

Dear Graduate Applicant:

Thank you for applying for admission to California State University, Chico and an advanced degree and/or credential program. Your application is being considered for admission to the Department of Professional Studies in Education. A further step in the admission process is required: a writing sample (described below) and additional demographic information that we collect for state and national accreditation purposes.

The Initial Education Writing Assessment

The California State University system requires graduate students to develop writing proficiency. As a condition of your acceptance, and in order for us to assist you in further development in writing, we request an original sample of your writing. Select one (1) of the topics listed below and discuss this issue in writing as it relates to public schooling and your specific area of interest. Your response should be limited to two single spaced pages plus references. **Please e-mail your response to me at czartman @csuchico.edu. Send this as an attachment and be sure that your response is saved as either a .doc file (MS Word) or a .rtf file (Rich Text File).** Your response will be used, in part, to make the decision regarding your acceptance to the graduate program.

Topics:

No Child Left Behind
Charter Schools
School Accountability
Impact on Schooling of Changing Demographics
State Funding for California Public Education
Site Administrator as Curriculum Leader
Response to Intervention and Instruction
IDEA 2004

Additional Demographic Information (response is optional)

The information you provide is confidential. It will be used to help us better serve candidates and report on programs for accreditation. Your cooperation is appreciated.

How many years of experience as an educator do you have? _____ years

Is English your primary language? __ Yes __ No

In what language(s) do you consider yourself fluent?

Have you, or will you register to receive services from Disability Support Services? __
Yes __ No

Did any of the persons who raised you complete a bachelor's degree or higher? Yes
 No

Sincerely,

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