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| TPS-logo-black_large**TLE Observation and Evaluation Rubric****Teachers****2014-2015** |
| *Domain/Relative Weight* | *Dimension Page* |
| Classroom Management30% | 1. Preparation
2. Discipline
3. Building-Wide Climate Responsibility
4. Lesson Plans
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| Instructional Effectiveness50% | 1. Literacy
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4. Explains Content
5. Clear Instruction & ~~Explains~~ Directions
6. Models
7. Monitors
8. Adjusts Based upon Monitoring
9. Establishes Closure
10. Student Achievement
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| Professional Growth & Continuous Improvement10% | 1. Professional Development ~~Uses~~ ~~Growth as an Important Strategy~~
2. Professional Accountabilit~~y Exhibits Behaviors and Efficiencies~~
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| Interpersonal Skills5% | 1. Effective Interpersonal Skills ~~Effective Interactions/ Communications with Stakeholders~~
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| Leadership5% | 1. Professional Involvement & Leadership ~~Leadership Involvements~~
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| Domain: **Classroom Management** Dimension: **Preparation****1****Teacher plans for and executes a lesson relating to ~~delivery of the lesson relative to~~ short-term and long-term objectives.** *Indicator No.* |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Does not plan for or execute instructional strategies that encourage the development of performance skills relating to short and long-term objectives.Only develops a brief outline of the daily schedule, which shows little or no alignment with most current state~~/common core~~ standards ~~and does not address student diversity and learning styles.~~Plans rarely address student diversity nor describe how instruction will be differentiated.Materials and equipment are not ready at the start of the lesson or instructional activity. | Occasionally plans for and executes instructional strategies that encourage the development of performance skills relating to short and long-term objectives.Develops instructional plans that are not consistently in alignment with most current state ~~/ common core~~ standards ~~and does not address student's diversity and learning styles.~~Plans inconsistently address student diversity and inconsistently describe how instruction will be differentiated.Materials and equipment are usually ready at the start of the lesson or instructional activity.  | Plans for and executes instructional strategies that encourage the development of performance skills relating to short and long-term objectives.Develops instructional plans that are in alignment with most current state ~~/ common core~~ standards and, as available and appropriate, curriculum maps and pacing guides. ~~and does not address student's diversity and learning styles.~~Plans consistently address student diversity and describe how instruction will be differentiated.Ensures materials and equipment are ready at the start of the lesson or instructional activity (most of the time). | Plans for and executes instructional strategies that encourage the development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills relating to short and long-term objectives.Develops instructional plans that are in alignment with state ~~/ common core~~ standards and, as available and appropriate, curriculum maps and pacing guides, and links to major topics within and across grade levels. ~~and does not address student's diversity and learning styles.~~Plans consistently and skillfully address student diversity and describe how instruction will be differentiated. Plans are designed to maximize learning time.Materials and equipment are ready at the start of the lesson or instructional activity*.* | Plans for and executes instructional strategies that encourage the development of critical thinking, problem solving and performance skills relating to short and long-term objectives.Has long and short-term instructional plans that are aligned with state ~~/ common core (CCSS) / district PASS~~ standards and, as available and appropriate, curriculum maps and pacing guides, and links to major topics within and across grade levels ~~and address student diversity and learning styles through differentiated instruction and other research-based learning strategies.~~Plans consistently and expertly address student diversity and describe how instruction will be differentiated. Plans are designed to maximize learning time and foster self-directed learning.Materials and equipment are ready at the start of the lesson or instructional activity and enhancelearning ~~environment is conducive to the activity~~. |

***Yellow highlighted language is not new. It is language taken from Indicator 4. It is more relevant toIndicator 1 than 4.***

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| Domain: **Classroom Management** Dimension: **Discipline****2****Teacher clearly defines and effectively manages student ~~expected~~ behavior.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Standards of conduct have not been established. Students are almost always disengaged and unclear about the expectations of the classroom, requiring more reminders than are appropriate for the age and development of the students.Does not monitor the behavior of students during whole class, small groups, seat work activities and transitions.Usually ignores misbehavior and uses an inappropriate voice level / word choice when correction is attempted.  | Standards of conduct have been established with inconsistent implementation.Students are ~~usually~~ oftendisengaged and unclear about the expectations of the classroom, requiring more reminders than are appropriate for the age and development of the students.~~Rarely~~ Does not consistentlymonitor~~s~~ the behavior of students during whole class, small groups, seat work activities and transitions.~~Most of the time ignores~~ Does not consistently address~~inappropriate~~ misbehavior and / or uses an inappropriate voice level / word choice to attempt to bring correction. | Establishes, communicates ~~and posts~~ and consistently implements appropriate standards of conduct ~~and implements with consistency.~~~~Ensures that~~ Students are usually engaged and clear as to the expectations of the classroom, requiring few reminders relative to the age and development of the students.Monitors the behavior of students during whole-class, small group and seat work activities and during transitions between instructional activities.As necessary and appropriate, stops ~~inappropriate~~ misbehavior promptly and consistently with ~~an appropriate~~ a voice level / word choice suitable to the situation. | Establishes, communicates and consistently implements appropriate standards of conduct that instill a sense of self-discipline in students.~~Standards of conduct have been established and~~ ~~posted~~ ~~with consistent peer-based implementation~~Students are engaged and clear about the expectations of the classroom with no need for reminders as appropriate to the age and development of the students.Monitors the behavior of all students during whole-class, small group and seat work activities and during transitions between instructional activities, lunch time, recess, assemblies, etc.As necessary and appropriate, stops ~~inappropriate~~ misbehavior promptly and consistently, with ~~an appropriate~~ a voice level / word choice suitable to the situation, while maintaining the dignity of the student in a manner that promotes positive behavior and relationships. | Establishes, communicates and consistently implements appropriate standards of conduct that instill a sense of self-discipline in students; students constructively monitor their peers and intervene to implement standards.~~Standards of conduct have been established, and posted with consistent peer monitoring~~.Students are engaged and are clear about the expectations of the classroom with no need for reminders as appropriate to the age and development of the students. ~~and are responsible for their own learning.~~Monitors the behavior of all students at all times. Standards of conduct extend beyond the classroom.As necessary and appropriate, stops ~~inappropriate~~ misbehavior promptly and consistently, with a ~~an appropriate~~ voice level / word choice suitable to the situation, ~~maintaining the dignity of the student and encouraging~~ in a manner that promotes positive behavior and relationships and encourages students to self-discipline. |

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| Domain: **Classroom Management** Dimension: **Building-Wide Climate Responsibilities****3****Teacher assures a contribution to building-wide positive climate responsibilities.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Is not involved in school projects and initiatives that contribute to promoting orderly behavior throughout the school. Ignores the procedures, practices and guidelines outlined by the school, district, state and federal laws intended to keep students healthy and safe. | Participates in school projects and initiatives that contribute to promoting orderly behavior throughout the school when specifically requested and only for specified time.Inconsistently follows the procedures, practices and guidelines outlined by the school, district, state and federal laws intended to keep students healthy and safe. | Regularly and routinely participates in school projects and initiatives that contribute to promoting orderly behavior throughout the school.Follows the procedures, practices and guidelines outlined by the school, district, state and federal laws intended to keep students healthy and safe. | Participates actively in school projects and initiatives that promote orderly behavior throughout the school volunteering for extra assignments / time periods. Follows the procedures, practices and guidelines outlined by the school, district, state and federal laws intended to keep students healthy and safe. Offers enhancements and suggestions to procedures and guidelines. | Makes substantial contribution to school projects and initiatives that promote orderly behavior throughout the school. Teacher assumes a leadership role in these projects and initiatives inspiring others to participate. Always follows the procedures, practices and guidelines outlined by the school, district, state and federal laws intended to keep students healthy and safe. Is proactive in intervening on behalf of children and staff. |

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| Domain: **Classroom Management** Dimension: **Lesson Plans****4****Teacher develops daily lesson plans designed to achieve the identified objectives.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| [First two rows moved to Indicator 1.]Plans are ~~not~~ rarely or never completed.Never plans with other members of the grade-level/school planning teams (when it is an expectation of the campus).Never provides substitute plans, classroom rosters, seating charts, behavior plans, emergency plans and identification of diverse learning groups. | Plans are ~~rarely~~ not consistently completed.Rarely plans with other members of the grade-level/school planning teams (when it is an expectation of the campus).Rarely provides substitute plans, classroom rosters, seating charts, behavior plans, emergency plans and identification of diverse learning groups. | Plans are developed consistently and on time based upon an analysis of data.Plans with other members of the grade-level / school planning teams (when it is an expectation of the campus).Provides substitute plans, classroom rosters, seating charts, behavior plans, emergency plans and identification of diverse learning groups. | Plans are developed consistently and on time, or in advance, based upon an analysis of data.Plans with other members of the grade-level/school planning teams (when it is an expectation of the campus). Revises plans according to student data analysis and shares same with fellow staff members to the benefit of the grade level, curricular area or building.Provides in sequenced and organized fashion substitute plans, classroom rosters, seating charts, behavior plans, emergency plans and identification of diverse learning groups. | Plans are developed consistently and on time, or in advance, based upon an analysis of data~~, with inherent opportunity for continual revision~~. Plans with other members of the grade-level / school planning teams (when it is an expectation of the campus or based upon collegial decision-making).Revises plans according to student data and performance, sharing same with fellow staff members to the benefit of the grade level, curricular area or building.Can serve as a grade level, curricular area and/or building-wide model for substitute plans, classroom rosters, seating charts, behavior plans, emergency plans and identification of diverse learning groups. |

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| Domain: **Classroom Management** Dimension: **Assessment Practices****5****Teacher acknowledges student progress and uses assessment practices that are fair, based on identified criteria, and support effective instruction.**  |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| ~~Assessment is inconsistent and insufficient to determine student's overall progress and is not based on the district’s grading policy.~~Rarely uses assessments to evaluate student learning and guide instruction.Grading is arbitrary and not in accordance with district’s grading policies.Assessments provide delayed and inadequate feedback for students to assess themselves.There is no evidence that the teacher recognizes student progress or achievement.  | ~~Assessment is inconsistent and is not based on district’s grading policy~~. Inconsistently uses assessments to evaluate student learning and guide instruction.Grading is not consistently fair or in accordance with district’s grading policies.Assessments provide delayed and inadequate feedback for students to assess themselves.There is some evidence that students are recognized for their progress and achievement; however, recognition is sporadic. | ~~Formative and summative assessments are recorded consistently based on district’s grading policy and are used to guide instruction.~~Consistently uses assessments to evaluate student learning and guide instruction.Grading is fair and in accordance with district’s grading policies.Provides adequate and timely feedback from assessment results for students to reflect and set goals.Recognizes student progress and achievement at significant intervals and encourages behaviors that would result in student success. | ~~Formative and summative assessments are recorded consistently based on district’s grading policy and are used to develop and evaluate instruction~~.Consistently uses assessments to evaluate student learning and guide and support differentiated instruction.Grading is fair, transparent to students and in accordance with district’s grading policies.Assessments provide useful and immediate feedback – separate and apart from grades –that assists students in assessing themselves in meeting their learning goals.Students are informed regularly regarding their progress and achievement and are provided opportunities to improve and achieve academic success.  | ~~Formative and summative assessments are recorded consistently based on district’s grading policy and utilized to develop, refine and evaluate instruction.~~Consistently uses assessments that evaluate student learning and guide and support differentiated instruction and are used to develop, refine and evaluate instruction.Grading systems are fair and in accordance with district’s grading policies and, as appropriate, developed in collaboration with students.Assessments provide useful and immediate feedback– separate and apart from grades—that assists students in assessing themselves to develop and evaluate their progress with their learning goals.Learning goals are not only designed by the teacher but the student has an opportunity to direct his/her own learning by contributing goals.Students are informed regularly regarding their progress and achievement and are provided opportunities to improve and achieve academic success. The teacher informs parents on a timely basis of their student’s progress and achievement through systematic communication procedures. |

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| Domain: **Classroom Management** Dimension: **Student Relations** **6****Teacher optimizes the learning environment through respectful and appropriate interactions with students, conveying high expectations for students and an enthusiasm for the curriculum.**  |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Oral, written and nonverbal communication with students is inconsiderate, as characterized by insensitivity, demeaning language and condescension. Does not consistently display an interest in the curriculum or high academic expectations for most students.  | Oral, written, and nonverbal communication may not be considerate or respectful. Does not consistently display an interest in the curriculum or high academic expectations for most students.  | Oral, written and nonverbal communications with students are considerate and respectful.Consistently conveys a generally positive view of learning and of the curriculum, demonstrating high academic expectations for most students.  | Oral, written, and nonverbal communications with students are considerate and positive, demonstrating genuine respect for individual students and the class as a whole. Consistently displays a genuine enthusiasm for the curriculum and high academic expectations for all students | Oral, written, and nonverbal communication with students is considerate and positive. There is abundant evidence of mutual respect and trust between teacher and student, as well as between students. Exudes a passion for the content and actively exploring the curriculum with students. Students appear to have internalized the value of the content as well as the teacher’s high academic expectations for them.  |

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Literacy** **Teacher embeds the components of literacy into all instructional content.****7** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Literacy (the practice of reading, writing, developing vocabulary, spelling, or listening ~~and~~/ speaking) is not embedded / woven into instructional lessons as a vehicle for learning the content and for demonstrating understanding; rather, literacy is presented as a single, stand-alone skill.Instruction is rarely provided through text.~~Does not appear to value or recognize that literacy is the “bonding agent” for all learning.~~ | Literacy (the practice of reading, writing, developing vocabulary, spelling, or listening ~~and~~/ speaking) is rarely embedded / woven into instructional lessons as a vehicle for learning the content and for demonstrating understanding ~~an explicit learning objective;~~ rather, literacy is presented as a single, stand-alone skill. Instruction is occasionally provided through text.~~Demonstrates weak recognition of the importance of literacy as the “bonding agent” for all learning.~~ | Literacy (the practice of reading, writing, developing vocabulary, spelling, or listening ~~and~~/ speaking) is embedded in the lesson as a vehicle for learning the content and for demonstrating understanding ~~ALL content as an explicit learning objective~~.As appropriate for the content area, instruction is provided through text.~~Displays basic recognition of the importance of literacy as the “bonding agent” for all learning.~~ | Literacy (the practice of reading, writing, developing vocabulary, spelling, or listening ~~and~~/ speaking) is embedded in the lesson ~~in ALL content~~ as a vehicle for learning the content and for demonstrating understanding ~~an explicit learning objective~~ and its definition is expanded to include visual representations, expressions of ideas, making decisions and solving problems.Instruction is routinely provided through text and teacher requires students to cite text to support answers.~~Leverages literacy as the “bonding agent” for all learning~~ | Includes the narrative descriptions in performance category 4, plus the additional definitional components of literacy to include: innovative use of multimedia, computer, information analysis and technology.Instruction is routinely provided through text and teacher requires students to cite text to support analysis, inference, or arguments. |

**Note One:** Examples of literacy strategies include, but are not limited to, students: (1) using graphic organizers to cement/understand information; (2) presenting/explaining their learning, thinking or examples (“turn and talk”); (3) summarizing information into written notes; (4) using primary source documents (receipts, tickets, bills, advertisements, logs, game/sport statistics and rules, etc.) to glean information; (5) writing for communication; and (6) choral/echo reading, (7) researching and reporting.

**Note Two:** A teacher embeds literacy into the lesson when she/he plans for and implements a literacy strategy for delivering content and expects students to use one or more specific literacy strategies as a means for learning the content and literacy skills. In such cases, literacy is the “bonding agent” or “glue” for the content.

**Note Three:** Literacy is a stand-alone event when (1) there is no expectation or need for students to use literacy strategies within the lesson to learn the content objectives and demonstrate their understanding of the same, or (2) students’ use of literacy strategies is random, isolated or has no connection to the lesson objectives.

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **~~Common Core Standards~~** **8** **Current State Standards****Teacher understands and optimizes the delivery focus of ~~Common Core State Standards~~ current state standards and the expectations derived from same on student learning and achievement.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Neither understands nor participates (at even the “conversation / awareness” level) in ~~the multi-year conversion process from PASS to CCSS.~~ discussions about current state standards. | Neither understands nor participates (at even a minimal implementation level) in ~~the~~ ~~multi-year~~ ~~conversion process from PASS to CCSS~~. discussions about current state standards | Understands the current state standards ~~and participates in the~~ ~~multi-year~~ ~~conversion process from an emphasis on PASS to an emphasis on CCSS~~ as evidenced by use of alternate instructional strategies and modified content focus aligned with current state standards ~~CCSS~~. | Has participated in available learning opportunities to assure a strong foundation of understanding the current state standards ~~the conversion process from PASS to CCSS~~ and regularly and routinely uses alternate instructional strategies and modified content focus aligned with ~~CCSS~~ current state standards. | Includes the narrative descriptions in performance category 4, plus serves as a “change agent” and/or grade level, curricular area, building-wide, or departmental presenter / facilitator for the implementation of current state standards ~~the~~ ~~conversion from PASS to CCSS~~. This participation level could be initiated via volunteering or being asked. |

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Involves All Learners** **9****Teacher uses active learning, questioning techniques and/or guided practices to involve all students.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Does not require student participation or the teacher discourages student involvement.Students are not mentally engaged in active learning experiences during any significant portion of the class. Does not ask any type of questions or use questioning techniques during the lesson to involve all learners.~~Student participation is not monitored or the teacher response is inconsistent, overly repressive or does not respect the student's dignity~~. Displays no knowledge of students’ interests and skills.  | A few students dominate the lesson~~, and~~ or only a few students are ~~minimally~~ engaged ~~in active learning experiences 50 percent of the class time.~~ in the class. For example, typically calls only on students who raise their hands first or who blurt out answers.Students are engaged in active learning around 50% of the class time.All or most questions used are recall questions.~~Typically calls on students who raise their hands first and responds to students who blurt out answers.~~Displays little knowledge of students’ interests and skills and rarely uses them as a strategy to engage them.  | Routinely uses strategies to ensure engagement of all students.Engages most students in active learning experiences 80 percent of the class time.Uses questioning techniques throughout the lesson, scaffolding to at least the mid-level of Bloom's taxonomy. Provides ~~wait~~ adequate wait time for ~~some~~ student response and engagement. ~~and does random checking to ensure the involvement of all learners~~. Engages students by incorporating their general skills and interests into the lesson. | Routinely uses strategies to ensure engagement of all students.Engages an overwhelming majority of students in active learning 80% of the class time with students connecting new information to former knowledge; or describing and evaluating their thinking processes. ~~are cognitively engaged and exploring content in active learning experiences 80 percent of the class time.~~Uses consistently high-quality and varied questioning techniques, scaffolding to the higher levels of Bloom’s taxonomy. ~~and providing adequate~~ Skillfully uses wait time as a tool to engage  ~~for most~~ students ~~to respond~~ in active learning. Engages students by incorporating their individual skills and interests into the lesson.  | Routinely uses strategies to ensure engagement of all students.~~All students are cognitively engaged and exploring~~ Engages all students in active learning 80 percent of the class time~~. S~~ and students initiate or develop their own activities to enhance their learning.Uses consistently high-quality and varied questioning techniques, scaffolding to the higher levels of Bloom’s taxonomy and leading students to formulate many of their own questions. ~~Provides adequate~~ Skillfully uses wait time as a tool to engage students in active learning. ~~for most students to respond~~ Engages students by incorporating and expanding their individual skills and interests.  |

**Note:** Active learning is learning that requires student to attain knowledge by participating or contributing. When students are active in their learning, they are involved ~~them~~ in gathering information, questioning, thinking and problem solving. (Adapted from Collins & O’Brien, *The Greenwood Dictionary of Education*, 2011.) Examples of active learning are: cooperative learning activities, advance organizers, researching and reporting out, or other teaching strategies that foster participation and an understanding of the objectives.

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Explains Content** **10****Teacher teaches the objectives through a variety of methods.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| ~~Does not use cooperative learning activities, advance organizers, or other teaching strategies that foster student participation and an understanding of the objectives.~~Students are provided with activities from the textbook, specific to the content, but there is no attempt to use a variety of activities to support instructional outcomes and no attempt to differentiate tasks to address a variety of student needs/learning styles / multiple intelligences. Technology is not used as designed and not used as an instructional tool. | ~~Uses limited cooperative learning activities, advance organizers, or other teaching strategies that foster participation and an understanding of the objectives.~~Attempts, but does not successfully use a variety of activities (e.g. modeling, visuals, hands-on activities, demonstrations, gestures, body language and thematic instruction) to support instructional outcomes and meet varied student needs/ learning styles / multiple intelligences. Technology is rarely included in the planning process to support instruction, and technology is not used on a regular basis as an instructional tool. | ~~Uses cooperative learning activities, advance organizers, or other teaching strategies that foster participation and an understanding of the objectives~~.Uses a variety of activities (e.g. modeling, visuals, hands-on activities, demonstrations, gestures, body language and thematic instruction) to support the instructional outcomes and meet varied student needs/ learning styles / multiple intelligences.Technology is included in the planning process to support instruction, and technology is used on a regular basis as an instructional tool. | ~~Uses knowledge of student skills and interests when selecting and using cooperative learning activities, advance organizers, and other teaching strategies that foster participation and an understanding of the objectives.~~Successfully uses a variety of activities (e.g. modeling, visuals, hands-on activities, demonstrations, gestures, body language and thematic instruction) to support the instructional outcomes and meet varied student needs/ learning styles / multiple intelligences. The activities maximize student potential and most require significant cognitive challenge.Technology is woven into / serves as a foundational base in the planning process to support instruction, and technology is used on a common-place basis as an instructional tool. | Uses all of the characteristics of Level 4. In addition, continually seeks out new strategies to support instructional outcomes and cognitively challenge diverse learners. Willingly shares discoveries and successes with colleagues. Students are included in planning for methods of instructional delivery.  |

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Clear Instruction & ~~Explains~~ Directions** **11****Teacher provides ~~gives~~ ~~directions that are clearly stated and relate to the learning objectives~~ clear instruction and direction.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Instruction, d~~D~~irections and procedures are not provided or are confusing ~~to students~~. When instruction/directions are initially inaccurate or confusing to students, does not offer ~~alternative,~~ clarifying instruction or directions.Does not give students directions for transitions and does not plan for transitions.Spoken language is inaudible or written language is illegible. Spoken or written language contains errors of grammar or syntax. Vocabulary may be inappropriate, vague, or used incorrectly causing students to be confused. | ~~Directions and procedures are initially confusing to students and are not clarified.~~ When instruction/directions are inaccurate or initially confusing to students, teacher does not appropriately or successfully correct and clarify.Attempts to give students directions for transitions but does not plan for transitions.Spoken language is audible and written language is legible. Usage of both demonstrates many basic errors (mispronunciation, misspelled words, etc.). Vocabulary is correct, but limited, or is not appropriate to the students’ ages or backgrounds. | Provides instruction, directions and procedures~~,~~ in a variety of delivery modes, e.g., verbal, modeling, visual, demonstration, etc., that are accurate, clearly stated / presented and relate to the learning objectives.Gives students directions for transitions and includes transitioning in the planning process to optimize academic learning time.Uses spoken and written language that is clear and correct, conforms to standard English, vocabulary, and is appropriate to students’ ages and interests. | Provides instruction, directions and procedures~~,~~ in a variety of delivery modes that are accurate and clear. ~~to students. Anticipation of possible student misunderstanding and/or confusion is incorporated in the initial direction and clarified.~~ Teacher anticipates possible student misunderstanding and/or confusion and incorporates relevant clarifications in the initial directions and instructions.Gives clear directions for transitions between lessons and between instructional activities while optimizing academic learning time.Spoken and written language is clear and correct and conforms to standard English. Vocabulary is appropriate to the students’ ages and interests. Teacher finds opportunities to extend students’ vocabularies. | Uses all of the characteristics of Levels 3 and 4. Facilitates students in constructing their own understanding of how the directions relate to the learning objectives.Plans for smooth, structured transitions between lessons and instructional activities and gives clear, concise directions to accomplish same while optimizing academic learning time.Spoken and written language is correct and conforms to standard English. It is also expressive with well-chosen vocabulary that enriches the lesson and extends students’ vocabularies. Teacher seizes opportunities to enhance learning by building vocabulary skills and experiences based on student interests or a spontaneous event. |

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Models** **12****Teacher demonstrates / models the desired skill or process.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Does not demonstrate or model the desired skill or process. | Demonstration or modeling of the desired skill or process is infrequent and unclear to students.  | Provides demonstrations and modeling of the desired skill or process that are clear and precise to students.  | Demonstrations are clear and precise to students with anticipation and preemptive action to avoid possible students' misunderstanding. | Demonstrations will match all characteristics of Level 4. Additionally, ~~teacher’s modeling will assist students in achieving the lesson’s stated objective~~. most students ~~will~~ demonstrate the skill or process relating to the lesson’s stated objective. |

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Monitors** **13****Teacher checks to determine if students are progressing toward stated objectives.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Never moves around the room while students are working on guided practice. Never uses student response techniques to ~~increase active engagement~~ check for understanding. Never uses feedback from students regarding their understanding ~~concerning student’s understanding~~.Never uses wait time after voicing a question to the students for the purpose of monitoring student understanding. | Seldom moves around the room while students are working on guided practice to promote and reinforce ~~positive student behaviors~~ students’ progress toward the stated objectives. When movement happens it is to the same area of classroom. Seldom uses student response techniques to ~~increase active engagement~~ check for understanding.Seldom uses feedback from students regarding their understanding ~~concerning student’s understanding~~.Seldom uses wait time after voicing a question to the students for the purpose of monitoring student understanding. | When appropriate, moves to all areas of the room while students are working on guided practice to promote and reinforce ~~positive student behaviors~~ students’ progress toward the stated objectives. Uses different types of student response techniques, both individual / group.Uses student response techniques to ~~increase active engagement~~ check for understanding. ~~Student’s understanding is evaluated by feedback.~~ Uses feedback from students regarding their understanding.Uses wait time of 3-5 seconds (more for more complex questions) after voicing the question for the purpose of monitoring student understanding. Provides opportunity for students to formulate more thoughtful responses and allows time for the student to consider supporting evidence. | Moves to all areas of the room with efficiency and effectiveness while students are working on guided practice to promote and reinforce ~~positive student behaviors~~ students’ progress toward the stated objectives. Makes eye contact with all students often. Routinely uses developmentally appropriate student response techniques to ~~increase active engagement~~ check for understanding. Immediately and adeptly uses immediate feedback concerning student’s understanding. Routinely uses wait time of 3-5 seconds (additional time for more complex questions) after voicing the question for the purpose of monitoring student understanding. Provides opportunity for students to formulate more thoughtful responses and allows time for the student to consider supporting evidence. Re-phrases the question after hearing student response to probe for deeper understanding of concept utilizing appropriate wait time. | Moves throughout the room to assure optimal instructional impact while students are working on guided practice to promote and reinforce ~~positive student behaviors~~ students’ progress toward the stated objectives. When a problem is observed reviews / re-teaches it to the whole class.Delivers upon all of performance category 4 and varied response techniques are used to ~~provide~~ receive immediate feedback to re-teach / review the concept(s) misinterpreted or not learned, while actively engaging all students.Delivers upon all of performance category 4 and is able to assess when question / wait time is no longer effective and employs a different strategy / technique. |

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Adjusts Based Upon Monitoring** **14****Teacher changes instruction based on the results of monitoring.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Does not adjust instructional plan to meet the needs of students. Lesson pace is too fast or slow to accommodate for students’ questions or interest. Does not assess mastery of the new learning to determine if independent practice or re-teaching is appropriate.There is no evidence that the teacher uses data from various assessments to modify instruction and guide intervention strategies. | Inconsistently monitors student involvement and makes some effort to adjust instructional plans to engage more students.Inconsistently assesses mastery of the new learning to determine if independent practice or re-teaching is appropriate without making adjustments as necessary.There is little evidence that data is used from various assessments to modify instruction and guide intervention strategies.  | Consistently monitors student involvement and makes efforts to adjust instructional plans to engage more students.Assesses mastery of the new learning to determine if independent practice or re-teaching is appropriate and makes adjustments to lessons.Reviews data from assessments to modify instruction and guide intervention strategies.  | Is aware of student participation and smoothly makes appropriate adjustments to the lesson successfully accommodating student questions or interests.Assesses mastery of the new learning using a variety of methods to determine if independent practice or re-teaching is appropriate and restructures lessons to address various learning needs.Uses data from various assessments to modify instruction and to determine what additional interventions can be implemented to assist students.  | Is always aware of student participation and successfully engages all students in the lesson. Is able to successfully make adjustments to the lesson to accommodate student questions or interests.Assesses mastery of the new learning using a variety of methods to determine if independent practice or re-teaching is appropriate. Works with individual students or small groups to reteach. Uses peer tutoring to facilitate mastery of skills.Multiple classroom evaluations, assessments and formal State assessments provide ample and varied opportunity for all students to demonstrate their knowledge and skill set levels. Ongoing assessment is systematically used to modify instruction and guide intervention strategies. |

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Establishes Closure** **15****Teacher summarizes and fits into context what has been taught.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| ~~There is no ending to the lesson.~~ The teacher rarely summarizes the main points of the instruction into the lesson. Students disengage at the end of the class with no teacher direction.Does not connect what is learned to prior learning and does not relate how the learning will be needed in the future. | ~~The teacher ends the lesson without a summary of the main points of the segment of instruction or day’s learning/activity.~~  The teacher does not consistently summarize the main points of the instruction into the lesson.Does not connect what is learned to prior learning and does not relate how the learning will be needed in the future. | ~~Ends the day’s learning / activity by summarizing the lesson or asking students to summarize the lesson~~.Uses one or more closure strategies (e.g., summarizing, discussing main ideas or connections) to consolidate and solidify student learning and help students organize the information into a meaningful context. Connects what is learned to prior learning. | ~~Ends the day’s learning / activity by summarizing the lesson in a variety of ways.~~Uses one or more closure strategies (e.g., summarizing, discussing main ideas or connections) to consolidate and solidify student learning and help students organize the information into a meaningful context. Students ~~are able to~~ summarize in a variety of ways and reflect on their own learning. Relates instruction to prior and future learning. | ~~Ends the day’s learning / activity by facilitating students in summarizing and discussing main ideas~~. Uses one or more closure strategies (e.g., summarizing, discussing main ideas or connections) to consolidate and solidify student learning and help students organize the information into a meaningful context. Students ~~are able to~~ connect the lesson to prior learning and articulate how learned skills can be used in the future. Linkages with real world situations are woven into the lessons. |

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| Domain: **Instructional Effectiveness** Dimension: **Student Achievement** **16****Effective development and use of modified assessments and curriculum for special education students and other students experiencing difficulties in learning.**  |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Gives up, blames the student, or blames the student’s home environment if the student has difficulty learning There is no evidence that the teacher is knowledgeable of the IEP or that the teacher modifies instruction for all students on an IEP regardless of student’s learning goals..  | When a student has difficulty learning, the teacher makes an ineffectual effort and quickly gives up or blames the student or the student’s home environment.There is some evidence that the teacher is aware of the IEP; however, the IEP is not being used to guide instruction for the student. | Accepts responsibility for the success of all students. ***(There are no changes in the first row —it has moved from the bottom to the top of the table—emphasizing that the indicator isn’t just about sped)***Modifies assessments for special education student populations in alignment with the IEPs and for other students experiencing difficulties in learning as appropriate.Provides required feedback to student, roster teacher and/or parent.Assures that all students have access to standard / ~~common core~~ current state standard/ district curriculum. | When a student has difficulty learning, the teacher perseveres to identify effective approaches to reach the student, drawing on a broad repertoire of strategies.Modifies assessments for special ~~education~~ student populations as appropriate and as indicated in ~~the~~ any IEP ~~and as needed,~~ working with individual students to develop a mutually acceptable plan for "success." Provides frequent / timely feedback to student, teacher or parent. Assures that all students have access and modifications to standard /~~common core~~ current state standard /district curriculum. | Perseveres in seeking effective approaches for students who need help using an extensive repertoire of strategies and soliciting additional resources from the school and community. Maintains contact with the student to monitor and support the student’s success even after the student has moved on to another class.Modifies assessments and curriculum for special student populations as appropriate and as indicated in any IEP (as relevant)  ~~and as needed~~, working with individual students to develop a mutually acceptable plan for "success." Provides frequent/timely feedback to student, roster teacher and parent of the results of modifications on student progress and participates as a team member in recommending needed changes in modifications. The teacher consistently advocates for all special needs students to have direct access to standard /~~common core~~ current state standard /district curriculum. |

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| Domain: **Professional Growth and Continuous Improvement** **17** **Dimension: Professional Learning****Uses Professional Growth as a Continuous Improvement Strategy** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Does not participate in professional development that updates their content knowledge and professional practices. | Participates in a portion of the required minimum hours of professional development. The professional development does not update their content knowledge and current professional practices.  | Participates in the required minimum hours of professional development updating their content knowledge and current professional practices. | Participates in the required hours of professional development and seeks additional training to update their content knowledge and professional practices beyond what is required. | In addition to participating in the required hours of prof. development and add'l training, the teacher makes a substantial contribution to the profession through activities such as, coaching and mentoring new teachers, training teachers in professional practices, making presentations, conducting action research, working towards Master Teacher Certification and/or writing articles for grade level, department level, internal / school-wide and/or external publication. Writings that could be used as “models” may include classroom newsletters, parent / community communications, etc.  |

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| Domain: **Professional Growth and Continuous Improvement****18** **Dimension: Professional Accountability Exhibits behaviors and efficiencies associated with professionalism.**  |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Exhibits documentable patterns of repeated inconsistent reliability-based behavior patterns as delineated in performance category 3 – Effective. | Exhibits inconsistent reliability-based behavior patterns as evidenced by flawed punctuality and dependability; not adhering to prescribed arrival and departure times; not following notification and reporting procedures for absences; not complying with reporting timelines and other time sensitive info./compliance requests. | Exhibits consistent reliability-based behavior patterns as evidenced by punctuality and dependability; adhering to prescribed arrival and departure times; following notification and reporting procedures for absences; complying with reporting timelines and other time sensitive info./compliance requests. | Exhibits highly consistent reliability-based behavior patterns as evidenced by punctuality and dependability; adhering to prescribed arrival and departure times; following notification and reporting procedures for absences; complying with reporting timelines and other time sensitive info./compliance requests. | Serves as a model and mentor exhibiting consistent reliability-based behavior patterns as evidenced by punctuality and dependability; adhering to prescribed arrival and departure times; following notification and reporting procedures for absences; complying with reporting timelines and other time sensitive info./compliance requests. |

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| Domain: **Interpersonal Skills Dimension: Effective Interpersonal Skills** **19****Effective Interactions and Collaboration with Stakeholders.** |
| 1Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Provides minimal or no information to families and colleagues and makes no attempt to engage them in the educational program. Does not consult or collaborate with other staff members. | Appears to be inconsistent and inaccurate in providing information to families and colleagues and engaging them in the educational program. Plans and makes decisions assuming the result will be positive for everyone. Consults infrequently with other staff members.  | Interacts with families and colleagues in a timely, consistent, positive and professional manner.Complies with school procedures for communicating with families and colleagues and makes an effort to engage them in the educational program.Collaborates appropriately and makes decisions that reflect genuine professional consideration. | Communicates frequently and sensitively with families and colleagues and engages them in the educational program. Maintains an open mind and participates in collaborative planning, reflection and decision making, respecting and considering the thoughts of colleagues.  | Communicates consistently and sensitively with families and colleagues and uses diverse methods to engage them in the educational program and supports their participation. Communication is clearly understood by diverse stakeholders.Takes a leadership role in ensuring that all collaborative decisions, planning and reflection activities with colleagues are based on the highest professional standards. Seeks out the expertise and opinion of other professionals before considering collaborative decisions. |

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| Domain: **Leadership Dimension: Professional Involvement & Leadership****20****Exhibits Positive Leadership through Varied Involvements.** |
| Ineffective | 2Needs Improvement | 3Effective | 4Highly Effective | 5Superior |
| Consistently declines becoming involved in school or district events when asked.Impedes colleagues’ efforts to share their knowledge or assume professional responsibility.Perpetuates biased, negative or disrespectful attitudes or practices in the school that impede the school’s ability to serve all students.  | Avoids becoming involved in school or district events.Makes no effort to assume professional responsibilities or share professional knowledge with colleagues in the school or district. Rarely contributes to the modification of school practices that would result in students being better served by the school. | Agrees to participate in school or district events when asked.Finds ways to contribute to the profession and follows through.Assumes a proactive role in addressing student needs. | Volunteers or eagerly accepts an invitation to substantially contribute to a school or district event. Actively participates in assisting other educators in their growth as professionals. Works within a team of colleagues to ensure that all students have a fair and equal opportunity to learn and succeed in school.  | Develops or leads important school or district events. Initiates important activities contributing to the profession, such as mentoring new teachers, writing articles for publication or making presentations.Leads others to challenge and reject biased, negative or disrespectful attitudes or practices in the school that impede the school’s ability to serve all students.  |