Reflections on Standard 1 – organized by Artifact

Definition of Instructional Leadership – my definition of instructional leadership addresses the responsibility that the leader possesses to facilitate the development, articulation, implementation and stewardship of a school or district vision of learning. A graphic representation is included to demonstrate how the many responsibilities of the instructional leader ultimately should result in improved teaching and learning.

Discussion of Student Handbooks – includes rationales for understanding policies and vision of the school district. This applies to administrators, teachers and parents.

Improving Student Performance – focuses on improving academic achievement in math and incorporates the 21st Century skills that are part of our district vision.

School Accountability – addresses the issue of accountability to the state department of education and the public. The principal’s role in accountability is also discussed.

School Improvement Project – this project examines the need to improve mathematic skills at Fairview Elementary. Data is used to support the areas needing improvement. The project concludes with potential solutions, and action plan and list of resources.

School Profile – this profile describes Fairview Elementary in detail. Demographic information, mission statement, achievement data and school improvement goals are included in this profile.

Teaching and Learning Philosophy – I believe that all students can learn. This statement of my teaching and learning philosophy describes how this belief shapes everything I do as a professional educator.

One Best System Essay – knowing how the educational system developed is important for educational leaders. This essay describes the many changes that have occurred in American education and sets us up to plan for the future.

Vision for Faculty and Staff Appraisal – in order to implement and lead others to realize a district’s vision, the leader must know exactly what is taking place in the classrooms. Faculty and staff appraisal is an important part of being a school administrator.