GREAT EXPECTATIONS
INSTRUCTOR CERTIFICATION PROCESS

1. Great Expectations extends instructor certification to a select group of highly qualified individuals. For the spring of 2025, the focus will be on adding secondary and elementary Instructors.

2. In order to become a certified Great Expectations instructor, interested parties must submit an intern application and 20-minute video presentation to Dr. Linda Dzialo, 3101 Millbury Rd, Norman, OK 73071, for selection by a review committee. **The postmark for submitting this communication is no later than April 1, 2025.**

3. Interested parties must show successful classroom implementation of the Great Expectations 17 classroom practices.

4. After consideration of applications and submitted videos, the review committee will choose applicants for the next stage of the selection process.

5. Based on the instructor application form, results of the DVD classroom observation, possible visit with the principal, and prospective instructor's willingness to fulfill all required commitments and responsibilities, the GE Leadership Team decides to recommend or not to recommend the prospective instructor for certification training.

6. All applicants will be contacted regarding the state of their application.

7. The prospective instructor must agree to attend the specified number of hours of certification training, with the understanding that no alternative training dates will be available. The prospective instructor must also agree to participate in a one-week internship experience during a Summer Institute session. Mandatory trainings are June 7-11, 2025 (Owasso HS) and one week of internship at a GE Summer Institute of 2025. We STRONGLY recommend you attend GE instructor training March 8, 2025 at University of Central Oklahoma in Edmond Ok.

    - The prospective instructor who attends all scheduled certification training, but does not complete the internship experience, as the result of unforeseen circumstances, must repeat all required training to become an intern.

    - The prospective instructor who does not attend any or all scheduled certification training must re-initiate the certification process.

8. Following completion of certification training, the prospective instructor is assigned one week of summer institute to complete an internship experience. The prospective instructor is teamed with an experienced cooperating instructor. The intern is observed by the cooperating instructor and also observed and critiqued by a GE Instructional Coach.

9. After the completion of a successful intern week, the GE Instructional Coach determines if the prospective instructor has achieved the level of success necessary to become a certified instructor.

10. If the decision is made to approve certification, a GE Instructional Coach meets to officially award certified instructor status.

11. If the decision is made not to approve certification, the prospective instructor is given an opportunity to intern another week of summer institute.

12. The newly certified instructor may or may not have an opportunity to teach during the summer in which he/she gained initial certification. Availability of teaching slots depends on enrollment numbers and experienced instructor availability.

13. The newly certified instructor will first teach methodology. Only following successful experience in methodology teaching will the certified instructor be given an opportunity to develop and to teach an advanced course.

14. All instructors are certified for the current year only. A separate re-certification process is required each year to continue as a GE instructor.