edTPA update, October 4, 2013

1. Inquiry instructors are plowing ahead with edTPA! Instructors are reporting easier times when it is obvious that students have been more than just exposed to the handbooks; students who have done practice tasks and been walked through the handbooks are not scrambling like those who are seeing this for the first time.
2. Similarly, I am still getting weekly emails from students and supervisors asking for more information on edTPA. Coordinators, please continue to have conversations with your faculty about when edTPA is introduced and when certain tasks can be practiced and evaluated prior to student teaching.
3. I recently got to see in action the new ITEC assignment that involves students videotaping themselves in preparation for edTPA – it was great!
4. Please put into your calendars a tentative date for an edTPA scoring refresh and group scoring session – more to come after I secure a large computer lab:
   1. Thursday, November 7th – 5:00-8:00
      1. 5:00-6:00 Whole group, edTPA scoring refresher
      2. 6:00-8:00 Content area supported group scoring – time for content areas to sit together and score their assigned portfolios with support from me and whatever trained scorers I can beg to be there!

-I am hoping to be able to provide pizza!