

Teacher Evaluation Instrument

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Domain 1: Preparation and Planning
Component 1a: Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy

Teacher Standards

1. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the disciplines s/he teaches and can create learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful for pupils.
7. The teacher organizes and plans systematic instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, pupils, the community and curriculum goals.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Knowledge of Content	Teacher makes content errors or does not correct content errors students make	Teacher displays basic content knowledge but cannot articulate connections with other parts of the discipline or with other disciplines	Teacher displays solid content knowledge and makes connections between the content and other parts of the discipline and other disciplines.	Teacher displays extensive content knowledge, with evidence of continuing pursuit of such knowledge.
Knowledge of Prerequisite Relationships	Teacher displays little understanding of prerequisite knowledge important for student learning of the content	Teacher indicates some awareness of prerequisite learning, although such knowledge may be incomplete or inaccurate.	Teacher=s plans and practices reflect understanding of prerequisite relationships among topics and concepts.	Teacher actively builds on knowledge of prerequisite relationships when describing instruction or seeking causes for student misunderstanding.
Knowledge of Content-Related Pedagogy	Teacher displays little understanding of pedagogical issues involved in student learning of the content.	Teacher displays basic pedagogical knowledge but does not anticipate student misconceptions.	Pedagogical practices reflect current research on best pedagogical practice within the discipline but without anticipating student misconceptions.	Teacher displays continuing search for best practice and anticipates students misconceptions.

Domain 1: Preparation and Planning
Component 1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of Students

Teacher Standards

1. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the disciplines s/he teaches and can create learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful for pupils.
2. The teacher understands how children with broad ranges of ability learn and provides instruction that supports their intellectual, social, and personal development.
3. Teacher understands how pupils differ in their approaches to learning and the barriers that impede learning and can adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of pupils, including those with disabilities and exceptionalities.
8. Teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and insure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the pupil.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Knowledge of Characteristics of Age Group	Teacher displays minimal knowledge of developmental characteristics of age group.	Teacher displays generally accurate knowledge of developmental characteristics of age group.	Teacher displays thorough understanding of typical developmental characteristics of age group as well as exceptions to general patterns.	Teacher displays knowledge of typical developmental characteristics of age group, exceptions to the patterns, and the extent to which each student follows the patterns.
Knowledge of Students= Varied Approaches to Learning	Teacher is unfamiliar with the different approaches to learning that students exhibit, such as learning styles, modalities, and different intelligences.	Teacher displays general understanding of the different approaches to learning that students exhibit.	Teacher displays solid understanding of the different approaches to learning that different students exhibit.	Teacher uses, where appropriate, knowledge of students= varied approaches to learning in instructional planning.
Knowledge of Students= Skills and Knowledge	Teacher displays little knowledge of students= skills and knowledge and does not indicate that such knowledge is valuable.	Teacher recognizes the value of understanding students= skills and knowledge but displays this knowledge for the class only as a whole.	Teacher displays knowledge of students= skills and knowledge for groups of students and recognizes the value of this knowledge.	Teacher displays knowledge of students= skills and knowledge for each student, including those with special needs.
Knowledge of Students= Interests and Cultural Heritage	Teacher displays little knowledge of students= interests or cultural heritage and does not indicate that such knowledge is	Teacher recognizes the value of understanding students= interests or cultural heritage but displays this knowledge for the	Teacher displays knowledge of the interests or cultural heritage of groups of students and recognizes the value of	Teacher displays knowledge of the interests or cultural heritage of each student.

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Domain I: PLANNING AND PREPARATION
Component 1c: Selecting Instructional Goals

Teacher Standards

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2. The teacher understands how children with broad ranges of ability learn and provides instruction that supports their intellectual, social, and personal development.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Goals-Value	Goals are not valuable and represent low expectations or no conceptual understanding for students. Goals do not reflect important learning.	Goals are moderately valuable in either their expectations or conceptual understanding for students and in importance of learning.	Goals are valuable in their level of expectations, conceptual understanding, and importance of learning.	Not only are the goals valuable but teacher can also clearly articulate how goals establish high expectations and relate curriculum frameworks and standards.
Goals-Clarity	Goals are either not clear or are not stated as student activities. Goals do not permit viable methods of assessment	Goals are only moderately clear or include a combination of goals and activities. Some goals do not permit viable methods of assessment.	Most goals are clear but may include a few activities. Most permit viable methods of assessment.	All the goals are clear, written in the form of student learning, and permit viable methods of assessment.
Suitability for Diverse Students	Goals are not suitable for the class.	Most of the goals are suitable for most students in the class.	All the goals are suitable for most students in the class.	Goals take into account the varying learning needs of individual students or groups.
Balance	Goals reflect only one type of learning and one discipline or strand.	Goals reflect several types of learning but no effort at coordination or integration.	Goals reflect several different types of learning and opportunities for integration	Goals reflect student initiative in establishing important learning.

Domain I: PLANNING AND PREPARATION
Component 1d: Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources

Teacher Standards

4. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies, including the use of technology to encourage children's development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills.
9. The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices and actions on pupils, parents, professional in the learning community and other and who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.
10. The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents and agencies in the larger community to support pupil learning and well being and who acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Resources for Teaching	Teacher is unaware of resources available through the school or district.	Teacher displays limited awareness of resources available through the school or district.	Teacher is fully aware of all resources available through the school or district.	In addition to being aware of school and district resources, teacher actively seeks other materials to enhance instruction, for example, from professional organizations or through the community.
Resources for Students	Teacher is unaware of resources available to assist students who need them.	Teacher displays limited awareness of resources available through the school or district.	Teacher is fully aware of all resources available through the school or district and knows how to gain access for students.	In addition to being aware of school and district resources, teacher is aware of additional resources available through the community.

Domain I: PLANNING AND PREPARATION
Component 1e: Designing Coherent Instruction

Teacher Standards

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4. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies, including the use of technology to encourage children’s development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills.
5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.
9. The teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices and actions on pupils, parents, professional in the learning community and other and who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Learning Activities	Learning activities are not suitable to students or instructional goals. They do not follow an organized progression and do not reflect recent professional research.	Only some of the learning activities are suitable to students or instructional goals. Progression of activities in the unit is uneven, and only some activities reflect recent professional research.	Most of the learning activities are suitable to students and instructional goals. Progression of activities in the unit is fairly even, and most activities reflect recent professional research.	Learning activities are highly relevant to students and instructional goals. They progress coherently, producing a unified whole and reflecting recent professional research.
Instructional Materials and Resources	Materials and resources do not support the instructional goals or engage students in meaningful learning.	Some of the materials and resources support the instructional goals, and some engage students in meaningful learning.	All materials and resources support the instructional goals, and most engage students in meaningful learning.	All materials and resources support the instructional goals and most engage students in meaningful learning. There is evidence of student participation in

				selection or adapting materials.
Instructional Groups	Instructional groups do not support the instructional goals and offer not variety.	Instructional groups are inconsistent in suitability to the instructional goals and offer minimal variety.	Instructional groups are varied, as appropriate to the different instructional goals.	Instructional groups are varied, as appropriate to the different instructional goals. There is evidence of student choice in selecting different patterns of instructional groups.
Lesson and Unit Structure	The lesson or unit has no clearly defined structure or the structure is chaotic. Time allocations are unrealistic.	The lesson or unit has a recognizable structure, although the structure is not uniformly maintained throughout . Most time allocations are reasonable.	The lesson or unit has a clearly defined structure that activities are organized around. Time allocations are reasonable.	The lesson=s or Unit=s structure is clear and allows for different pathways according to student needs.

<p>Domain I: PLANNING AND PREPARATION Component 1f: Assessing Student Learning</p> <p>Teacher Standards</p> <p>2. The teacher understands how children with broad ranges of ability learn and provides instruction that supports their intellectual, social, and personal development.</p> <p>8. Teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and insure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the pupil.</p>
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Element	Level of Performance			
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Congruence with Instructional Goals	Content and methods of assessment lack congruence with instructional goals	Some of the instructional goals are assessed through the proposed approach, but many are not.	All the instructional goals are nominally assessed through the proposed plan, but the approach is more suitable to some goals than to others.	The proposed approach to assessment is completely congruent with the instructional goals both in content and process.
Criteria and Standards	The proposed approach contains no clear criteria or standards.	Assessment criteria and standards have been developed, but they are either not clear or have not been clearly communicated	Assessment criteria and standards are clear and have been clearly communicated to students.	Assessment criteria and standards are clear and have been clearly communicated to students. There is evidence that students

		to students.		contributed to the development of the criteria and standards.
Use for Planning	The assessment results affect planning for these students only minimally.	Teacher uses assessment results to plan for the class as a whole.	Teacher uses assessment results to plan for individuals and groups of students.	Students are aware of how they are meeting the established standards and participate in planning the next steps.

Domain 2. The Classroom Environment
Component 2a: Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport

Teacher Standards

3. Teacher understands how pupils differ in their approaches to learning and the barriers that impede learning and can adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of pupils, including those with disabilities and exceptionalities.

5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Teacher Interaction with Students	Teacher interaction with at least some students is negative, demeaning, sarcastic, or inappropriate to the age or culture of the students. Students exhibit disrespect for teachers	Teacher-student interactions are generally appropriate but may reflect occasional inconsistencies, favoritism, or disregard for students = cultures. Students exhibit only	Teacher-student interactions are friendly and demonstrate general warmth, caring, and respect. Such interactions are appropriate to developmental and cultural norms.	Teacher demonstrates genuine caring and respect for individual students. Students exhibit respect for teacher as an individual, beyond that for the role.

		minimal respect for teacher.	Students exhibit respect for teacher.	
Student Interactions	Student interactions are characterized by conflict, sarcasm, or put-downs.	Students do not demonstrate negative behavior toward one another.	Student interactions are generally polite and respectful.	Students demonstrate genuine caring for one another as individuals and as students.

<p>Domain 2. The Classroom Environment</p> <p>Component 2b: Establishing a Culture for Learning</p> <p>Teacher Standards</p> <p>3. Teacher understands how pupils differ in their approaches to learning and the barriers that impede learning and can adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of pupils, including those with disabilities and exceptionalities.</p> <p>5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.</p>

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	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Importance of the Content	Teacher or students convey a negative attitude toward the	Teacher communicates importance of the work	Teacher conveys genuine enthusiasm for the subject, and	Students demonstrate through their active participation, curiosity,

	content, suggesting that the content is not important or is mandated by others.	but with little conviction and only minimal apparent buy-in by the students.	students demonstrate consistent commitment to its value.	and attention to detail that they value the content=s importance.
Student Pride in Work	Students demonstrate little or no pride in their work. They seem to be motivated by the desire to complete a task rather than do high-quality work.	Students minimally accept the responsibility to do good work@ but invest little of their energy in the quality of the work.	Students accept teacher insistence on work of high quality and demonstrate pride in that work.	Students take obvious pride in their work and initiate improvements in it, for example, by revising drafts on their own initiative, helping peers, and ensuring that high-quality work is displayed.
Expectations for Learning and Achievement	Instructional goals and activities, interactions, and the classroom environment convey only modest expectations for student achievement.	Instructional goals and activities, interactions, and the classroom environment convey inconsistent expectations for student achievement.	Instructional goals and activities, interactions, and the classroom environment convey high expectations for student achievement.	Both student and teacher establish and maintain through planning of learning activities, interactions, and the classroom environment high expectations for the learning of all students

Domain 2. The Classroom Environment

Component 2c: Managing Classroom Procedures

Teacher Standards

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6. The teacher uses effective verbal and nonverbal communication techniques as well as instructional media and technology to foster active inquiry, collaboration and supportive interaction in the classroom.
7. The teacher organizes and plans systematic instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, pupils, the community and curriculum goals.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Management of Instructional Groups	Students not working with the teacher are not productively engaged in learning	Tasks for group work are partially organized, resulting in some off-task behavior when teacher is involved with one group.	Tasks for group work are organized, and groups are managed so most students are engaged at all times.	Groups working independently are productively engaged at all times, with students assuming responsibility for productivity.
Management of Transitions	Much time is lost during transitions.	Transitions are sporadically efficient, resulting in some loss of instructional time.	Transitions occur smoothly, with little loss of instructional time.	Transitions are seamless, with students assuming some responsibility for efficient operation.
Management of Materials and Supplies	Materials are handled inefficiently, resulting in loss of instructional time.	Routines for handling materials and supplies function moderately well.	Routines for handling materials and supplies occur smoothly, with little loss of instructional time.	Routines for handling materials and supplies are seamless, with students assuming some responsibility for efficient operation.
Performance of Non-instructional Duties	Considerable instructional time is lost in performing non-instructional duties.	Systems for performing non-instructional duties are fairly efficient, resulting in little loss of instructional time.	Efficient systems for performing non-instructional duties are in place, resulting in minimal loss of instructional time.	Systems for performing non-instructional duties are well established, with students assuming considerable responsibility for efficient operation.
Supervision of Volunteers and Para-professionals	Volunteers and para-professionals have no clearly defined duties or do nothing most of the time.	Volunteers and para-professionals are productively engaged during portions of class time but require frequent supervision.	Volunteers and para-professionals are productively and independently engaged during the entire class.	Volunteers and para-professionals make substantive contribution to the classroom environment.

Domain 2: THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT
Component 2d: Managing Student Behavior

Teacher Standards

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5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.
6. The teacher uses effective verbal and nonverbal communication techniques as well as instructional media and technology to foster active inquiry, collaboration and supportive interaction in the classroom.
7. Teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices & actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others & who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Expectations	No standards of conduct appear to have been established, or students are confused as to what the standards are.	Standards of conduct appear to have been established for most situations, and most students seem to understand them.	Standards of conduct are clear to all students.	Standards of conduct are clear to all students and appear to have been developed with student participation.
Monitoring of student behavior	Student behavior is not monitored, and teacher is unaware of what students are doing.	Teacher is generally aware of student behavior but may miss the activities of some students.	Teacher is alert to student behavior at all times.	Monitoring by teacher is subtle and preventive. Students monitor their own and their peers behavior, correcting one another respectfully.
Response to student misbehavior	Teacher does not respond to misbehavior, or the response is inconsistent, overly repressive, or does not respect the student's dignity.	Teacher attempts to respond to student misbehavior but with uneven results, or no serious disruptive behavior occurs.	Teacher response to misbehavior is appropriate and successful and respects the student's dignity, or student behavior is generally appropriate.	Teacher response to misbehavior is highly effective and sensitive to students' individual needs, or student behavior is entirely appropriate

DOMAIN 2: THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT
Component 2e: Organizing Physical Space

Teacher Standards

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5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.
9. Teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices & actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others & who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Safety and arrangement of furniture	The classroom is unsafe, or the furniture arrangement is not suited to the lesson activities, or both.	The classroom is safe, and classroom furniture is adjusted for a lesson, or if necessary, a lesson is adjusted to the furniture, but with limited effectiveness.	The classroom is safe, and the furniture arrangement is a resource for learning activities.	The classroom is safe, and students adjust the furniture to advance their own purposes in learning.
Accessibility to learning and use of physical resources	Teacher uses physical resources poorly, or learning is not accessible to some students.	Teacher uses physical resources adequately, and at least essential learning is accessible to all students.	Teacher uses physical resources skillfully, and all learning is equally accessible to all students.	Both teacher and students use physical resources optimally, and students ensure that all learning is equally accessible to all students.

DOMAIN 3: INSTRUCTION

Component 3a: Communicating Clearly and Accurately

Teacher Standards:

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5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.
6. The teacher uses effective verbal and nonverbal communication techniques as well as instructional media and technology to foster active inquiry, collaboration and supportive interaction in the classroom.
9. Teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices & actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others & who actively seeks out

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Directions and procedures	Teacher directions and procedures are confusing to students.	Teacher directions and procedures are clarified after initial student confusion or are excessively detailed.	Teacher directions and procedures are clear to students and contain an appropriate level of detail.	Teacher directions and procedures are clear to students and anticipate possible student misunderstanding.
Oral and written language	Teacher's spoken language is inaudible, or written language is illegible. Spoken or written language may contain many grammar and syntax errors. Vocabulary may be inappropriate, vague, or used incorrectly, leaving students confused.	Teacher's spoken language is audible, and written language is legible. Both are used correctly. Vocabulary is correct but limited or is not appropriate to students' ages or backgrounds.	Teacher's spoken and written language is clear and correct. Vocabulary is appropriate to students' age and interests.	Teacher's spoken and written language is correct and expressive, with well-chosen vocabulary that enriches the lesson.

Domain 3: INSTRUCTION

Component 3b: Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques

Teacher Standards

2. The teacher understands how children with broad ranges of ability learn and provides instruction that supports their intellectual, social, and personal development.
3. Teacher understands how pupils differ in their approaches to learning and the barriers that impede learning and can adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of pupils, including those with disabilities and exceptionalities.
4. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies, including the use of technology to encourage children's development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills.

Elements	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Quality of Questions	Teacher=s questions are virtually all of poor quality.	Teacher=s questions are a combination of low and high quality. Only some invite response.	Most of teacher=s questions are of high quality. Adequate time is available for students to respond.	Teacher=s questions are of uniformly high quality with adequate time for students to respond . Student formulate many questions.
Discussion Techniques	Interaction between teacher and students is predominantly recitation style, with teach mediating all questions and answers.	Teacher makes some attempt to engage students in a true discussion, with uneven results.	Classroom interaction represents true discussions, with teacher stepping when appropriate to the side.	Students assume considerable responsibility for the success of the discussion, initiating topics and making unsolicited contributions.
Student Participation	Only a few students participate in the discussion.	Teacher attempts to engage all students in the discussion, but with only limited success.	Teacher successfully engages all students in the discussion.	Students themselves ensure that all voices are heard in the discussion.

Domain 3: Instruction

Component 3c: Engaging Students in Learning

Teacher Standards

1. The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the disciplines s/he teaches and can create learning experiences that make these aspects of subject matter meaningful for pupils.
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3. Teacher understands how pupils differ in their approaches to learning and the barriers that impede learning and can adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of pupils, including those with disabilities and exceptionalities.
4. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies, including the use of technology to encourage children's development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills.
5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.
6. The teacher uses effective verbal and nonverbal communication techniques as well as instructional media and technology to foster active inquiry, collaboration and supportive interaction in the classroom.
7. The teacher organizes and plans systematic instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, pupils, the community and curriculum goals.

Elements	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Representation of Content	Representation of content is inappropriate and unclear or uses poor examples and analogies	Representation of content is inconsistent in quality. Some is done skillfully, with good examples; other portions are difficult to follow.	Representation of content is appropriate and links well with students= knowledge and experience.	Representation of content is appropriate and links well with students= knowledge and experience. Students contribute to representation of content.
Activities and Assignments	Activities and assignments are inappropriate for students in terms of their age or backgrounds. Students are not engaged mentally.	Some activities and assignments are appropriate to students and engage them mentally, but others do not.	Most activities and assignments are appropriate to students. Almost all students are cognitively engaged in them.	All students are cognitively engaged in the activities and assignments in their exploration of content. Students initiate or adapt activities and projects to enhance understanding.
Grouping of students	Instructional groups are inappropriate to students or to the instructional goals.	Instructional groups are only partially appropriate to the students or only moderately successful in advancing the instructional of a lesson.	Instructional groups are productive and fully appropriate to students or to the instructional goals of a lesson.	Instructional groups are productive and fully appropriate to the instructional goals of a lesson. Students take the initiative to influence instructional groups to advance their understanding.
Instructional Materials and Resources	Instructional materials and resources are unsuitable to the instructional goals or do not engage students	Instructional materialist and resources are partially suitable to the instructional goals, or students= level of	Instructional materials and resources are suitable to the instructional goals and engage students	Instructional materials and resources are suitable to the instructional goals and engage students mentally. Students initiate the choice,

	mentally.	mental engagement is moderate.	mentally.	adaptations, or creation of materials to enhance their own purposes.
Structure and Pacing	The lesson has no clearly defined structure, or the pacing of the lesson is too slow or rushed, or both.	The lesson has a recognizable structure, although it is not uniformly maintained throughout the lesson. Pacing of the lesson is inconsistent.	The lesson has a clearly defined structure around which the activities are organized. Pacing of the lesson is inconsistent.	The lesson's structure is highly coherent, allowing for reflection and closure as appropriate. Pacing of the lesson is appropriate for all students.

<p>Domain 3: Instruction</p> <p>Component 3d: Providing Feedback to Students</p> <p>Teacher Standards</p> <p>2. The teacher understands how children with broad ranges of ability learn and provides instruction that supports their intellectual, social, and personal development.</p> <p>3. Teacher understands how pupils differ in their approaches to learning and the barriers that impede learning and can adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of pupils, including those with disabilities and exceptionalities.</p> <p>5. The teacher uses an understanding of individual and group motivation and behavior to create a learning environment that encourages positive social interaction, active engagement in learning and self-motivation.</p> <p>8. Teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and insure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the pupil.</p>

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Quality: accurate, substantive, constructive and specific	Feedback is either not provided or is of uniformly poor quality.	Feedback is inconsistent in quality: Some elements of high quality are present: others are not.	Feedback is consistently high quality	Feedback is consistently high quality. Provision is made for students to use feedback in their learning
Timeliness	Feedback is not provided in a timely manner.	Timeliness of feedback is inconsistent.	Feedback is consistently provided in a timely manner	Feedback is consistently provided in a timely manner. Students make prompt use of the feedback in their learning.

DOMAIN 3: INSTRUCTION

Component 3e: Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness

Teacher Standards

- 3. Teacher understands how pupils differ in their approaches to learning and the barriers that impede learning and can adapt instruction to meet the diverse needs of pupils, including those with disabilities and exceptionalities.
- 4. The teacher understands and uses a variety of instructional strategies, including the use of technology to encourage children's development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills.
- 7. The teacher organizes and plans systematic instruction based upon knowledge of subject matter, pupils, the community and curriculum goals.

Elements	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Lesson adjustment	Teacher adheres rigidly to an instructional plan, even when a change will clearly improve a lesson.	Teacher attempts to adjust a lesson, with mixed results.	Teacher makes a minor adjustment to a lesson, and the adjustment occurs smoothly.	Teacher successfully makes a major adjustment to a lesson.
Response to students	Teacher ignores or brushes aside students' questions or interests.	Teacher attempts to accommodate students' questions or interests. The effects on the coherence of a lesson are uneven.	Teacher successfully accommodates students' questions or interests.	Teacher seizes a major opportunity to enhance learning, building on a spontaneous event.
Persistence	When a student has difficulty learning, the teacher either gives up or blames the student or the environment for the student's lack of success.	Teacher accepts responsibility for the success of all students but has only a limited repertoire of instructional strategies to use.	Teacher persists in seeking approaches for students who have difficulty learning, possessing a moderate repertoire of strategies.	Teacher persists in seeking effective approaches for students who need help, using an extensive repertoire of strategies and soliciting additional resources from the school.

DOMAIN 4: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
Component 4a: Reflecting on Teaching

Teacher Standards

- 7. Teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and insure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the pupil.
- 9. Teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices & actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others & who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Accuracy	Teacher does not know if a lesson was effective or achieved its goals, or profoundly misjudges the success of a lesson.	Teacher has a generally accurate impression of a lesson's effectiveness and the extent to which instructional goals were met.	Teacher makes an accurate assessment of a lesson's effectiveness and the extent to which it achieved its goals and can cite general references to support the judgment.	Teacher makes a thoughtful and accurate assessment of a lesson's effectiveness and the extent to which it achieved its goals, citing many specific examples from the lesson and weighing the relative strength of each.
Use in future teaching	Teacher has no suggestions for how a lesson may be improved another time.	Teacher makes general suggestions about how a lesson may be improved,	Teacher makes a few specific suggestions of what he may try another time.	Drawing on an extensive repertoire of skills, the teacher offers specific alternative actions, complete with probable successes of different approaches.

Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities
Component 4b: Maintaining Accurate Records

Teacher Standards

8. Teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and insure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the pupil.
9. Teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices & actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others & who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.
10. The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents and agencies in the larger community to support pupil learning and well being and who acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Student Completion of Assignments	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on student completion of assignments is in disarray	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on student completion of assignments is rudimentary and only partially effective.	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on student completion of assignments is fully effective.	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on student completion of assignments is fully effective. Students participate in the maintenance of records.
Student Progress in Learning	Teacher has no system for maintaining information on	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on student progress in	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on student progress in	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on student progress in

	student progress in learning, or the system is in disarray.	learning is rudimentary and partially effective.	learning is effective.	learning is fully effective. Students contribute information and interpretation
Non-instructional Records	Teacher=s records for noninstructional activities are in disarray, resulting in errors and confusion.	Teacher=s records for noninstructional activities are adequate, but they require frequent monitoring to avoid error.	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on noninstructional activities is fully effective.	Teacher=s system for maintaining information on noninstructional activities, and students contribute to its maintenance.

DOMAIN 4: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
Component 4c: Communicating with Families

Teacher Standards

- 8. Teacher understands and uses formal and informal assessment strategies to evaluate and insure the continuous intellectual, social, and physical development of the pupil.
- 10. The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents and agencies in the larger community to support pupil learning and well being and who acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Information about the instructional program	Teachers about the instructional program to families.	Teacher participates in the school's activities for parent communication but offers little additional information.	Teacher provides frequent information to parents, as appropriate, about the instructional program.	Teacher provides frequent information provides little information to parents, as appropriate, about the instructional program. Students participate in preparing materials for their families.
Information about	Teacher provides minimal information to	Teacher adheres to the school's required	Teacher communicates with	Teacher provides information to parents

Individual Students	parents and does not respond or responds insensitively to parent concerns about students.	procedures for communicating to parents. Responses to parent concerns are minimal.	parents about students' progress on a regular basis and is available as needed to respond to parent concerns.	frequently on both positive and negative aspects of student progress. Response to parent concerns is handled with great sensitivity.
Engagement of Families in the Instructional program	Teacher makes no attempt to engage families in the instructional program, or such attempts are inappropriate.	Teacher makes modest and inconsistently successful attempts to engage families in the instructional program.	Teacher's efforts to engage families in the instructional program are frequent and successful.	Teacher's efforts to engage families in the instructional program are frequent and successful. Students contribute ideas for projects that will be enhanced by family participation

DOMAIN 4: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES
Component 4d: Contributing to the School and District

Teacher Standards

9. Teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices & actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others & who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.
10. The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents and agencies in the larger community to support pupil learning and well being and who acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Relationships with colleagues	Teacher's relationships with colleagues are negative or self-serving,	Teacher maintains cordial relationships with colleagues to fulfill the duties that the school or district requires.	Support and cooperation characterize relationships with colleagues.	Support and cooperation characterize relationships with colleagues. Teacher takes initiative in assuming leadership among the faculty.
	Teacher avoids	Teacher participates	Teacher volunteers	Teacher volunteers

Service to the school	becoming involved in school events.	in school events when specifically asked.	to participate in school events, making a substantial contribution,	to participate in school events, making a substantial contribution, and assumes a leadership role in at least some aspect of school life.
Participation in school and district projects	Teacher avoids becoming involved in school and district projects.	Teacher participates in school and district projects when specifically asked.	Teacher volunteers to participate in school and district projects, making a substantial contribution.	Teacher volunteers to participate in school and district projects, making a substantial contribution, and assumes a leadership role in a major school or district project.

<p>Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities</p> <p>Component 4e: Growing and Developing Professionally</p> <p>Teacher Standards</p> <p>2. The teacher understands how children with broad ranges of ability learn and provides instruction that supports their intellectual, social, and personal development.</p> <p>9. Teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices & actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others & who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.</p> <p>10. The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents and agencies in the larger community to support pupil learning and well being and who acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.</p>
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Element	Level of Performance			
	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Enhancement of content knowledge and	Teacher engages in no professional development activities to enhance	Teacher participates in professional activities to a limited extent when they are	Teacher seeks out opportunities for professional development to	Teacher seeks out opportunities for professional development and

pedagogic al skill	knowledge or skill.	convenient.	enhance content knowledge and pedagogical skill.	makes a systematic attempt to conduct action research in his classroom.
Service to the profession	Teacher makes no effort to share knowledge with others or to assume professional responsibilities	Teacher finds limited ways to contribute to the profession.	Teacher participates actively in assisting other educators.	Teacher initiates important activities to contribute to the profession, such as mentoring new teachers, writing articles for publication, and making presentations.

**Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities
Component 4f: Showing Professionalism**

Teacher Standards

- 2. The teacher understands how children with broad ranges of ability learn and provides instruction that supports their intellectual, social, and personal development.
- 9. Teacher is a reflective practitioner who continually evaluates the effects of his/her choices & actions on pupils, parents, professionals in the learning community and others & who actively seeks out opportunities to grow professionally.
- 10. The teacher fosters relationships with school colleagues, parents and agencies in the larger community to support pupil learning and well being and who acts with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

	Level of Performance			
Element	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient	Distinguished
Service to Students	Teacher is not alert to students' needs	Teacher's attempts to service students are inconsistent.	Teacher is moderately active in serving students.	Teacher is highly proactive in serving students, seeking out resources when necessary.
Advocacy	Teacher contributes to school practices that result in some students being ill served by the school.	Teacher does not knowingly contribute to some students being ill served by the school.	Teacher works within the context of a particular team or department to ensure that all students receive a fair opportunity to succeed.	Teacher makes a particular effort to challenge negative attitudes and helps ensure that all students, particularly those traditionally underserved, are honored in the school.
Decision Making	Teacher makes decisions based on self-serving interests.	Teacher's decisions are based on limited though genuinely professional considerations.	Teacher maintains an open mind and participates in team or departmental decision making.	Teacher takes a leadership role in team or departmental decision making and helps ensure that such decisions are based on the highest professional standards.