Domain 1: Planning & Preparation

- 1a Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy
- 1b Demonstrating Knowledge of Students
- **1c Setting Instructional Outcomes**
- 1d Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources
- **1e Designing Coherent Instruction**
- 1f Designing Student Assessments

1a - Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Plans and practice display little knowledge of the standards.	Plans and practice reflect some awareness of the standards.	Plans and practice reflect solid knowledge of the standards.	Plans and practice reflect effective scaffolding of information.
No connections of prerequisite relationships between different aspects of the standards are made. Instructional practices are not specific to that discipline.	Builds on prior knowledge when introducing concepts. Some instructional practices are specific to the expected outcome.	Builds on prior knowledge, helping students examine the similarities and differences when introducing concepts. Instructional practices are aligned to the expected outcome.	Actively builds on prior knowledge and common misconceptions when planning instruction.

- identifies important concepts of the discipline and their relationships to one another.
- provides clear explanations of the content.
- uses instructional strategies in unit and lesson plans that are suitable to the content.
- uses unit plans and practices that reflect knowledge of the standards.
- builds on students' prior knowledge, helping students examine the similarities and differences when introducing concepts.
- uses instructional practices that are aligned to the expected outcome.

1b - Demonstrating Knowledge of Students			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Demonstrates little or no knowledge or interest of students' backgrounds or skills.	Shows interest, can articulate the importance of understanding students' backgrounds, and can provide examples.	Actively seeks to understand students' backgrounds and interests.	Differentiates lessons for individual students based on their backgrounds and interests.

- knows the levels of academic performance for groups of students and can identify students that may require additional supports.
- actively seeks to attain knowledge of student interests, is aware of student backgrounds, and uses this information to plan their teaching and questioning approaches.
- acknowledges student differences and incorporates the groups' needs and backgrounds in lesson planning and course activities.

1c - Setting Instructional Outcomes				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
Instructional outcomes are unsuitable for students, represent trivial or low-level learning, or are stated only as activities. Instructional outcomes do not assess the proficiency of student learning.	Instructional outcomes partially represent grade level standards, some of which permit viable methods of assessment. Reflect more than one type of learning but makes no attempt at coordination or integration.	Instructional outcomes mostly represent grade-level standards and are connected to a sequence of learning. Instructional outcomes are clear, written in the form of student learning.	Instructional outcomes are stated as goals that can be assessed, reflecting grade-level standards. Instructional outcomes represent different types of content, offer opportunities for both coordination and integration, and take the needs of individual students into account. Varied approaches to learning are reflected and are suitable for most students based on evidence of student proficiency.	

Recommended Proficiency Level: Effective

- ensures outcomes are measurable and written in the form of what students will learn at grade-level.
- ensures outcomes are structured to support different levels of student understanding and learning.
- ensures instructional outcomes are clearly designed.

1d - Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
Demonstrates little or no familiarity with resources to enhance own knowledge, to use in teaching, or for students who need them. Does not seek such knowledge.	Demonstrates some familiarity with resources available through the school.	Is fully aware of the resources available through the school.	Seeks out resources beyond the school to enhance own knowledge, to use in teaching, and for students who need them.	

- uses curricular resources available in the district.
- uses supplemental resources provided by the district to engage students and extend learning.
- seeks support as needed in order to effectively use the provided resources.
- selects materials that are of high quality and aligned with the established content standards.
- can identify curricular support personnel in the district and how to access the support.

1e - Designing Coherent Instruction				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
The progression of learning experiences is poorly aligned with the instructional outcomes and does not represent a coherent structure.	The progression of learning experiences demonstrates partial alignment with instructional outcomes. Some of the experiences are likely to engage students in grade-level learning. The lesson or unit has a recognizable structure and reflects partial knowledge of students and standards.	Applies knowledge of standards, students, and resources to design a series of learning experiences aligned to instructional outcomes. The lesson or unit has a clear structure and is likely to engage students in grade-level learning.	Coordinates knowledge of standards, students, and resources, to design a progression of learning experiences aligned to instructional outcomes. Instruction is differentiated where appropriate and engages all students in grade-level learning.	

- uses learning activities that are aligned to instructional outcomes.
- provides a variety of appropriately challenging activities, materials, and resources.
- ensures instructional student groups are organized thoughtfully to maximize student learning and build on student's strengths.
- drafts plans for the lesson or unit that is well structured and with reasonable time allocations.
- plans and facilitates a lesson or unit that has a clear structure and engages students in grade level learning.

1f - Designing Student Assessments				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
The plan for assessing student learning contains no clear criteria or standards, is poorly aligned with the instructional outcomes, or is inappropriate for many students. The results of assessment have minimal impact on the design of future instruction.	The plan for student assessment is partially aligned with the instructional outcomes, without clear criteria, and inappropriate for at least some students. Intends to use assessment results to plan for future instruction for the class.	Student assessments are aligned with the instructional outcomes. Assessment criteria are clear, and appropriate. Articulates how they will use assessment results to inform future instruction.	Can articulate a plan for adapting assessments based on learners' needs. Intends to use assessment results to plan future instruction for individual students.	

- ensures all the learning outcomes have a method for assessment aligned to the objectives.
- ensures assessment types align to learning expectations.
- uses plans that indicate the use of modified assessments when necessary.
- uses assessment criteria that are clearly written and appropriate.
- uses plans that include formative assessments to use during instruction.
- indicates possible adjustments (extensions and/or interventions) based on formative assessment data.

Domain 2: The Classroom Environment

- 2a Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
- 2b Establishing a Culture for Learning
- **2c Managing Classroom Procedures**
- 2d Managing Student Behavior
- 2e Organizing Physical Space

2a - Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
Classroom interactions between the teacher and students are negative, inappropriate, or characterized by sarcasm, putdowns, or conflict. Classroom interactions between students are negative, inappropriate, or characterized by sarcasm, put-downs, or conflict.	Classroom interactions between the teacher and students are generally appropriate with occasional displays of insensitivity. Classroom interactions between the students are generally appropriate with occasional displays of insensitivity.	Classroom interactions between the teacher candidate and all students are polite and respectful. Most interactions among students are polite and respectful.	All interactions between the teacher and individual students are highly respectful. Interactions among students are polite and respectful.	

- ensures that talk between the teacher candidate and students and among students is consistently respectful.
- appropriately responds to disrespectful behavior among students.
- makes general connections with individual students.
- creates a learning environment that enables students to exhibit respect for the teacher candidate and other students.

2b - Establishing a Culture for Learning				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
The classroom environment conveys a negative culture for learning, characterized by low teacher-candidate commitment to the subject, and low expectations for student achievement. Students demonstrate little or no pride in work.	Attempts to create a culture for learning is partially successful with modest expectations for student achievement. Both the teacher candidate and students appear to be only "going through the motions."	The classroom culture is characterized by high expectations of students and commitment to learning by both teacher candidate and students. Most students demonstrate high quality work.	Classroom culture conveys high level of energy and a passion for learning. Students can articulate the learning expectation(s) and/or connection to previous learning. All students demonstrate high quality work.	

- demonstrates that grade level learning expectations exist for all students.
- ensures students can articulate the learning expectation(s) and/or connection to previous learning.
- ensures most students are engaged with the learning goals and appear to be on task with assigned content or tasks.
- ensures most students are engaged with class or group discussion around content.
- is explicit in communicating expectations (e.g., what students will be doing 1st, next, etc.) that are aligned to class learning objectives.
- ensures students are doing what the teacher has asked based upon the objective of the lesson.
- monitors students' work and provides just-in-time feedback to support students' ability to meet the objectives.

2c - Managing Classroom Procedures			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Does not use established classroom procedures. Much instructional time lost. Classroom routines and procedures for transitions, handling of supplies, and performance of non-instructional duties are inefficient	Uses some established classroom procedures. Some instructional time is lost. Classroom routines and procedures for transitions, handling of supplies, and performance of non-instructional duties are mostly efficient.	Uses established classroom procedures. Minimal instructional time is lost. Classroom routines and procedures for transitions, handling of supplies, and performance of non-instructional duties are efficient.	Uses well-established classroom procedures. Students contribute to the establishment of some classroom routines and procedures. Classroom routines and procedures for transitions, handling of supplies, and performance of non-instructional duties are highly efficient.

- ensures that students move from one place to another in the classroom with efficiency.
- has structures and procedures in place and uses those structures for students to efficiently get supplies, move from place to place, etc.
- ensures transitions are smooth and takes minimal time.
- ensures classroom jobs or responsibilities are in place.
- ensures students know the transition routines and follow them.
- ensures routines and procedures, whether developed by the teacher candidate or adopted from the mentor teacher, for things like bathroom breaks, getting/putting away supplies, lining up, attendance, lunch count, etc. are clear to the observer and students appear aware of them.

2d - Managing Student Behavior				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
There is no evidence that classroom behavior expectations have been established. There is little or no teacher candidate monitoring of student behavior. Response to student behavior is repressive or disrespectful.	An effort has been made to establish classroom behavior expectations for students. Attempts, with uneven results, to monitor student behavior and respond to student misbehavior.	Behavior expectations are clear to students. Monitors student behavior against established expectations. Responses to student behavior is appropriate and respectful.	Behavior expectations are clear, with evidence of student participation in setting them. Monitors student behavior in a subtle and preventive manner, and the response to student misbehavior is sensitive to individual student needs. Students take an active role in monitoring the behavior standards.	

- uses an established set of objective classroom expectations preferably visible to the students and others in the classroom.
- is consistent and equitable with enforcing classroom expectations with all students.
- ensures that students know and follow the class expectations.
- calmly corrects inappropriate behavior in a manner that is respectful and appropriate for the situation.
- may have nonverbal cues/signals to help correct behavior with students.
- may use callbacks or some other group attention signal to get the whole class's attention.
- may use classroom management structure/strategy to recognize positive behavior as a way to get the whole group to follow instructions.

2e - Organizing Physical Space				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
The physical environment is unsafe. Alignment between the physical arrangement and the lesson activities is poor.	The classroom is safe to most students. Use of physical resources, including technology, is moderately effective.	The classroom is safe and accessible to all students. Ensures that the physical arrangement is appropriate to the learning activities.	Students contribute to the use or adaptation of the physical environment to advance learning. Technology is used skillfully, as appropriate to the lesson.	
	Modifies the physical arrangement to suit learning activities, with inconsistent success.	Makes effective use of physical resources, including technology.		

- ensures the classroom is safe, clean, and orderly.
- sets up or uses the physical space established by the mentor teacher in a way that adjusts for any special needs of students in the classroom.
- ensures the classroom is set up in such a way that it supports collaborative as well as individual work.
- organizes all students to interact, practice, or complete learning tasks.
- ensures materials are easily accessible to the students, students can readily see/hear instruction, etc.
- ensures that it is clear that people's feelings are honored and valued.
- ensures the physical arrangement contributes productively to the learning activities.

Domain 3: Instruction

- 3a Communicating with Students
- **3b Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques**
- 3c Engaging Students in Learning
- 3d Using Assessment in Instruction
- 3e Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness

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3a - Communicating with Students			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Expectations for learning are unclear or confusing to students.	Expectations for learning are clarified after initial confusion.	Expectations for learning are clear to students.	Oral and written communication is clear and expressive.
Directions are unclear or confusing to students.	Directions are clarified after initial confusion.	Directions are clear to students. Procedures are clear to students.	Anticipates possible student misconceptions.
Procedures are unclear or confusing to students.	Procedures are clarified after initial confusion.	Explanations of content are clear to students.	
Explanations of content are unclear or confusing to students.	Explanations of content are clarified after initial confusion.	Communications are developmentally appropriate.	
Use of language contains errors or is inappropriate for levels of development.	Use of language is correct but may not be completely appropriate for students' levels of development.		

- states clearly what the students will be learning.
- uses explanations of content that are clear and accurate.
- uses directions that are clear, providing support for students to follow clearly defined procedures.
- ensures students engage with the learning task as explained by the teacher candidate.
- uses vocabulary that is appropriate to students' ages and levels of development.

3b - Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
Questions are low-level or inappropriate. Student participation is limited.	Questions elicit a thoughtful response, but most are low-level, posed in rapid succession. Attempts to engage all students in the discussion are only partially successful.	A majority of the teacher's questions elicit a thoughtful response. Allows appropriate student think time. Allows sufficient time for students to answer. A majority of students participate in the discussion.	Questions reflect high expectations and are developmentally appropriate. Students formulate some of the high-level questions and ensure that all voices are heard. All students participate in the discussion.	

- uses a level of questioning that is appropriate to the level of instruction.
- involves a variety of students in the discussion including those who don't voluntarily respond.
- allows appropriate think time for all students to formulate a response.
- consistently manages student response rates.
- is responsive to students' questions and discussion.

3c - Engaging Students in Learning			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Activities and assignments are inappropriate for the instructional outcomes or students' levels of understanding, resulting in little intellectual engagement. Materials are inappropriate for the instructional outcomes or students' levels of understanding, resulting in little intellectual engagement. Groupings of students are inappropriate for the instructional outcomes or students' levels of understanding, resulting in little intellectual engagement. The lesson has no structure or is poorly paced.	Activities and assignments are partially appropriate to the instructional outcomes or students' levels of understanding, resulting in moderate intellectual engagement. Materials are partially appropriate to the instructional outcomes or students' levels of understanding, resulting in moderate intellectual engagement. Groupings of students are partially appropriate to the instructional outcomes or students' levels of understanding, resulting in moderate intellectual engagement. The lesson has a recognizable structure, but that structure is not fully maintained.	Activities and assignments are appropriate for the instructional outcomes and students' levels of understanding. Materials are appropriate for the instructional outcomes and students' levels of understanding. Groupings of students are appropriate for the instructional outcomes and students' levels of understanding. Most students are engaged in learning. The lesson's structure is coherent, with appropriate pace.	All students are engaged in learning and make material contributions to the activities, student groupings, and materials. The lesson is adapted as necessary to the needs of individuals, and the structure and pacing allow for student reflection and closure.

- ensures activities and assignments support grade-level instructional outcomes.
- ensures materials support grade-level instructional outcomes.
- ensures groupings support grade-level instructional outcomes.
- ensures that most students are engaged in instructional outcomes.
- ensures the lesson's structure is clear and appropriately paced.

3d - Using Assessment in Instruction				
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE	
Assessment is not used in instruction. Monitoring of progress by the teacher candidate or students does not exist or is seldom used. Little or no feedback is provided to students. Students are unaware of the assessment criteria used to evaluate their work.	Assessment is occasionally used in instruction, through some monitoring of progress of learning by the teacher candidate and/or students. Feedback to students is inconsistent or does not prompt further learning. The students are somewhat aware of the assessment criteria used to evaluate their work.	Assessment is regularly used in instruction, through self-assessment by students, monitoring of progress of learning by the teacher candidate and/or students. Feedback to students is consistent and may prompt further learning. Students are aware of the assessment criteria used to evaluate their work.	Assessment is used in a sophisticated manner in instruction, through student involvement in establishing the assessment criteria, self-assessment by students, monitoring of progress by both students and the teacher candidate. High-quality feedback is provided to all students.	

- ensures formative assessment is used regularly during instruction.
- ensures students have the opportunity to self-assess.
- ensures that feedback progresses student learning.
- provides appropriate and timely feedback to students.
- ensures the assessment criteria is provided in advance where appropriate.

3e - Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Adheres to the instruction plan, even when a change would improve the lesson or address students' lack of interest. Brushes aside student questions. When students experience difficulty, the teacher candidate blames the students or their home environment.	Attempts to modify the lesson when needed and to respond to student questions, with moderate success. Accepts responsibility for student success but has only a limited repertoire of strategies to draw upon and limited reflection for future teaching.	Promotes the successful learning of all students by adjusting the instructional plans as needed and accommodating student questions, needs, and interests. Is reflective and able to discuss how they might adjust in the future.	Seizes an opportunity to enhance learning, building on a spontaneous event or student interests. Adjustments are made for students who were not successful. Extensions are made for students who were successful.

- ensures that the students know the expectations.
- cites multiple approaches undertaken to reach students having difficulty, when reflecting on practice.
- has clear objectives that are visible for the students.
- The teacher candidate monitors and adjusts the instruction in real time.
- is flexible and allows for changes to instruction and/or schedule as needed.
- responds to students' questions accurately and responds to body language and non-verbal cues.
- adjusts instruction to include examples related to topics of interest to the student.
- ensures adjustments are made for students who were not successful.
- ensures extensions are made for students who were successful.

Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

- 4a Reflecting on Teaching
- 4b Maintaining Accurate Records
- 4c Communicating with Families
- 4d Participating in a Professional Community
- 4e Growing and Developing Professionally
- 4f Showing Professionalism

4a - Reflecting on Teaching			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Does not accurately assess the effectiveness of the lesson. Has no ideas about how the lesson could be improved.	Provides a partially accurate and objective description of the lesson but does not cite specific evidence. Makes only general suggestions as to how the lesson might be improved.	Provides an accurate description of the lesson, citing specific evidence. Makes some specific suggestions as to how the lesson might be improved.	Suggests alternative strategies and predicts its success.

- accurately assesses the effectiveness of instructional activities used.
- identifies specific ways in which a lesson might be improved.
- is open to constructive feedback and shows reflective processing.

4b - Maintaining Accurate Records			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Does not maintain both instructional and non-instructional records. There is no awareness of the need	Maintains both instructional and non-instructional records partially effectively. Is aware of the need for data	Maintains both instructional and non-instructional records that are accurate, efficient, and effective. Respects data privacy and	Demonstrates the ability to appropriately share data with others. A system for monitoring student
for data privacy. There is no response to data.	privacy. The response to data is inconsistent.	responds to data to inform their instructional practice.	achievement and growth is used.

- uses a process for recording completion of student work that is efficient and effective; students have access to information about completed and/or missing assignments.
- has an efficient and effective process for recording student attainment of learning goals; students are able to see how they're progressing.
- uses a process for recording non-instructional information that is both efficient and effective.
- uses a recording and reporting process that respects student privacy and FERPA considerations.
- uses collected data to adapt and modify their teaching to meet student needs.
- uses a system for monitoring student achievement and growth.

4c - Communicating with Families			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Communication with families about the instructional program or about individual students is sporadic or inappropriate. Makes no attempt to engage families in the instructional program.	Adheres to school procedures for communicating with families. Makes modest attempts to engage families in the instructional program. Communications are not always appropriate.	Communicates frequently with families. Families are successfully engaged in the instructional program. Information to families about individual students is conveyed in an appropriate manner.	Students participate in the communication with their families.

Recommended Proficiency Level: Effective

- ensures communication with families is appropriate and aligns with district expectations.
- ensures families are successfully engaged in instructional programs.
- is aware of district services available to interact with families (i.e. translation services, social workers) and is willing to use them if needed.

4d - Participating in a Professional Community			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Avoids participating in a professional community or in school events and projects. Relationships with colleagues are	Becomes involved in the professional community and in school events and projects when specifically asked.	Participates and engages in the professional community and in school events and projects. Maintains positive and productive	Makes a contribution to the professional community and to school and district events and projects.
negative or self-serving.	Relationships with colleagues are cordial.	relationships with colleagues.	

- participation in professional community and school events is appropriate and aligns with district expectations.
- maintains positive and productive relationships with colleagues, mentors, and supervisors.

4e - Growing and Developing Professionally			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Does not participate in professional development activities and makes no effort to share knowledge with colleagues. Is resistant to feedback from supervisors or colleagues.	Participates in professional development activities that are convenient or are required and makes limited contributions to the profession. Accepts, with some reluctance, feedback from supervisors and colleagues.	Seeks out opportunities for professional development based on an individual assessment of need. Actively shares expertise with others. Welcomes and implements feedback from supervisors and colleagues.	Actively pursues professional development opportunities and initiates activities to contribute to the profession. Seeks and implements feedback from supervisors and colleagues.

- attends professional development and seeks out support for identified areas of need or growth.
- may attend conferences or other larger professional development events.
- seeks input, feedback, and advice from others.
- sets goals based on their areas of need and seeks to improve in those areas.
- is implementing feedback to improve.

4f - Showing Professionalism			
UNSATISFACTORY	PROGRESSING	EFFECTIVE	HIGHLY EFFECTIVE
Has little sense of ethics and professionalism and contributes to practices that are self-serving or harmful to students. Fails to comply with preparation program, school or district regulations and timelines.	Is honest and well intentioned in serving students and contributing to decisions in the school but attempts to serve students are limited. Complies mostly with preparation program, school or district regulations and timelines.	Displays a high level of ethics and professionalism in dealings with students. Displays a high level of ethics and professionalism in dealings with colleagues. Complies fully and voluntarily with preparation program, school, and district regulations and timelines.	Is proactive in making sure that school practices and procedures ensure that all students are honored in the school. Displays the highest standards of ethical conduct.

- is honest and demonstrates high standards of integrity with students and colleagues.
- willingly participates in collaborative decision-making.
- is aware of district policies and complies completely with district regulations.