

Professional Essay Form

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PLEASE NOTE: In your own handwriting on a separate sheet of paper, respond to the six essay questions. The following criteria will be used in scoring your responses:

- **Teaching Techniques** Applicant's responses are rated under the following topics: teaching effectiveness, teaching skills, motivation of students, daily preparation and attention to student needs.
- **Teaching Practices** Applicant's responses demonstrate an understanding of the characteristics of effective teaching practices.
- Development Knowledge of Students Applicant's responses demonstrate knowledge of the differentiated developmental characteristics of the individual child.
- Written Communication Skills Applicant's responses communicate coherently and effectively the knowledge of correct and appropriate language usage.
- **Enthusiasm for Teaching** Applicant's responses communicate the desire and energy to initiate a project and carry the project through to completion.
- 1. What is it about teaching that you find the most rewarding?
- 2. What teaching strategies have you found the most effective?
- 3. What are your major strengths as a teacher?
- 4. How would you organize your classroom to ensure success for all students?
- 5. What strategies do you utilize to involve parents in the educational process?
- 6. Why is it that you are interested in teaching at St. Mark's School?

