

Advocacy and Influence

Rubric to Check Progress

Intent of Advocacy and Influence: Bring about change/support through identification of relevant issues and resolution through data/information and stories that support the need for the intended outcome.

| Advocates for the Success of Students by Developing Knowledge, Skills, and Practice in | Distinguished Develops capacity of other advocates | Competent Demonstrates own knowledge, skills, and practice in advocacy | Novice Begins to develop own knowledge and skills in advocacy |
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| Education: The advocate educates him/herself on the issue(s) and process(e) before educating others. | Provides access to resources to educate others about relevant issue(s) Assimilates information and perspectives gleaned from primary resources (e.g., experts in the field, documents) Provides relevant data/ statistics/information to assure deep understanding of issue(s) Identifies specific examples, stories, and experiences support the issues | Educates him/herself on relevant issues impacting students' success Gets relevant data/ statistics /information to thoroughly understand issue being addressed Interviews leaders/educators familiar with issue(s) Reviews multiple perspectives to assure understanding of issue(s) Identifies own misconceptions of the issue(s) | Expresses desire to educate self around issues of importance to him/her Relies on multiple perspectives from others familiar with the issue to assure understanding of issue Begins to connect knowledge, facts, theories to understand issues being addressed Identifies personal stories/experiences connected to the issue |

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| | Shares multiple perspectives with others to assure understanding of issue(s) Dispels misconceptions of the issue(s) | Reflects on own experiences/stories connected to the issue | |
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| Articulation: The advocate defines succinctly the issue(s) and solution(s) in writing or orally for various audiences. | Provides talking points with supporting data/evidence to other advocates for the issue(s) Assists others in identification of personal stories/experiences that demonstrate the issue and its resolution Clearly articulates the consequences of the position and reasons for its advocacy | Identifies conclusions based on thorough examination of evidence, clear explanation of reasonable alternatives, and evaluation of possible consequences Develops own set of talking points to advocate for the issue, defending a position with precise and relevant evidence while convincingly addressing counterarguments Identifies and articulates stories/experiences that demonstrate the issue and resolution Provides a call to action that is responsive to the advocacy cause | Uses talking points developed by others to advocate for the issue. Identifies personal stories/experiences that demonstrate the issue and resolution |
| Demonstration: | Impacts change byConnecting with leaders who | Develops relationships with whom he/she wants to advocate | Begins to develop relationships with whom he/she wants to |
| The advocate shares his/her position with appropriate audiences, connecting the stated problem with the desired | influence the issue. Shaping direction of policy through involvement at the policy-making level Using the media regularly to shape public perception of issues | Uses varied approaches and strategies to effectively advocate Shares appropriately with various audiences the connection between the issue and the desired changes Bolsters position with reliable | advocate Beginning to share with various audiences the connection between the issue and the desired change(s). Uses basic facts and stories to support position(s) |

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| Has established relationships with those he/she wants to advocate and seeks additional individuals or groups to enlist for advocacy of issues Shares varied approaches and strategies appropriate for effective advocacy Models the assimilation of reliable statistics, comparative data, and appropriate stories and experiences to build others' capacity in advocacy Ignites the passion in others for advocacy | on |
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