

AREA OF INVESTIGATION – Portfolio Option

Name: _____

Site: _____

Date: _____

To clarify your Area of Investigation, briefly respond to the following questions.

A. Area of Investigation (To be completed before your first meeting with your administrator)

1. Name the specific topic you wish to focus on in your Area of Investigation.
2. Specifically, what aspect of that topic would you like to improve or enhance? & Why?
What evidence led you to this decision?

B. Desired Outcomes

1. How will you improve in your teaching or work through this Area of Investigation, keeping in mind the Continuum?
2. How will you improve the abilities of your students or clientele through this Area of Investigation?
3. What evidence, such as student work or assessments, will be gathered to reflect upon for your portfolio throughout the year?

4. Timeline for reflections: When will you select portfolio pieces?

1st Selection _____ First Quarter Meeting with Administrator & Peers _____

2nd Selection _____ 3rd Selection _____

Additional Selection in Collaboration with Administrator _____

Certificated

Staff: _____ Administrator: _____ Date: _____

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