Statement of Expectations and Resources

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Assignment #1

Identify critical school board policy for curriculum development and evaluation [Individual Assignment]

Purpose:

As educators, it is important that we have a clear understanding of the educational policies developed by our school boards, and our responsibility as educational leaders to implement them. This assignment will challenge your ability to investigate a particular policy adopted by a chosen school board and examine its impact on student learning and achievement.

Assignment:

Prepare at minimum a 3 -5 page, double spaced document that investigates one chosen school board policy and analyze its components in relation to the needs of a [i] specific grade level or [ii] content area. Candidates will conduct interviews with administrators and/or stakeholders in order to gain detailed knowledge of the policy and its impact at the local school level.

School Board Policy Grading Rubric

ELCC
StandardsCriteriaExceeds
Expectations
4Meets
Expectations
3Approaching
Expectations
2Below
Expectations
Expectations
1

Candidates	Clearly	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	
understand and can anticipate and assess emerging trends and initiatives in	Clearly identifies a selected curricular area	curricular area is identified and adequately and clearly described.	curricular area is identified AND adequately described	curricular area is identified or described, but not both	curricular area is not identified or described.	
order to adapt school-based leadership strategies. [ELCC: 6.3]	Includes a statement that relates to area of study	Statement is clear with adequate reference to the needs of the student learners.	Statement is clear with adequate reference to learners	Statement is vague or rambling with some reference to student learning	No statement is included	
[weighting 20%]						
[weighting 40%]	Connections made from School Board Policy to grade level and/or content area	Connections from School Board Policy to grade level and/or content area are clearly and concisely explained	Connections from School Board Policy to grade level and/or content area listed	Connections from School Board Policy to grade level and/or content area hinted at	No connections made	
[weighting 35%]	Candidates will conduct interviews with [a] Administration or [b] School Board members regarding selected policy	Impact of School Board Policy clearly and concisely presented from multiple interviews [a and b]	Impact of School Board Policy presented from either [a] or [b]	Impact of School Board Policy discussed in general terms		
[weighting 5%]	Spelling, grammar, mechanics	The project is error free and clearly and professionally presented	The project has no spelling errors and no more than two mechanical errors.	The project has some spelling grammar, and/or mechanical errors.	The project has multiple errors in spelling, and/or mechanics	Total Score

Purpose:

The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate the ability to analyze demographic and test data (Standards of Learning or other test results) as it relates to curriculum and/or instructional improvement. Each student will obtain the above-mentioned information from their schools, and analyze strengths/weaknesses of existing Action Plans with a view to helping teachers improve student performance in two curriculum areas. Candidates should also include recommendations for involving school staff in the change process, including relevant [recent] research-based strategies as a part of the effort to lead school improvement. (An individual learning activity completed during and outside of class).

Assignment:

Prepare, at minimum, a Mini-CASE STUDY (8 to 12 pages, including graphics) utilizing the analysis of actual demographic and test data from your school, and, after examining existing site-based Action Plans, analyze the strengths and weaknesses in the Action Plan with a view to helping teachers/staff members improve student performance in the two targeted curriculum areas.

Plan of Action

- 1. Locate the most recent AYP data for your school
- 2. Identify demographic information for your school as it relates to AYP data for NCLB sub-groups
- 3. Analyze the data in two academic areas. Include a brief description of your findings and conclusions regarding curriculum/instruction deficit areas.
- 4. Examine and critique existing site-based "action plans" (focusing on strengths and weaknesses) that target the two curriculum areas you selected for improving student achievement. Discuss with colleagues in your school why this problem exists and probable causes for action plan strengths/weaknesses.
- 5. Locate current research-based strategies [recent] that would help [i] target the identified deficit areas, and [ii] strengthen (and improve) the delivery of curriculum/instruction to improve future student performance in those areas.
- 6. Finally, make recommendations to site-based leadership on ways to involve school staff in the change process.

Analysis of Assessment Data: Grading Rubric

ELCC Standards	Exceeds Expectations 4	Meets Expectations 3	Approaching Expectations 2	Below Expectation 1
Candidates understand and can collaborate with faculty and community members by collecting and analyzing information pertinent to the improvement of the school's educational environment. [ELCC: 4.1] [weighting 20%]	Cultural diversity in the school and its community is described and analyzed (race, ethnicity, gender, age, socio-economic status, English language learners, and special education) over the last three years (minimally).	Cultural diversity in the school is described and analyzed (race, ethnicity, gender, age, socioeconomic levels, English language learners, and special education) over the last three years (minimally).	Cultural diversity is described and analyzed, but lacks information on all 7 categories.	Either analyzed or describes the cultural diversity of the school, not both.
Candidates understand and can evaluate school progress and revise school plans supported by school stakeholders [ELCC: 1.4] [weighting 20%]	Describes and analyzes at least 3 effects where school demographics impact student achievement data in two curriculum areas, identifying achievement gaps and data trends and offering possible rationales.	Describes and analyzes 1 or 2 effects where school demographics impact student achievement data in two curriculum areas, identifying achievement gaps and data trends and offering possible rationales.	Describes and/or analyzes 1 effect where school demographics impacts student achievement data in two curriculum areas, identifying achievement gaps and data trends and offering possible rationales.	No effects are document

ELCC	Exceeds	Meets Expectations	Approaching Expectations	Below Expectation
Standards	Expectations 4	3	2	
Candidates	Current school action plan(s) are	Current school action plan(s)	Current school action plan(s)	Limited analysis
understand and can	analyzed in relation to identified	are analyzed in relation to	are analyzed in relation to	provided of school
create and evaluate	achievement gap areas. Instructional	identified achievement gap	identified achievement gap	action plan(s) in
a comprehensive,	practices, instructional programs,	areas. Instructional practices	areas. Instructional practices,	relation to identified
rigorous, and	and assessments that support student	and/or instructional programs,	programs, and assessments	achievement gap are
coherent curricular	learning in two curriculum areas are	and/or assessments that support	are not clearly described or	Instructional practic
and instructional	described and evaluated.	student learning in two	evaluated.	programs, and
school program.		curriculum areas are described		assessments are not

[ELCC: 2.2] [weighting 20%]		and evaluated.		addressed.
Candidates understand and can develop school capacity for distributed leadership. [ELCC: 3.4] [weighting 35%]	Recommendations highlight appropriate research strategies to promote improved student achievement in two curriculum areas and involves school staff in the change process. Strategies reflect students' learning needs analyzed from the school's demographic and assessment data.	Recommendations highlight appropriate research strategies to promote improved student achievement in ONE curricular area and involves school staff in the change process. Strategies reflect students' learning needs analyzed from the school's demographic and assessment data.	Recommendations include limited evidence of appropriate research strategies to improve student achievement and may involve school staff in the change process. Strategies may not reflect students' learning needs.	Recommendation de not include appropriesearch strategies, involve the school sor connect to studer learning needs.
Spelling, grammar, mechanics. [weighting 5%]	The project is error free and is clearly and professionally presented	The project has no spelling errors and no more than two mechanical errors	The project has some spelling, grammar and/or mechanical errors	The project has mul errors in spelling an mechanics

Assignment #3: DESIGN OF CURRICULUM FRAMEWORK

REQUIRED PERFORMANCE [Taskstream]

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate knowledge of program design in curriculum as evidenced in the creation of a model for emerging leaders in the field. The rationale for developing a program for emerging leaders instead of a grade level or subject area framework is because instructional/administrative leadership focuses on broad implementation, as opposed to teacher leadership that is more grade/subject specific (these curricula are often mandated by the state/district anyway). As one of the last courses in the licensure program, creating a leadership framework allows students an opportunity to reflect on what they've learned about site-based leadership to date and what they would still like to explore. This also helps to define a topic for Assignment Four. Finally, creating the framework ties all the major concepts of the course together, allowing students to practically apply what they've learned in a concrete way, such as aligning the program with standards and assessments, as well as implementing the ideas of the Six Facets of Understanding and Backwards Design. These concepts can then be applied to any curricular area as a site-based leader.

ASSIGNMENT:

In small groups explore and research existing leadership programs, then individually design and construct a Curriculum Framework for aspiring educational leaders. The document is not to exceed 20 pages [25to 30 slides if using PowerPoint], including

references that are written in APA style. Components to be included in the Curriculum Framework are listed in the directions below.

DIRECTIONS:

[a] <u>Collaboratively</u>....

- Conduct Internet searches of other leadership programs across the nation (and world).
- Interview both seasoned and new administrators about what they believe emerging administrators need in preparing them for 21st century leadership.
- Check the web sites of educational organizations, the State Departments of Education, accrediting agencies to discover the requirements and knowledge, skills & dispositions for leading-edge programs.
- Collect information and ideas about leadership development from other sources selected by your group.

[b] Individually.....

- Be creative in your ideas about the different teaching methods that could help aspiring leaders learn, how they will be assessed, activities for learning, and locations where leadership development could occur.
- Synthesize those ideas that your group collects from various sources and make content and format decisions for your [individual] curriculum document. Select the essential knowledge, skills, and dispositions that you believe should be included in a curriculum framework for aspiring leaders. Then, construct a matrix to validate and support what you consider "the right curriculum."

Your curriculum framework –curriculum map, course offerings & brief descriptions-should include the following components:

- 1. a philosophy and/or vision for the aspiring leaders' program
- 2. a validation matrix with at least 4 to 6 sources (include ISLLC, NCATE, ELCC, VA DOE components)
- 3. a list of the critical knowledge, skills, and dispositions needed by aspiring leaders
- 4. a list of essential questions to guide the content of your curriculum framework
- 5. evidence of thoughtful inclusion of UBD as part of the design
- 6. an assessment plan for your curriculum framework
- 7. a reference page to document the sources [minimum of 6] used when collecting data and constructing the framework.

Grading Rubric Design of Curriculum Framework

ELCC	Exceeds	Meets	Approaching	Below
Standards	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations
	[4]	[3]	[2]	[1]
Candidates demonstrate skills in adapting leadership strategies and practice to address emerging school issues. [ELCC: 6.3] Weight: 15%	Proposed curriculum design model reflects [i] current best practices; [ii] emerging trends; [iii] validation by at least 4 Standards' authorities; and [iv] current research on Leadership Programs.	Proposed curriculum design model includes [a] emerging trends, and [b] 2 other elements listed.	Proposed curriculum design model includes [a] emerging trends, and [b] 1 other element listed.	Proposed curriculum design model suggests [generally] trends, best practices and current research.
Candidates demonstrate skills in the design and support of a collaborative process for developing and implementing a school vision. [ELCC: 1.1] Weight: 20%	Proposed curriculum design model includes [i] a strong mission & philosophy statement; [ii] a vision for a program of excellence; [iii] specific indicators of knowledge, skills and dispositions served; [iv] and at least 4 essential questions to guide the program.	Proposed curriculum design model includes 3 out of the 4 elements listed.	Proposed curriculum design model includes 2 out of the 4 elements listed.	Proposed curriculum design model only focuses on 1 of the elements listed.
Candidates	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed	Proposed
demonstrate	curriculum	curriculum	curriculum	curriculum
skills in the	design model	design model	design model	design model
planning,	incorporates current Adult	includes 3 out of the 4	includes 2 out of the 4	focuses only on 1 element
implementation	current Adult	of the 4	of the 4	1 element

and evaluation of a coordinated, aligned and articulated curriculum. [ELCC: 2.2] Weight: 25% Candidates demonstrate skills in	Learning theories, multiple assessment [formal & informal] models, opportunities to showcase diverse learners, and strong evidence of the UBD backward design model. Proposed curriculum design model	Proposed curriculum design model	Proposed curriculum design model	Proposed curriculum design model
designing the use of differentiated instructional strategies, curriculum materials, and evidence of UBD in design and the provision of high-quality instruction. [ELCC: 2.3] Weight: 25%	reflects differentiation in the design, and a strong inquiry-based approach to learning in the entire course sequence.	includes evidence of 2 out of the 3 elements listed.	includes evidence of 1 out of the 3 elements listed.	only hints at generalities in all of the elements listed.
Candidates demonstrate skills in using technologies for improved classroom instruction, student achievement and continuous school improvement. [ELCC: 2.4] Weight: 10%	Proposed curriculum design model incorporates the application of technologies in classroom instruction, student achievement & school improvement.	Proposed curriculum design model includes 2 out of the 3 elements listed.	Proposed curriculum design model lists only one of the elements.	No elements are included in the overall design.
Unblemished Prose. Weight: 5%	Proposed curriculum design model is error free.	Proposed curriculum design model contains 1 or 2 errors.	Proposed curriculum design model contains 5 or more errors.	Proposed curriculum design model is riddled with errors.

Assignment #4

Professional Development for Curriculum Change

Identify, Create [and deliver] a Professional Development Session for a Selected Curriculum Issue from Assignment #3 or a current controversial curriculum issue

(Group Project –IN CLASS)

Purpose:

As educational leaders, we are frequently faced with instructional issues directly related to the written/taught curriculum, and the challenge of presenting them to colleagues in the schoolhouse. The purpose of this assignment is to demonstrate the ability to deliver a PD session to class colleagues based on a **new** course[or new course idea] either [i] identified in Assignment 3, or [ii] a current controversial curriculum issue, utilizing the tenets of the *taught curriculum* & 'backward design'[UBD].

Assignment:

You [plural] will identify a current/future curriculum issue and create a PD plan that serves as a guide for educators [can be an issue identified in Assignment #3]. Candidates may use a variety of information gathering methods including interviews with peers, administrators and/or central office personnel; you may also wish to obtain information from the text as well as curriculum guides. Prepare a 10 to 15 minute PD presentation that is designed to assist educators in their understanding of the curriculum issue, and which utilizes the format of the Taught Curriculum & 'backward design' [UBD].

Professional Development Plan Grading Rubric

ELCC	Criteria	Exceeds	Meets	Approaching	Below	Score
Standards		Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	Expectations	
		4	3	2	1	
Candidates understand and can anticipate and assess emerging trends and	Clearly identifies a curricular issue/area that includes a rationale that	Proposed curricular area is identified and adequately and clearly described.	Proposed curricular area is identified AND adequately described	Proposed curricular area is identified or described, but not both	Proposed curricular area is not identified or described.	
initiatives in order to adapt	connects to Assignment					

school-based	3A					
leadership	Exemplifies					
strategies.	the 'taught'					
[ELCC: 6.3]	curriculum	All elements of	Some elements	One or two	No elements are	
	format,	the 'taught'	of the 'taught'	elements [only]	in evidence	
[Weighting	including [i] assessing prior	curriculum are in evidence	curriculum are in evidence [3	of the 'taught' curriculum are		
40%]	knowledge [ii]	in evidence	out of 5]	in evidence		
1070]	essential; Q &		out of 5]	in evidence		
	understandings					
	[iii] modeling					
	main concept					
	[iv] differentiation					
	where					
	appropriate [v]					
	assessing for					
	understanding					
[Weighting	Includes a	Appropriate [1]	Appropriate	Appropriate	Appropriate	
40%]	professional	instructional	instructional	instructional	instructional	
	development plan[UBD]	methods, [2] experiences, [3]	methods, experiences,	methods, experiences	methods, experiences,	
	that is includes	activities, and	activities, and	activities, or	activities and/or	
	a rationale,	[4] assessments	assessments are	assessments are	assessments are	
	materials,	are included and	included and	included [but not	not included.	
	instructional	clearly stated.	clearly stated	all listed]		
	methods and a guide for on-	Suggestions show reflective	[one of each]			
	going	thought.				
	assessment					
	Includes	Adequate and	Adequate and	Some	Technology use	
[Weighting	suggestions	appropriate	appropriate	technology use	is not included	
10%]	for using	suggestions for	suggestions for using	is included in the	in the lesson	
	technology to enrich	using technology to	technology to	lesson design, but its use may	design.	
	curriculum	enrich	enrich	not be		
	and	curriculum and	curriculum and	appropriate.		
	instruction.	instruction	instructional			
		practices are	practices are			
		included in the lesson design,	included in the lesson design.			
		along with	icoson design.			
		citations for				
		finding				
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[Weighting 10%]	Spelling, grammar,	The project is error free and	The project has no spelling	The project has some spelling	The project has multiple errors	Total
1070]	mechanics	clearly and	errors and no	grammar, and/or	in spelling,	Score
		professionally	more than two	mechanical	and/or	
		presented	mechanical	errors.	mechanics	
			errors.			

Tentative Class Schedule**

D (Topic	Essential Questions	Readings, Talks,	Assignment
<u>Date</u>			etc.	<u>Due Dates</u>
Session 1	[i] Introductions	1. What is the	Accessing prior	
June 18	Course Overview & [ii]	definition of	knowledge	
	Course in 'Miniature'	Curriculum?		
	[iii]Learning from EDLE			
	618	2. What is/should be		
	[iv] The World of Ken	the purpose of		
	Robinson	Curriculum?		
Session 2	[i]Myths about	1. What is the history	Taskstream,	
June 20	Curriculum; [ii]Historical	of curriculum	weblinks #5 and	
	influences on Curriculum	development?	files #22	
	[iii] Assignment #1 –Q/A	2. What curriculum		
		lessons have we	Read Fenwick	
		learned from history?	English, Chapter 1	
			and Chapter 2, pp.	
			57-60	
Session 3	[i] Ideologies of	1. What are the main	Curriculum	
June 25	Curriculum	philosophies/	Philosophies'	
		ideologies of	Inventory	
	[ii]Curriculum/Pacing	Curriculum?	[Taskstream,	
	'Guides'	2. What does/should a	weblinks #3]	
		Curriculum Guide		
	[iii] Looking at	look like? [Mr.		
	Assignment #2	Rago's or Mr.	Read Fenwick	
		Keating's classroom]	English, Chapter 2,	
			pp. 63 to 76	
Session 4	[i]Sociology of	1. What social	Taskstream,	Assignment
June 27	Curriculum—Simulation	issues affect	weblinks #9, 10 &	#1 due
		curriculum	19	
	[ii] The Politics of	development?		
	Curriculum [Simulation]	2. What does	Read David	
	introduced	curriculum	Berliner, 'Fixing the	
		development	Schools Isn't	
	[iii] Assignment #2- Q/A	look like as a	Everything'	
		result?	[Taskstream,	

			weblinks #6]	
Session 5 July 2 'E' Class	[i] The relationship between Assessment & The Tested Curriculum [ii] the Politics of Curriculum [iii]NCLB: What changes might re-authorization	1. What is the tested curriculum? 2. How does NCLB connect the dots between the	Kristen Williams' P/P [Taskstream, files #8] Read 'Politics & Education Don't Mix' [Taskstream, weblinks #25]	
	have wrought on behalf of children? [ii] Assignment #2 continued: Q/A **NO CLASS on	JULY 4 th **	Review 'The Privilege Exercise', Taskstream, files #26	
			**NO CLASS on JULY 4 th **	
Session 6 July 9	[i] Introduction to UBD & the Written Curriculum [ii] Eisner's Assumptions [iii] Kohn's The Case Against Standardized Testing		Taskstream, files #15 Taskstream, files #19 Taskstream, files #31	
Session 7 July 11	[i] UBD continued [ii] Intro to Curriculum Mapping [iii] The Taught Curriculum [simulation]		Taskstream, weblinks # 11 and 12	Assignment #2 due on Taskstream

	[iv] The William Ayers model	Instructor handout Taskstream, files #11	
Session 8 July 16	[i] SOL and UBD and Mappingconnections [ii] Generic vs. Specific Curriculum [iii]Curriculum Alignment [1]	Taskstream, files #20 Taskstream, files #14 Read Fenwick English, Chapter 3	
Session 9 July 18	[i] Curriculum Evaluation—City Drive Case Study Ii] 'The Responsive Classroom' examined [iii] Curriculum Alignment [2]	[a] Read 'Lessons [to be] Learned at City Drive[Taskstream, files #26] [b]View The Responsive Classroom'[web]	
Session 10 July 23	[i] Curriculum Alignment [3] From Bellevue to [ii] The Parallel Curriculum [iii] Assignment #4 –a first look	Taskstream, files #33	Assignment #3 due on Taskstream
Session 11 July 25	[i] Curriculum Development & Professional Development [ii] Chapter 4 Poster Session	Taskstream, weblinks #4 and 27 Read Fenwick English, Chapter 4	
Session 12 July 30	Consolidation Class & Class Workshop		
Session 13 August 1	Group Presentations		Assignment #4 due in Class

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^{***} A make-up session [or 'E' Class] will be scheduled, if needed, to replace any session that is cancelled due to weather conditions. ***