Dawson Springs Independent Schools

Non-Negotiable Instructional Practices

1. Build strong, positive relationships with each student (and staff) that is based on high expectations.
2. Create and implement lesson or unit plans with a clear focus on current standards (should be available at all times and in the Principal approved format).
3. Post accurate objectives for each class/period (“I can” or “I will” statements are acceptable).
4. Teach curriculum that is focused on and guided by the standards daily…with fidelity.
5. Create regular assessments that are rigorous, lead to critical thinking, and closely tied to current standards.
6. Monitor the progress of students by using assessment results to address individual student needs and make instructional modifications when warranted and/or pursue other resources as needed.
7. Participate in effective Professional Learning Communities on a regular basis and effectively document discussions and action plans for improvement.
8. Utilize feedback from student work, peers and school/district leadership to make adjustments and continuously improve teaching skills.