The state of Oregon and Southern Oregon University are in a transition year for a mandatory change to using the EdTPA Portfolio rather than the Work Sample. This portfolio will be a collection of authentic artifacts and evidence from the pre-service teacher candidate’s teaching experiences to evaluate their preparation for license. The EdTPA Portfolio is modeled after the National Board Certification process, and the pre-service teacher portfolios will be evaluated by national scorers.

Our students will be doing a “practice” EdTPA Portfolio during the September through January time frame and getting feedback from all of us - instructors, guides, and CTs. Then in February and March, they are expected to do the real EdTPA and will receive very little guidance from us. Your student teacher will be asking to work with students in language arts and math to complete their practice EdTPA in the fall, and we appreciate your support in providing them the opportunity to do this co-planning and co-teaching.

I have prepared a series of short videos to explain the EdTPA Portfolio. The links are below. I am available to answer any questions you may have. Thank you so much for your mentoring and your role in preparing future teachers.

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Video links:

What is EdTPA?
https://youtu.be/ua1BVkTDeRE

Getting Started
https://youtu.be/8G8FmG5pNQs

Task One
https://youtu.be/AiyeX5Zg0E0

Task Two
https://youtu.be/O2kRExSduN0

Task Three
https://youtu.be/DNO2epq9RO8

Task Four
https://youtu.be/a3akK6fRXdY