	DOMAIN 1: PLANNING AND PREPARATION				
COMPONENT	INEFFECTIVE	DEVELOPING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
1a: Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy	The teacher's plans and practice display little knowledge of the content, prerequisite relationships between different aspects of the content, or the instructional practices specific to that discipline.	The teacher's plans and practice reflect some awareness of the important concepts in the discipline, prerequisite relationships between them, and the instructional practices specific to that discipline.	The teacher's plans and practice reflect solid knowledge of the content, prerequisite relationships between important concepts, and the instructional practices specific to that discipline.	The teacher's plans and practice reflect extensive knowledge of the content and the structure of the discipline. The teacher actively builds on knowledge of prerequisites and misconceptions when describing instruction or seeking causes for student misunderstanding.	
1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of Students	The teacher demonstrates little or no knowledge of students' backgrounds, cultures, skills, language proficiency, interests, and special needs, and does not seek such understanding.	The teacher indicates the importance of understanding students' backgrounds, cultures, skills, language proficiency, interests, and special needs, and attains this knowledge for the class as a whole.	The teacher actively seeks knowledge of students' backgrounds, cultures, skills, language proficiency, interests, and special needs, and attains this knowledge for groups of students.	The teacher actively seeks knowledge of students' backgrounds, cultures, skills, language proficiency, interests, and special needs from a variety of sources, and attains this knowledge for individual students.	
1c: Setting Instructional Outcomes	Instructional outcomes are unsuitable for students, represent trivial or low-level learning, or are stated only as activities. They do not permit viable methods of assessment.	Instructional outcomes are of moderate rigor and are suitable for some students, but consist of a combination of activities and goals, some of which permit viable methods of assessment. They reflect more than one type of learning, but the teacher makes no attempt at coordination or integration.	Instructional outcomes are stated as goals reflecting high-level learning and curriculum standards. They are suitable for most students in the class, represent different types of learning, and can be assessed. The outcomes reflect opportunities for coordination.	Instructional outcomes are stated as goals that can be assessed, reflecting rigorous learning and curriculum standards. They represent different types of content, offer opportunities for both coordination and integration, and take account of the needs of individual students.	
1d: Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources	The teacher demonstrates little or no familiarity with resources to enhance own knowledge, to use in teaching, or for students who need them. The teacher does not seek such knowledge.	The teacher demonstrates some familiarity with resources available through the school or district to enhance own knowledge, to use in teaching, or for students who need them. The teacher does not seek to extend such knowledge.	The teacher is fully aware of the resources available through the school or district to enhance own knowledge, to use in teaching, or for students who need them.	The teacher seeks out resources in and beyond the school or district in professional organizations, on the Internet, and in the community to enhance own knowledge, to use in teaching, and for students who need them.	
1e: Designing Coherent Instruction	The series of learning experiences is poorly aligned with the instructional outcomes and does not represent a coherent structure. The experiences are suitable for only some students.	The series of learning experiences demonstrates partial alignment with instructional outcomes, and some of the experiences are likely to engage students in significant learning. The lesson or unit has a recognizable structure and reflects partial knowledge of students and resources.	The teacher coordinates knowledge of content, of students, and of resources to design a series of learning experiences aligned to instructional outcomes and suitable for groups of students. The lesson or unit has a clear structure and is likely to engage students in significant learning.	The teacher coordinates knowledge of content, of students, and of resources, to design a series of learning experiences aligned to instructional outcomes, differentiated where appropriate to make them suitable to all students and likely to engage them in significant learning. The lesson or unit structure is clear and allows for different pathways according to student needs.	

1f:	The teacher's plan for	The teacher's plan for student	The teacher's plan for student	The teacher's plan for student assessment is	
Designing	assessing student learning	assessment is partially aligned with	assessment is aligned with the	fully aligned with the instructional outcomes,	
Student	contains no clear criteria or	the instructional outcomes, without	instructional outcomes, uses clear	with clear criteria and standards that show	
Assessments	standards, is poorly aligned	clear criteria, and inappropriate for at	criteria, and is appropriate to the needs	evidence of student contribution to their	
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	outcomes, or is inappropriate	intends to use assessment results to	assessment results to plan for future	have been adapted for individuals, and the	
	for many students. The results	plan for future instruction for the	instruction for groups of students.	teacher intends to use assessment results to	
	of assessment have minimal	class as a whole.		plan future instruction for individual students.	
	impact on the design of future				
	instruction.				

	DOMAIN 2: The Classroom Environment				
COMPONENT	INEFFECTIVE	DEVELOPING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
2a: Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport	Patterns of classroom interactions, both between the teacher and students and among students, are negative, inappropriate, or insensitive to students' ages, cultural backgrounds, and developmental levels. Interactions are characterized by sarcasm, put- downs, or conflict. Teacher does not respond to disrespectful behavior.	Patterns of classroom interactions, both between the teacher and students and among students, are generally appropriate but may reflect occasional inconsistencies, favoritism, and disregard for students' ages, cultures, and developmental levels. Students rarely demonstrate respect for one another. Teacher attempts to respond to disrespectful behavior, with uneven results.	Teacher-student interactions are friendly and demonstrate general caring and respect. Such interactions are appropriate to the ages, developmental levels, and cultures of the students. Students exhibit respect for the teacher. Interactions among students are generally polite.	Classroom interactions between the teacher and individual students are highly respectful, reflecting genuine warmth and caring and sensitivity to students' cultures and levels of development. Students themselves ensure high levels of civility among members of the class.	
2b: Establishing a Culture for Learning	The classroom culture is characterized by a lack of the teacher or student commitment to the learning and/or little or no investment of student energy into the task at hand. Learning is not expected or valued.	The classroom culture is characterized by little commitment to the learning by the teacher or student. Student engagement in the task at hand is inconsistent. The teacher appear to be only "going through the motions, and students indicate that they are interested in completion of a task, rather than quality."	The classroom culture is a cognitively busy place where learning is valued by all. Students understand their role as learner and consistently expend effort to learn by engaging in the task at hand. Instructional outcomes, activities, and assignments convey high expectations for most students. Classroom interactions support learning.	The classroom culture is characterized by a shared belief in the importance of the learning. Instructional outcomes, activities, and assignments convey high expectations for all students. Classroom interactions may extend learning. Students assume responsibility for high quality work by initiating improvements, making revisions, adding detail, and/or helping peers. High expectations are internalized by students.	
2c: Managing Classroom Procedures	Much instructional time is lost due to inefficient classroom routines and procedures. There is little or no evidence of the teacher managing instructional groups, transitions, and/or the handling of materials and supplies. There is little evidence that students know or follow established routines.	Some instructional time is lost due to only partially effective classroom routines and procedures. The teacher's management of instructional groups, transitions, and/or the handling of materials and supplies is inconsistent, leading to disruption of the learning. With regular guidance and prompting, students follow established routines.	There is little loss of instructional time due to effective classroom routines and procedures. The teacher's management of instructional groups and/or the handling of materials and supplies is consistent. With minimal guidance and prompting, students follow established classroom routines.	Instructional time is maximized due to efficient classroom routines and procedures. Students contribute to the management of instructional groups, transitions, and/or the handling of materials and supplies. Routines are well understood and engaged in consistently by students.	

2d:	There is little or no teacher	Teacher tries, with uneven results, to	Student behavior is generally	Student behavior is entirely appropriate.	
Managing	monitoring of student behavior.	monitor student behavior and respond	appropriate. The teacher monitors	Students take an active role in monitoring	
Student	Response to students' misbehavior	to student misbehavior. There is	student behavior against standards of	their own behavior and that of other	
Behavior	is repressive or disrespectful of	inconsistent implementation of the	conduct. Teacher response to student	students against standards of conduct.	
Denuvioi	student dignity. Students challenge	standards of conduct.	misbehavior is consistent, appropriate,	The teacher's monitoring of student	
	the standards of conduct.		and respectful to students.	behavior is subtle and preventive. The	
				teacher's response to student misbehavior	
				is sensitive to individual student needs.	
2e:	The physical environment is unsafe	The classroom is safe, and essential	The classroom is safe, and learning is	The classroom is safe, and learning is	
Organizing	or some students don't have access	learning is accessible to most students;	accessible to all students; the teacher	accessible to all students including those	
Physical Space	to learning. There is poor alignment	the teacher's use of physical	ensures that the physical arrangement	with special needs. The teacher makes	
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	furniture and resources, including	technology, is moderately effective.	activities. Teacher makes effective use	including computer technology. The	
	computer technology, and the	The teacher may attempt to modify the	of physical resources, including	teacher ensures that the physical	
	lesson activities.	physical arrangement to suit learning	computer technology.	arrangement is appropriate to the learning	
		activities, with partial success.		activities. Students contribute to the use	
				or adaptation of the physical environment	
				to advance learning.	

	Domain 3: Instruction				
COMPONENT	INEFFECTIVE	DEVELOPING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
3a: Communicating with Students	The instructional purpose of the lesson is unclear to students and the directions and procedures are confusing. The teacher's explanation of the content contains major errors. The teacher's spoken or written language contains errors of grammar or syntax. Vocabulary is inappropriate, vague, or used incorrectly, leaving students confused.	Teacher's attempt to explain the instructional purpose has only limited success, and/or directions and procedures must be clarified after initial student confusion. Teacher's explanation of the content may contain minor errors. Some portions are clear; other portions are difficult to follow. Teacher's spoken language is correct; however, vocabulary is limited or not appropriate to the students' ages or backgrounds.	The instructional purpose of the lesson is clearly communicated to students, including where it is situated within broader learning; directions and procedures are explained clearly. Teacher's explanation of content is clear and accurate and connects with students' knowledge and experience. Teacher's spoken and written language is clear and correct. Vocabulary is appropriate to the students' ages and interests.	The teacher links the instructional purpose of the lesson to student interests; the directions and procedures are clear and anticipate possible student misunderstanding. Teacher's explanation of content is thorough and clear, developing conceptual understandings. Students contribute to explaining concepts to their classmates. The teacher's spoken and written language is expressive, and the teacher finds opportunities to extend students' vocabularies	
3b: Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques	The teacher's questions/prompts are poorly aligned with lesson outcomes, with low cognitive challenge, single correct responses, and asked in rapid succession. Interaction between teacher and students is predominantly recitation style, with the teacher mediating all questions and answers. A few students dominate the discussion.	The teacher's questions/prompts are a combination of low and high quality, some related to the lesson objectives and of moderate cognitive challenge inviting a thoughtful response. The teacher attempts to engage all students in the discussion and to encourage them to respond to one another, with uneven results.	Most of the teacher's questions/prompts are of high quality and support the lesson objectives, with adequate time for students to respond. A variety or series of questions/prompts are used to challenge students cognitively, and advance high-level thinking and discourse. The teacher creates a genuine discussion among students, stepping aside when appropriate. The teacher successfully engages all students in the discussion, employing a range of strategies to ensure that all students are heard.	The teacher's questions/prompts are of uniformly high quality and fully support the lesson outcomes, with adequate time for students to respond. A variety or series of questions/prompts are used to challenge students cognitively, advance high level thinking and discourse, and promote meta-cognition. Students formulate many questions, initiate topics, and make unsolicited contributions. Students themselves ensure that all voices are heard in the discussion.	

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3c: Engaging Students in Learning	The learning activities, materials, resources, instructional groups, and technology are poorly aligned with the instructional outcomes, are unsuitable to the students' developmental stage, or do not require students to think. The lesson has no clearly defined structure, or the pace of the lesson is too slow or rushed. Few students are intellectually engaged.	The various elements of the lesson are partially aligned with the instructional outcomes, with minimal consideration of the students' development stage. Instruction does not facilitate students constructing knowledge, allowing some students to be passive or compliant. Learning activities, materials, resources, technology, and instructional grouping only partially engage students with the content. The lesson has a recognized structure; however the pacing of the lesson may not provide students the time needed to intellectually engage with their learning.	The various elements of the lesson are well- aligned with the instructional outcomes, are suitable to the students' development, and facilitate students in constructing knowledge. Learning activities, materials, resources, technology, and instructional grouping are complementary, resulting in active intellectual engagement by groups of students with important and challenging content. The lesson has a clearly defined structure, and the pacing of the lesson is appropriate, providing most students the time needed to intellectually engage with their learning.	The various elements of the lesson are well-aligned with the instructional outcomes and individual needs of the learners. The lesson is entirely suitable to the students' development, and facilitates all students in constructing knowledge. Learning activities, materials, resources, technology, and instructional grouping are complementary, resulting in active intellectual engagement by each student in important and challenging content. The lesson has a clearly defined structure, and the pacing of the lesson provides students the time needed to intellectually engage with and reflect upon their learning, and to consolidate their understanding. Students have choice in how they complete tasks and may serve as resources for one another.
3d: Using Assessment in Instruction	Assessment or monitoring of student learning is absent or minimal. Feedback is absent or of poor quality. There is no attempt to adjust the lesson as a result of assessment. Students are not aware of the assessment criteria and do not engage in self-assessment.	Assessment is occasionally used to support instruction, through some monitoring of progress of learning by teacher and/or students. Feedback to students is inaccurate or unspecific, and students are only partially aware of the assessment criteria used to evaluate their work. Questions/ Prompts/Assessments are not used to diagnose evidence of learning.	Assessment is regularly used during instruction, through monitoring of progress of learning by teacher and/or students, resulting in accurate, specific feedback that advances learning. Students are aware of the assessment criteria. Questions/Prompts/ Assessments are used to diagnose evidence of learning, and adjustment to instruction is made to address student misunderstandings.	Assessment is fully integrated into the instruction, through student involvement in establishing the assessment criteria. Students self-assess and monitor their progress. A variety of feedback, from both the teacher and peers, is accurate, specific, and advances learning. Students are aware of and may contribute to the assessment criteria. Questions/Prompts/ Assessments are used regularly to diagnose evidence of learning, and instruction is adjusted and differentiated to address individual student misunderstandings.

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3e:	The teacher adheres to the	The teacher attempts to modify the	The teacher promotes the successful	The teacher seizes an opportunity to
Demonstrating	instruction plan, even when a	lesson when needed and to respond	learning of all students, making minor	enhance learning, building on a
Flexibility and	change would improve the	to student questions and interests,	adjustments as needed to instruction plans	spontaneous event or student interests, or
Responsiveness	lesson or address students' lack	with moderate success. The teacher	and accommodating student questions,	successfully makes a major adjustment to
Responsiveness	of interest. The teacher brushes	accepts responsibility for student	needs, and interests. The teacher persists in	a lesson when needed. Teacher persists in
	aside student questions; when	success, but has only a limited	seeking approaches for students who have	seeking effective approaches for students
	students experience difficulty,	repertoire of strategies to draw	difficulty learning, drawing on a broad	who need help, using an extensive
	the teacher blames the students	upon.	repertoire of strategies.	repertoire of instructional strategies and
	or their home environment.			soliciting additional resources from the
				school or community.

	Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities				
COMPONENT	INEFFECTIVE	DEVELOPING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
4a: Reflecting on Teaching	The teacher does not accurately assess the effectiveness of the lesson and has no ideas about how the lesson could be improved.	The teacher provides a partially accurate and objective description of the lesson but does not cite specific evidence. The teacher makes only general suggestions as to how the lesson might be improved.	The teacher provides an accurate and objective description of the lesson, citing specific evidence. The teacher makes some specific suggestions as to how the lesson might be improved.	The teacher's reflection on the lesson is thoughtful and accurate, citing specific evidence. The teacher draws on an extensive repertoire to suggest alternative strategies and predicts the likely success of each.	
4b: Maintaining Accurate Records	The teacher's systems for maintaining both instructional and non-instructional records are either nonexistent or in disarray, resulting in errors and confusion.	The teacher's systems for maintaining both instructional and non- instructional records are rudimentary and only partially effective.	The teacher's systems for maintaining both instructional and non-instructional records are accurate, efficient, and effective.	The teacher's systems for maintaining both instructional and non- instructional records are accurate, efficient, and effective, and students contribute to its maintenance.	
4c: Communicating with Families	The teacher's communication with families about the instructional program or about individual students is sporadic or culturally inappropriate. The teacher makes no attempt to engage families in the instructional program.	The teacher adheres to school procedures for communicating with families and makes modest attempts to engage families in the instructional program. But communications are not always appropriate to the cultures of those families.	The teacher communicates frequently with families and successfully engages them in the instructional program. Information to families about individual students is conveyed in a culturally appropriate manner.	The teacher's communication with families is frequent and sensitive to cultural traditions; students participate in the communication. The teacher successfully engages families in the instructional program, as appropriate.	
4d: Participating in a Professional Community	The teacher avoids participating in a professional community or in school and district events and projects; relationships with colleagues are negative or self- serving.	The teacher becomes involved in the professional community and in school and district events and projects when specifically asked; relationships with colleagues are cordial.	The teacher participates actively in the professional community and in school and district events and projects, and maintains positive and productive relationships with colleagues.	The teacher makes a substantial contribution to the professional community and to school and district events and projects, and assumes a leadership role among the faculty.	
4e: Growing and Developing Professionally	The teacher does not participate in professional development activities and makes no effort to share knowledge with colleagues. The teacher is resistant to feedback from supervisors or colleagues.	The teacher participates in professional development activities that are convenient or are required, and makes limited contributions to the profession. The teacher accepts, with some reluctance, feedback from supervisors and colleagues.	The teacher seeks out opportunities for professional development based on an individual assessment of need and actively shares expertise with others. The teacher welcomes feedback from supervisors and colleagues.	The teacher actively pursues professional development opportunities and initiates activities to contribute to the profession. In addition, the teacher seeks feedback from supervisors and colleagues.	

4f: Showing	The teacher has little sense of	The teacher is honest and well	The teacher displays a high level of ethics	The teacher is proactive and assumes a
Professionalism	ethics and professionalism and	intentioned in serving students and	and professionalism in dealings with both	leadership role in making sure that
	contributes to practices that are	contributing to decisions in the school,	students and colleagues and complies fully	school practices and procedures
	self-serving or harmful to	but the teacher's attempts to serve	and voluntarily with school and district	ensure that all students, particularly
	students. The teacher fails to	students are limited. The teacher	regulations.	those traditionally underserved, are
	comply with school and district	complies minimally with school and		honored in the school. The teacher
	regulations and time lines.	district regulations, doing just enough		displays the highest standards of
		to get by.		ethical conduct and takes a leadership
				role in seeing that colleagues comply
				with school and district.