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Element D

Teachers establish and communicate high expectations and use processes to support the development of critical-thinking and problem-solving skills.

Whether you think you can or think you can't — you are right.
—Henry Ford

Professional practices referenced under each element of the Rubric for Evaluating Colorado Teachers are cumulative. Therefore, for teachers to meet the state standard for the application of the practices referenced under Element D, they must establish and communicate high expectations for all students that challenge students to learn to their greatest ability. Teachers must plan instruction that ensures students have opportunities to learn and apply critical-thinking and problem-solving skills, which will support them in meeting or exceeding performance expectations.

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