

WAYS OF KNOWING: MORAL AND ETHICAL REASONING

Students demonstrate an understanding of the uses of ethical reasoning in determining obligations to others and one's responsibility for the common good.

Criteria	Exceeds Expectations	Meets Expectations	Fails to Meet Expectations
Students will understand one's ethical obligations to others and one's responsibility to contribute to the common good.	Demonstrates exceptional recognition of the complexity of ethical obligations extending beyond one's family and friends to the broader community.	Demonstrates some degree of the complexity of ethical obligations extending beyond one's family and friends to the broader community.	Fails to demonstrate the complexity of ethical obligations extending beyond one's family and friends to the broader community.
Students will apply ethical theories, such as utilitarianism and Kantianism, to contemporary ethical problems and issues.	Demonstrates an exceptional ability to consistently apply ethical theories to a variety of ethical problems and issues.	Demonstrates an adequate ability to apply ethical theories to a variety of ethical problems and issues.	Fails to demonstrate the ability to apply ethical theories to a variety of ethical problems and issues.
Students will articulate important ethical issues and identify alternative positions on those issues (including the grounds for those positions).	Demonstrates an exceptional ability to articulate important ethical issues and identify alternative positions for those issues.	Demonstrates an adequate ability to articulate important ethical issues and identify alternative positions for those issues.	Fails to demonstrate an ability to articulate important ethical issues and identify alternative positions for those issues.
Students will articulate their own ethical viewpoints and effectively defend them.	Demonstrates an exceptional ability to articulate their own ethical viewpoints and effectively defend them.	Demonstrates an adequate ability to articulate their own ethical viewpoints and effectively defend them.	Fails to demonstrate an ability to articulate their own ethical viewpoints and effectively defend them.

