



University of Louisville

College of Education and Human Development

Master of Education in Teacher Leadership

(Does not lead to Principal Certification)

PERSONAL STATEMENT

COVER SHEET

Name: _____ Student ID: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Cell Phone: () _____ Home Phone: () _____

Work Phone: () _____ Email Address: _____

Which Teacher Leader plan have you selected? _____

Which semester are you beginning your program? _____

Instructions for writing your personal statement:

Professional Writing Requirements. Please complete the following and upload with your application. Each essay should be double-spaced (Times New Roman 12 point font) and no more than three pages.

Essay #1

- In what ways has your cultural heritage and background influenced the way you teach, and impacted your interactions with others who come from a different cultural background? Describe an example of an injustice or inequity that you witnessed, experienced, or became aware of during teaching - and your response at that time. Then, explain how you would respond if it occurred again. Finally, explain how you support respect for diversity in your classroom, and how you demonstrate a commitment to social justice and equity when teaching.

Essay #2

- Please review the [Professional Dispositions Rubric \[PDF\]](#) and consider how you would evaluate your areas of strength as well as those for potential growth in each of the categories. In your essay, please identify three categories that you would rate yourself as "target" or "exemplary" and explain why. Then, identify one area for professional growth, and explain how you envision this program supporting your growth in this area.

Please upload this document to your online application or mail your completed cover sheet and personal statement to:

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