

PPAT® Assessment

Task 1: Contextual Factors Chart

This chart is designed to help you understand the many factors that affect teaching and learning. Such factors include your students’ lived experiences and unique learning needs, the community, classroom norms and agreements, and the physical environment in which teaching and learning take place. Understanding these factors as they relate to your teaching will help you determine the instructional strategies and approaches that will support your students’ learning.

In this chart, address the factors listed as they pertain to your teaching assignment. **The subcategories listed with each factor are just suggestions; there may be other subcategories that you would like to address, or there may be a subcategory listed that does not apply to your situation.**

You must link this document as an artifact in your response to Textbox 1.1.1.

Types of Factors	Your Teaching Assignment
<p>Knowledge of Individual Students</p> <p>(e.g., students’ lived experiences/personal histories; cultural and linguistic assets; home languages; academic/nonacademic strengths; unique learning needs; prior learning experiences; areas of interest)</p>	
<p>General Classroom Information (All subcategories listed in this box are required.)</p> <p>(e.g., students’ grade and developmental levels; age range of students; content area being taught; other factors that are pertinent to understanding your class assignment)</p>	

Types of Factors	Your Teaching Assignment
<p>School/District</p> <p><i>School</i> (e.g., school culture; school norms and policies; family engagement; community engagement; student-centered learning goals and strategies)</p> <p><i>District</i> (e.g., enrollment; demographic shifts; percent of students receiving free or reduced-price lunches; graduation rates; percent of students with IEPs; percent of students who are ELLs; per-pupil expenditures)</p>	
<p>Community</p> <p>(e.g., historical context; important figures/people [formal and informal]; whether the area is urban, suburban, or rural; socioeconomic information; census data for the community)</p>	