





# EARLY CAREER PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS



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### Early Career Performance Expectations Workgroup

Supported by funds from the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, CSTP convened a group of 14 educators representing elementary and secondary teachers, administrators and representatives from ESDs and higher education institutions to wrestle with the following questions:

- How will the new Teacher Evaluation in Washington State provide helpful feedback to new teachers and promote growth among new teachers?
- How will principals and others charged with evaluating and supporting new teachers be able to use the evaluation materials to meet the unique needs of new teachers, and move them forward through their first years of teaching?

Decisions about how to implement the evaluation process will be made as part of district implementation. he work group created these expectations to help new teachers, with the support of their evaluators and colleagues move from being "new" into readiness for ProTeach and National Board Certification. Their thoughtful discussion and expertise is the foundation of this document.

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**Early Career Performance Expectations** 





### Evaluation & Teacher Induction: How Washington State Can Meet the Needs of New Teachers

## The Need to Support Our Early Career Teachers: A first-year teacher treads water

"This was now real life. I did not anticipate the immense, diverse needs that my students would have, or the amount of extreme differentiation that they would need. . . I was unfamiliar with the resources available to me and how to access them. The teacher who had my classroom before me left behind a wealth of books, guides and programs, but the amount was overwhelming, and I had little direction.

"How can I do this better? What is wrong with me? I know what excellent teaching looks like, so why can't I do it?"

This poignant and familiar refrain from a first year teacher was recently shared by Ellen Moir in an article titled, "From Disillusionment to Rejuvenation: An inspiring story from a first-year teacher." Thankfully, this new teacher found solace and support through the New Teacher Center. Tragically, too few early career teachers find the support they need to learn and grow from their challenging experiences in their first years on the job, and leave the profession before students can fully benefit from their fresh approach, energy and talent.

Nationally, about 30 percent of new teachers leave the profession within five years, and the turnover rate is 50 percent higher in high-poverty schools compared to more affluent ones (Ingersoll, 2001). Washington State loses about 25% of its new teachers within their first five years in the classroom – a number that hasn't changed much in the last decade – representing a significant loss to the K-12 system. Our state follows the national trend in one troubling statistic: teacher turnover is a significant challenge in high-poverty schools (CSTP, 2004; 2008; 2009).

A recent study suggests that turnover is so disruptive to a building that it negatively impacts not only the achievement of students of the departed teachers, but also the achievement of students whose teachers did not leave (Ronfeldt, Loeb, and Wyckoff, 2012). Given the cost of teacher turnover, the time and money invested in helping teachers enter the profession, and the impact on student achievement, we literally and figuratively cannot afford to have our new teachers continue to leave the profession, and instead must shift our focus to retaining and growing the capacity of our early career teachers.

We currently benefit from over a decade of debate and research about what it takes to support new teachers, and much of this is reflected in Washington State's new evaluation process.

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### Teacher Evaluation in Washington State:

In 2010 the Washington State Legislature passed E2SSB 6696, a broad education reform bill; a significant component of this bill called for changes in principal and teacher evaluation systems, including the introduction of a four-level evaluation ranking. In the 2011-2012 school year, 18 school districts across the state piloted new evaluation systems, and their findings were regularly reported to the Evaluation Steering Committee for review. The new evaluation process constitutes a significant change in how teachers' work is observed, discussed and ultimately evaluated. Teachers have an opportunity for more specific and detailed feedback about their practice and the system is designed to support the continuous growth of every educator. The rubrics, indicators and "look fors" help guide teachers and their evaluators in a dialogue that will continually improve professional practice.

Supporting new teachers requires a delicate balance of feedback that is different from that provided to those with more experience. New teachers are NEW. For the first two or three years, they are expected to do everything their more experienced colleagues do, learning many skills simultaneously -- and with very little help.

In a <u>2005 report</u> funded by the Paul G. Allen Family Foundation, the Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession (CSTP) outlined the support and standards for effectively and systemically supporting new teachers in the state of Washington. Among the report's findings, two points spoke to the need for additional guidance and support to early-career teachers in the new evaluation process:

- New teachers benefit from engagement in purposeful, on-going, formal and informal job-embedded learning opportunities that promote reflection, collaboration and professional growth.
- [New teachers benefit from] Assessment for Teacher Growth, which refers to the
  formal and informal processes by which teachers improve their instruction. These
  processes include continuous self-reflection, examination of evidence for student
  learning, and mentor and supervisor feedback. New teachers benefit when districts
  have a carefully developed collaborative educator assessment system focused on
  improving teaching practice and enhancing student achievement.

To support, sustain and encourage growth among early-career teachers, CTP has created the Early Career Performance Expectations to support new teachers by providing more specificity to the state's eight criteria for teachers as described in RCW28A.100(2). New teachers can use this document to guide their own professional learning, instructional coaches can use it to prompt dialogue about particular skills and strategies, and evaluators can use it to help clarify expectations, focus and scaffold the new teacher's learning.

Beginning in 2013, all school districts will select an instructional framework to use for teacher evaluation and professional growth. This document is intended for use with any of the three state-supported frameworks. Any individual using these documents to support early career teachers should default to their district's instructional framework for further specificity about expectations of performance and specific strategies and practices.

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An unpacked look at what proficient performance in this criterion would be – generalized to align with any of the three instructional frameworks

**EXPECTATION** 

### **Explanation of the Documents**

The Early Career Performance Expectations document is intended to complement the evaluation process by providing early career teachers with a formative look at where their performance is right now, and the steps that a teacher could take to improve. Recognizing that many teachers early in their career are likely to be 'basic' in many areas of the eight criteria, this document builds upon the early career teachers' interest and capacity to look toward being proficient. It is not to replace any rubrics or evaluation materials provided by the state or that accompany the instructional frameworks a district has chosen. This document is intended to help build a bridge between where a teacher is now, and where we would hope they would be a few years into their career.

### **How This Document Works**

The Early Career Performance Expectations follows the state's adopted eight criteria for Teacher Evaluation. Within each of the criterion is a deeper look at what is expected of a proficient teacher in this area, a means to reflect on their current performance, and next steps and resources to support improved performance.

Each section is organized by state-adopted criteria. The cover page to each criterion provides an overview of what the criterion covers, and how the three instructional frameworks align with the criterion, along with questions to help frame the reading of the Early Career Performance Expectations around this criterion.

Reflective questions connected to the expectation that could be used by the evaluator, mentor, peer or the teacher to promote discussion and reflection Concrete ideas for next steps a teacher could take to begin a making a change in their instructional practice around this expectation Resources aligned to the expectations and next steps suggested by the ECPE workgroup

**GUIDING QUESTIONS** 

**ACTION STEPS** 

**POSSIBLE RESOURCES** 

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**POSSIBLE ACTION STEPS:** Concrete ideas for next steps a teacher could take to begin a making a change in their instructional practice around this expectation

**RESOURCES**: Resources aligned to the expectations and next steps suggested by the ECPE workgroup

Following each criterion is a opportunity to reflect on what was learned, and a place to begin working on a plan for integrating the new knowledge or practices. An additional list of resources recommended by the work group related to the criterion is listed on the last page of the criterion.

### Suggestions for use of this document:

The materials should be used as an integral part of the planact-reflect cycle, and not just after a summative evaluation of "basic." Teachers from our focus groups have indicated they would use the document to help with goal-setting or to focus their work. It is not recommended to use the entire document with a new teacher, but to instead focus the work around a particular criterion or expectation. The Early Career Performance Expectations could be used to plan the observation, during the observation, and to generate a reflective conversation after the observation. Our hope is that the teacher being evaluated could use the following documents to provide guidance about changes to be made in their practice and offer resources to help support that planned change.

As indicated by current evaluation law, school districts will select an instructional framework, and the evaluation process and documents they implement will align with the chosen framework. Careful attention was paid to make sure the Early Career Performance Expectations would support any of the three instructional frameworks. When using the document, individuals should defer to their district-adopted instructional framework for specific expectations around teacher performance and outcomes.

### Using the ECPE document - Secondary Scenario:

Deshawn is a first year social studies teacher in a suburban secondary school. Like many early career teachers, Deshawn is energetic and lively with the students he sees, and knows his content very well, but is struggling to engage students in the material. After a few observations and the first round of evaluation, his administrator indicated that he is currently at a "Basic" level in several of the eight evaluation criteria.

After his initial observation and evaluation conference, Deshawn and his principal decided to focus his improvement in the next few months around Criterion 2: Instructional Strategies. Deshawn has been going to Bruce, the department chair for advice and support, so Bruce is serving as an informal mentor. The principal shares with both Deshawn and Bruce the pages of the Early Career Performance Expectations pertaining to Criterion 2. Deshawn elects to focus on, "The teacher designs learning opportunities that maximize student engagement and interest" and specifically ways to group students for greater engagement. Deshawn consults several of the resources listed in the document on his own then observes a colleague in another department using some of the grouping strategies. Deshawn and Bruce collaboratively plan a lesson intentionally incorporating the strategies Deshawn has read about and observed. After several lessons of using these strategies, Deshawn invites both his colleague and his principal back to provide data to gauge whether his work is making a difference in student learning.

## Using the ECPE document - Elementary Scenario:

Alexia is a second year elementary school teacher who has just transferred from a middle-class suburban district where she taught her first year, to a Title 1 school in a neighboring, urban district. While Alexia has a variety of instructional strategies, she and her principal feel that she could be doing more to serve the variety of learning needs of her highly diverse third grade class. In reviewing the Early Career Performance Expectations, Alexia and her principal decide to focus on Criterion 3: Differentiation, and specifically those action steps and resources that will help Alexia meet the needs of her English Language Learners. Alexia asks her mentor to collect observation data by writing a transcript of one of her lessons, paying special attention to how many of her ELL students participate. Then, Alexia takes the observation data and her students' reading assessment data to her principal, and together they decide that using GLAD strategies in her lessons would be helpful. Alexia takes the training from a district trainer, and works with a fourth grade teacher in the building during collaboration time to infuse her lessons with the strategies. Additionally, the principal suggests that Alexia draw from some of the parent engagement resources listed under Criterion 7 to help the home to school transition that many of her students are experiencing. Later, she and her grade-level team examine recent reading data to plan specific strategies for improving their struggling students reading scores, and Alexia suggests a GLAD strategy she has recently learned from observing and working with the fourth-grade teacher and attending training.



### CRITERION 1: Centering instruction on high expectations for student achievement

**KEY WORD:** Expectations

DEFINITION: The teacher develops and communicates high expectations

for student learning.

#### DANIELSON CEL 5D+ **MARZANO** Domain 2: The Classroom Environment Component 1.1: Purpose

2b: Establishing a culture for Learning

Domain 3: Instruction 3a: Communicating with Students 3c: Engaging students in learning

P1: Connection to standards, broader purpose and transferable skill

P4: Communication of learning target(s)

P5: Success criteria and performance task(s)

Student Engagement

SE3: Work of high cognitive demand

Classroom Environment & Culture CEC3: Discussion, collaboration and accountability

Providing Clear Learning Goals and Scales (Rubrics)

Component 1.2:

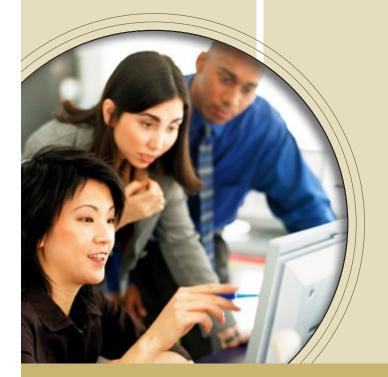
Celebrating Success

Component 1.3:

Understanding Students' Interests and Backgrounds

Component 1.4:

Demonstrating Value and Respect for Low Expectancy Students



### Focus questions for reviewing this Criterion:

- What do I already understand about my performance in this criterion?
- How does my district's instructional framework align with this criterion?
- What aspects of my performance in this criterion need practice and exploration?

### **CRITERION 1: Expectations**

EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES
Teacher plans for high cognitive demand. (The teacher communicates high	How do you and students use data to determine students' learning needs?	Utilize data banks/sources to plan lessons.  Brainstorm with a colleague what other data sources would help you meet the needs of all students.	Student Assessment Data from your building and school district
expectations for student learning.)	How do you design lessons/ assignments for higher order thinking?	Design a lesson with a colleague paying attention to the student thinking required.	How to Assess Higher- Order Thinking Skills in Your Classroom by Susan Brookhart
	How do you ask questions that prompt and challenge all students to think?	Use references (e.g. Bloom's/Costa's) to plan questions to ask.  Brainstorm and try multiple ways for students to respond to questions (i.e. with a partner, small group, whole group, verbally, in writing, etc.)	Thinking Routines: Visible Thinking from Harvard Project Zero, available at: http://pzweb.harvard. edu/vt/VisibleThinking_ html_files/ VisibleThinking1.html
	How do you teach students to understand a variety of thinking strategies and apply them in diverse situations?	Have students use Blooms'/Costa's taxonomies to identify what level of thinking they are using.  Have students discuss and/or demonstrate multiple ways to problem solve.	

The teacher develops and communicates high expectations for student learning.

EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES
The teacher supports students' ownership of learning: setting goals, monitoring progress, self-reflecting, i.e. asking for support when needed and/or adjusting process when needed.	How do you assist students in setting challenging learning goals based on standards?  How are you and your students assessing progress toward challenging learning goals?	Students have a means (in learning log, charts, etc) to track and reflect on progress towards goals.  Students reflect on previous formative assessment work and data to dialogue about next steps (state data, MAPS data, previous work) might be possible.  Teacher provides a menu of choices for student improvement on goals; students select a goal that fits best with where they are.	How to Give Effective Feedback to Your Students by Susan Brookhart Better Learning Through Structured Teaching by Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey
	How do you assist students in breaking learning goals into manageable steps?	Unpack the knowledge and skills embedded in the learning goal.  Have a discussion /draw a picture of what will it look like when we have learned it.	Framework materials, references, books and rubrics from the district-adopted instructional framework
	How do you encourage students to be active decision makers in their own learning (i.e. asking for help or adjusting process)?	Ask a colleague or mentor or administrator to take data on frequency of teacher talk vs student talk; teacher-initiated questions vs student initiated questions.  Collect data on the categories of student talk happening when the focus of learning has shifted to the students.  Pass out sentence stems for students to use to ask questions of the teacher and of each other.  Role-play or fishbowl for students what it looks like to ask different types of questions.  Role-play or fishbowl for students on effective group processes.  Establish roles for students in groups.  Students have multiple ways of participating (oral, written, pairs, dyads, groups) and have choice and guidance about what method they use.	Developing Responsible and Autonomous Learners: A Key to Motivating Students. Available at:     http://www.apa.org/     education/k12/learners.     aspx  "Giving Students Ownership of Learning" Education Leadership. November 2008   Volume 66   Number 3, Pages 32-37.  Releasing Responsibility by Douglas Fisher and Nancy Frey
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Reflections:

nenections.
What did I read that I might want to try?
When am I going to try this?
How will it look different than what I've done before?
What support do I need to make this happen?
Further resources recommended by the work group for this Criterion:
Books: Checking for Understanding: Formative Assessment Techniques for Your Classroom by Fisher and Frey Classroom Instruction that Works, second edition by Dean et al; reference the chapter on setting objectives and providing feedback How to Assess Higher-Order Thinking Skills in Your Classroom by Susan Brookhart. How People Learn: Mind, Brain, Experience and School by M. Suzanne Donovan, John D. Bransford, and James W. Pellegrino, editors. Intellectual Character by Ron Ritchhart

The Differentiated Classroom by Carol Ann Tomlinson

Teach Like a Champion by Doug Lemov; "No Opt Out" or "Stretch It" strategies

Understanding by Design by Wiggins and McTighe

### Articles & Other Resources:

Bloom's/Costa's taxonomies

 $http://www.dusd.net/staff/jaquimby/Mr.\_Quimby\_-\_GMS/Higher\_Order\_Thinking.html\\$ 

"Diversity and Motivation: Culturally Responsive Teaching" by Wlodkowski and Ginsberg. Educational Leadership, November 2008.

Philosophical Chairs, Socratic Seminar (other discussion formats)

Teacher Development Group – (for math teachers)

http://www.teachersdg.org/ Teacher questioning (high yield)



### CRITERION 2: Demonstrating effective teaching practices

**KEY WORD:** Instruction

DEFINITION: The teacher uses research-based instructional practices

to meet the needs of all students

### DANIELSON CEL 5D+

Domain 3: Instruction

3b: Using questioning/prompts and

discussion

Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities
4a: Reflecting on Teaching

Student Engagement

SE1: Quality of questioning

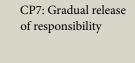
SE5: Expectation, support and opportunity for participation and

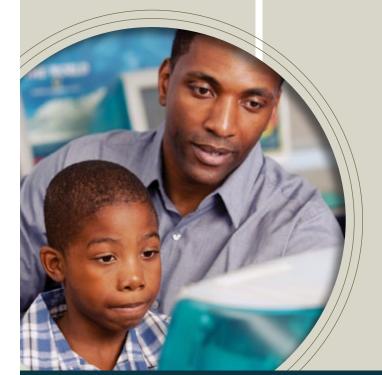
meaning making

SE6: Substance of student talk

Curriculum and Pedagogy

CP6: Scaffolds the task





### **MARZANO**

Component 2.1:

Interacting with New Knowledge

Component 2.2:

Organizing Students to Practice

and Deepen Knowledge

Component 2.3:

Organizing Students for Cognitively Complex Tasks

Component 2.4:

Asking Questions

of Low Expectancy Students

Component 2.5:

Probing Incorrect Answers

with Low Expectancy Students

Component 2.6:

Noticing when Students

are Not Engaged

Component 2.7: Using and Applying

Academic Vocabulary

Component 2.8:

**Evaluating Effectiveness** 

of Individual Lessons and Units

### Focus questions for reviewing this Criterion:

- What do I already understand about my performance in this criterion?
- How does my district's instructional framework align with this criterion?
- What aspects of my performance in this criterion need practice and exploration?

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### **CRITERION 2: Instruction**

Note: This document is based on several instructional frameworks; **teachers and administrators should default to their district's adopted instructional framework** for specific language and expectations around what instruction should look like in the classroom.

EVDECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEDS	DOSSIBI E DESOLIDOES
EXPECTATION  The teacher sets a purpose for the lesson and includes students' goals and learning targets.	GUIDING QUESTIONS  What is the purpose or or rationale for this lesson?  Can students articulate goals and steps to achieve?  How will the student(s) know and understand the goals/learning targets of the activity? (student voice)  In what ways will students demonstrate understanding of the intended goals and/or learning targets?  What do you expect the student(s) to	Teacher uses state and district standards to plan lesson(s). Teacher uses curriculum and pacing guides to plan lessons(s). Teacher communicates with student(s) about goals/learning targets using a variety of means (e.g. writing on the board, call & response, having students write it	POSSIBLE RESOURCES  State and school district standards Student assessment data & IEP goals Curriculum and pacing guides "Knowing Your Learning Target", by Connie M. Moss, Susan M. Brookhart and Beverly A. Long, available: http://www.ascd.org/ publications/educational- leadership/mar11/vol68/
	What do you expect the student(s) to know and be able to do as a result of this lesson?  What knowledge, skills and dispositions must the student(s) have before beginning this lesson?  How did you determine students' existing level of knowledge or skill?  Why have you selected this lesson for this student or group of students?  What makes the lesson developmentally appropriate for this student or group of students?  How did your knowledge of student/classroom context, background and life experiences effect/inform your planning for this lesson?  How does this lesson fit into the progression of learning for the student(s)?	on the board, call & response,	num06/Knowing-Your- Learning-Target.aspx  Dr. Madeline Hunter's  Elements of Lesson Design:     http://www.csun.edu/     science/ref/plans/lesson_     design_hunter.html

The teacher uses research-based instructional practices to meet the needs of all students



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## **EXPECTATION**

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

### **ACTION STEPS**

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

### **ACTION STEPS**

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

The teacher identifies appropriate assessments (diagnostic, formative, summative)

(For more on this, refer to Criterion 6: Assessment)

How were assessments choices influenced by the needs, traits, strengths, and weaknesses of each student or group of students?

Do goals reflect diagnostic information and specific knowledge of students and instructional contexts?

Are curriculum-provided assessments aligned to state standards?

Do I need to provide additional assessments to evaluate my student(s) level of competency?

Teacher informs students of lesson assessment/rubrics before beginning instruction.

Teacher uses assessment **probes** to determine students' current levels of performance / understanding.

Teacher collects evidence of learning throughout lesson.

Students demonstrate application of knowledge/ skill, or students create a product that represents understanding.

"Helping Students Understand Assessment," by Jan Chappuis, available:

> http://teachingss. pbworks.com/f/Helpin g%2BStudents%2BUn derstand%2BAssessm ent.pdf

Classroom Assessment for Student Learning by Stiggins, Arter, Chappius & Chappius

### **EXPECTATION**

The teacher

designs/plans

and produce

standards-driven

lessons that have

coherent structure

intended outcomes

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

### **ACTION STEPS**

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

Does my instructional design align with

How will you activate students' prior knowledge?

How will you assist students' understanding of how this lesson connects to prior learning and to overall unit goals?

What will you do if they already know it?

Does the target of this lesson have any **interdisciplinary** connections that can be

How will I make it meaningful and relevant?

How can I use the gradual release model of instruction to provide guided practice opportunities for the student(s)?

How will I check for understanding throughout lesson?

How can students be involved in checking each other's understanding?

What if I find that some students are getting it but some are not? When will I decide to stop and re-teach?

What materials, learning processes and feedback mechanisms can I use that are relevant to students and student success?

How will I review the target as part of the closure to the lesson?

Teacher aligns goals, activities (interventions/ enrichments), and assessments.

Teacher uses assessments to monitor student learning (formative).

Teacher adjusts instruction and pacing as needed.

Teacher collects and analyzes data during instructional unit.

Teacher uses wait-time and varies methods for calling on students to ensure equity of student responses.

Teacher uses stems/sentence starters to support effective questioning techniques.

State and school district standards

Student assessment data Curriculum and pacing guides







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**GUIDING QUESTIONS** 

How will you communicate

How will students demonstrate

How will you motivate student to

academic and behavioral

an understanding of

achieve at a high level?

expectations?

expectations?

designs learning opportunities that maximize student engagement and

**EXPECTATION** 

communicates high

expectations for all

(For more on this,

refer to Criterion 3:

Differentiation)

Criterion 1: High

Or perhaps

expectations

The teacher

interest

The teacher

learners.

What is the ideal grouping for this lesson?

How will I promote positive student interactions?

How will students exchange

What do I know about students' learning styles, attitudes and interests, skill set, relationships, and cultural background that may influence the planning of the lesson?

How will I accommodate student choice?

What will I do to meet the needs of a wide range of learners?

What examples can I use that will help students understand the new concept?

What can I do to provide time for students to process information before, during, and after the lesson?

How do I balance direct instruction and student dialogue/ cooperative student thinking opportunities? How do I allow for student thinking and processing time?

Does the pacing of the lesson enhance or diminish student engagement?

in lessons. Teacher asks rigorous questions to

Teacher maintains cognitive complexity

promote analysis, synthesis and evaluation.

Teacher incorporates problem solving opportunities

Teacher gives students time for reflection and self-evaluation.

Bloom's Taxonomy - old and revised examples: http://www.odu.edu/ educ/roverbau/Bloom/

blooms taxonomy.htm Reciprocal Teaching: http://www.ncrel.org/ sdrs/areas/issues/ students/atrisk/at6lk38. htm

### **ACTION STEPS**

Teacher allows students to participate in

Teacher considers learning modalities and styles when planning lessons.

goal setting.

Mentor or colleague takes student observation data to provide teacher with data on student engagement (video).

Teacher administers a learning inventory to identify areas of strength and areas for improvement – teacher uses this data to plan lesson activity and progression.

Teacher develops active learning or problem-based learning that make the lesson engaging, relevant and memorable.

Teacher conducts an interest inventory of students.

Pacing is tracked and teacher reflects on pacing's effect on student engagement.

Teacher uses a variety of meaningful examples.

Teacher offers a variety of modes for students to demonstrate learning.

Teacher offers opportunities for students to connect learning to culture, background, interests and experiences.

Teacher uses increased wait-time and varies methods for calling on students to ensure equity of student responses.

Teacher gathers resources to accommodate learning styles (e.g. audio prompts, manipulatives, leveled reading material).

"Strengthening Student Engagement," http://www.ascd.

**POSSIBLE RESOURCES** 

org/publications/ educationalleadership/ sept95/vol53/num01/ toc.asp

GLAD strategies for positive student interactions and teamwork, http://www.projectglad. com/

CSTP Cultural Competency resources, available at:

http://www.cstp-wa.org

Visible Thinking: http://pzweb. harvard.edu/vt/ VisibleThinking\_html\_ files/VisibleThinking1.

html

EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES		
The teacher uses content specific pedagogy.	What subject-specific teaching strategies would best match the content for this lesson?	Teacher evaluates the lesson and determines which model of instruction best fits the situation (e.g. constructivist, gradual release of responsibility, scientific inquiry, guided practice, workshop) Science Inquiry	Professional organizations websites (listed on last page) Common Core State Standards:     www. http://www.     corestandards.org OSPI's page on Common Core State Standards:     http://www.k12.wa.us/     corestandards		
Reflections:					
What did I read that I might want to try?					
When am I going to try this?					
How will it look differe	ent than what I've done before?				

What support do I need to make this happen?



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### Further resources recommended by the work group for this Criterion:

#### Books:

Enhancing Professional Practice: A Framework for Teaching by Charlotte Danielson.

Instructional Strategies that Work by Robert Marzano

Reading: Knee to Knee, Eye to Eye by Davis Cole

Rigorous Curriculum Design: How to Create Curricular Units of Study that Align Standards, Instruction, and Assessment and Unwrapping the Standards: A Simple Process to Make Standards Manageable by Larry Ainsworth

Strategies that Promote Student Engagement, Ernestine G. Riggs and Cheryl R. Gholar

*Teach Like a Champion* by Doug Lemov

*The Strategic Teacher* by Harvey Silver

The Teaching for Understanding Guide by Blythe

Understanding by Design by Grant Wiggins, McTighe

Why Didn't I Learn This in College?, "Making Learning Active," pages 63-108 by Paula Rutherford

### Websites for professional organizations:

International Reading Association http://www.reading.org

Washington Music Teachers Association http://www.wmta-dc.org

ASCD: www.ascd.org

NCTM - National Council for Teachers of Mathematics: www.nctm.org

NCTE - National Council for Teachers of English: www.ncte.org

AMTE- Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators: www.amte.net

NSTA- National Science Teachers Association: www.nsta.org

AETS- Association for the Education of Teachers in Science: http://theaste.org/

Teacher's Development Group (math): http://www.teachersdg.org







#### **Articles & Other Resources:**

"Leveling the Playing Field: Sharing Learning Targets and Criteria for Success" by Connie M. Moss and Susan M. Brookhart, available at: http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/109031/chapters/Leveling-the-Playing-Field@-Sharing-Learning-Targets-and-Criteria-for-Success.aspx

Instructional Theory in Practice (ITIP) Madeline Hunter - See

http://www.hope.edu/academic/education/wessman/2block/unit4/hunter2.htm

Quinn's6, by Juli Quinn,

http://www.nsrfharmony.org/protocol/doc/quinns\_six.pdf

For tips for Student Engagement, see

http://annenberginstitute.org/tools/practice/stud\_engage/tips.php

"Student Motivation, Engagement, and Achievement," available at:

http://www.ascd.org/publications/books/107034/chapters/Student-Motivation,-Engagement,-and-Achievement.aspx

For Active Learning Inventory Tool, by Amburgh, Devlin, Kirwin & Qualters; 2006. Available at: http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC2064883/

Collection of ideas and forms

http://www.teachervision.fen.com/assessment/resource/5815.html

Dr. Anita Archer, for videos on Active Participation: http://itunes.apple.com/us/podcast/id284756609

10:2 Theory Mary Budd Rowe, information available at: http://www.choiceliteracy.com/public/1055.cfm



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### CRITERION 3: Recognizing individual student learning needs and developing strategies to address those needs.

**KEY WORD:** Differentiation

DEFINITION: The teacher acquires and uses specific knowledge about students'

cultural, individual intellectual and social development and uses that knowledge to adjust their practice by employing strategies that

advance student learning.

#### **DANIELSON** CEL 5D+ MARZANO Domain 1: Planning and Preparation Component 3.1: Purpose Effective Scaffolding of Information 1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of P3: Teaching point(s) are based on Within Lessons Students students' learning needs Component 3.2: Domain 3: Instruction Student Engagement 3e: Demonstrating flexibility and SE2: Ownership of learning of All Students responsiveness SE4: Strategies that capitalize on learning needs of students Curriculum and Pedagogy **CP5**: Differentiated Instruction Assessment for Student Learning A6: Teacher use of formative



Planning and Preparing for the Needs

assessment data

### Focus questions for reviewing this Criterion:

- What do I already understand about my performance in this criterion?
- How does my district's instructional framework align with this criterion?
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### CRITERION 3: "Differentiation" = Recognizing individual student learning needs and developing strategies to address those needs.

The teacher knows the students' personal and academic characteristics  • Personal: interests, cultural background, family, demographic, learning style preferences, beliefs about learning (readiness)  What do I know about my student interest survey.  Plan ways to informally converse with all students, daily greeting, etc. to expand your understanding of them.  Collaborate with building teams on student characteristics, IEPs and 504 plans.  Sample school-wide interest inventories:  http://school. discoveryeducation.com/schrockguide/edres.html  http://printables.	EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES
<ul> <li>Academic: prior knowledge, assessments, developmental stages, language proficiency</li> <li>Characteristics: disabilities (IEP), required adaptations/ accommodations (504 plans), ELL</li> <li>Learn where to access information about students with disabilities (IEP), required adaptations/ accommodations (504 plans), ELL, and student demographics.</li> <li>Learn about developmental characteristics of the age group you teach and consider how your students compare.</li> <li>Evaluate your use of pre assessment strategies and what they tell you about your students.</li> </ul>	knows the students' personal and academic	<ul> <li>Personal: interests, cultural background, family, demographic, learning style preferences, beliefs about learning (readiness)</li> <li>Academic: prior knowledge, assessments, developmental stages, language proficiency</li> <li>Characteristics: disabilities (IEP), required adaptations/accommodations (504 plans),</li> </ul>	Plan ways to informally converse with all students, daily greeting, etc. to expand your understanding of them.  Collaborate with building teams on student characteristics, IEPs and 504 plans.  Attend school and community events.  Learn where to access information about students with disabilities (IEP), required adaptations/ accommodations (504 plans), ELL, and student demographics.  Learn about developmental characteristics of the age group you teach and consider how your students compare.  Evaluate your use of pre assessment strategies and what they tell you about	inventories:     http://school.     discoveryeducation.com/     schrockguide/edres.html     http://printables.     scholastic.com/printables/     detail/?id=35689&ESP=     PRT/ib/2010/acq/     deeplink///     http://www.lkdsb.net/     program/elementary/     intermediate/di/students.     html  CSTP Cultural Competency Resources, available at:

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

**EXPECTATION** 

The teacher uses

the students to

information about

guide instruction.

How do I use this information to plan whole class, small group, and individual instruction?

What differentiated strategies do I use to meet my specific students learning needs?

How do I adjust my teaching style to meet my students' learning needs and preferences?

### **ACTION STEPS**

Pick one personal and/or academic characteristic of your students and plan for that in a unit/lesson design.

Incorporate visual and auditory elements in every lesson.

Get feedback from peer/mentor regarding the effectiveness of your instruction.

Plan for using different groupings in each lesson: whole class, think/pair/ share, etc.

Works of Carol Tomlinson http://www.caroltomlinson. com/

**POSSIBLE RESOURCES** 

For Secondary:

Tomlinson & Strickland. (2005). Differentiation in Practice ASCD.

For Elementary:

Tomlinson (1999). The Differentiated Classroom: Chapter 7 - Instructional Strategies. ASCD.

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### EXPECTATION

The teacher will analyze and evaluate the effectiveness of their instruction to reach all learners and use that analysis to plan

next steps.

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

How does the outcome of the lesson align with your expectations of individual students' performance?

What do my formative (both formal and informal) assessments tell me about how my students learn?

What do my summative assessments tell me about student learning?

What evidence do I have that some/most/all students are progressing towards the learning targets?

What are my next steps based on student evidence?

#### **ACTION STEPS**

List the objectives of a lesson. Next to each, list evidence of student success. In a third column list your next step based on that success.

Evaluate how well your formative assessments indicated your actual student results. Determine ways to strengthen these if needed.

### POSSIBLE RESOURCES

Brookhart, S. (2010). Formative Assessment: Strategies for Every Classroom. Available at ASCD website

http://www.ascd.org/ publications/books/111005. aspx

Hill & Ekey. (2010). The Next-Step Guide to Enriching Classroom Environments: Rubrics and Resources for [Teacher] Self-Evaluation K-6. Heninemann.

District-adopted framework: rubrics and references by the framework author

### **EXPECTATION**

The teacher works effectively with students whose learning is not "typical".

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

How do I use what I know about my students to differentiate for individuals whose learning is not typical?

How do I differentiate learning targets?

What alternate modes of instruction do I use?

What alternate modes of assessment do I use?

How do I use technology to help engage students whose aren't engaged?

### **ACTION STEPS**

Consult classroom surveys to plan differentiation.

Collaborate with grade-level/ subject teams and SPED teachers to determine how targets can be differentiated for gen-ed students and which would be specific to student IEPs.

Consult w/principal, colleagues for ideas on alternate modes of instruction and assessment, adding to "tool box."

Consult district tech, librarian, colleagues for available technology and instructional uses.

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

Teaching Students Who are Exceptional, Diverse, and at Risk in the General Education Classroom (with MyEducationLab) (5th Edition) by Sharon R. Vaughn, Candace S. Bos and Jeanne S. Schumm (Jan 22, 2010)

Council for Exceptional Children: Professional Development: Support for Teachers:

http://www.cec.sped.org/ AM/Template.cfm?Section =Support\_for\_Teachers& Template=/TaggedPage/ TaggedPageDisplay.cfm& TPLID=36&ContentID =5610

Tomlinson & Imbeau (2010). Leading and Managing A Differentiated Classroom; Chapter 4: Learning Environment. ASCD.

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### Reflections:

What did I read that I might want to try?
When am I going to try this?
How will it look different than what I've done before?
What support do I need to make this happen?

### Further resources recommended by the work group for this Criterion:

#### Books:

*Differentiation in Practice* by Tomlinson & Strickland.

Formative Assessment & Standards-Based Grading by Marzano.

How to Grade For Learning by O'Connor

Leading and Managing A Differentiated Classroom. By Tomlinson & Imbeau. Chapter 4: Learning Environment.

The Differentiated Classroom: Chapter 7- Instructional Strategies by Tomlinson.

Yardsticks: Children in the Classroom Ages 4-14. By C. Woods.

### Articles & Web Resources:

Works of Carol Tomlinson

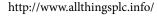
http://www.caroltomlinson.com/

Portland School District Pre assessment Strategies: www.pps.k12.or.us/files/tag/Pre\_Assessments.doc

 $Response\ to\ Intervention\ materials-available\ at:$ 

http://www.k12.wa.us/RTI/default.aspx

All Things PLC (for looking at data and determining next steps):





### CRITERION 4: Providing clear and intentional focus on subject matter content and curriculum.

KEY WORD: Content Knowledge

DEFINITION: The teacher uses content area knowledge, learning standards,

appropriate pedagogy and resources to design and deliver curricula,

instruction to impact student learning.

#### **DANIELSON**

### Domain 1: Planning and Preparation

1a: Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy

1c: Setting Instructional Outcomes

1d: Demonstrating Knowledge of

1e: Designing Coherent Instruction



#### CEL 5D+

### Purpose

### P2: Connection to previous and future lessons

#### Curriculum and Pedagogy

CP1: Alignment of instructional materials and tasks

CP2: Discipline specific conceptual understanding

CP3: Pedagogical content knowledge

CP4: Teacher knowledge of content

#### MARZANO

### Component 4.1:

Attention to Established Content Standards

#### Component 4.2:

Use of Available Resources and Technology

### Focus questions for reviewing this Criterion:

- What do I already understand about my performance in this criterion?
- How does my district's instructional framework align with this criterion?
- What aspects of my performance in this criterion need practice and exploration?

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### CRITERION 4: "Content": Providing clear and intentional focus on subject matter content and curriculum

### **EXPECTATION**

### The teacher knows and understands the breadth and depth of content to be taught and keeps current with trends, including implementation of the Common Core State Standards.

## **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

Am I confident in my comprehensive understanding of the content areas I teach? Am I aware of gaps in my understanding of the content?

Am I aware of current research, concepts, skills, habits of thinking, and processes in my field?

Are my explanations accurate?

Can I recognize student misconceptions?

How do my lessons align with the Common Core State Standards?

### **ACTION STEPS**

Research professional organizations' web sites for content information and professional development opportunities.

Attend workshops or classes related to your content offered through the district, ESDs or universities.

Seek out and read current literature on research, concepts, skills, processes, or habits of thinking in your content area(s).

Stay current with district adoption of Common Core State Standards. Access OSPI resources online on the implementation.

Collaborate with a colleague to investigate the Common Core State Standards.

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES** District instructional framework

materials Information on the Core Standards:

http://www.k12.wa.us/ Corestandards/default.aspx http://www.corestandards.

org/ Selecting General Education Instructional Materials with Diverse Learners in Mind by Tom Fiore and Rebecca Nero http://www.ascd.org/ publications/curriculumhandbook/413/chapters/ Selecting-General-Education-Instructional-Materials-with-Diverse-Learners-in-Mind.aspx

### **EXPECTATION**

### The teacher understands current standards and scope and sequence of content curriculum and applies these in designing and delivering

instruction.

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

Do I know the K-12 continuum of standards for the content areas I teach?

Do I know the K-12 continuum (scope and sequence) of my district curriculum?

How well do my instructional units align with the Common Core State Standards?

### **ACTION STEPS**

Review state standards for each grade level (K-12) in your content area.

Become familiar with scope and sequence of your district curriculum.

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

Analyze and evaluate the alignment of your current instructional units with district and state standards and scope and sequence. Identify holes and overlap in content.

### District instructional framework materials Information on the Core Standards:

http://www.k12.wa.us/ Corestandards/default.aspx http://www.corestandards.org/

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The teacher uses content area knowledge, learning standards, appropriate pedagogy and resources to design and deliver curricula, instruction to impact student learning.

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EXPECTATION	
The teacher knows	
and understands	
content specific	
pedagogy and	
assessment	
and applies to	
instruction.	

#### **GUIDING QUESTIONS ACTION STEPS**

Research pedagogy that is specific to your content area and select one strategy to implement.

Observe other teachers who effectively use this strategy.

Implement the strategy and reflect on student evidence of engagement and learning.

Refer to action steps in previous box for pedagogy resources and classes.

**POSSIBLE RESOURCES** 

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### **EXPECTATION**

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

What are the research-based best

practices in the content areas I

What content specific strategies

might enhance the effectiveness

Am I aware of which assessment

strategies work most effectively in

have I read or observed that

of my instruction?

my content areas?

teach?

### **ACTION STEPS**

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

Am I aware of the benefits The teacher incorporates resources can bring to student engagement, understanding, and content related achievement? resources into instruction.

How do I know that the resources I use impact student learning?

What technology resources will enhance my instruction?

Do I have special needs students who need additional resources to meet their needs?

Analyze and evaluate the resources you are currently using for impact on student learning and determine additional needs.

Research resources beyond those provided by your curriculum that can enhance student learning.

Confer with other colleagues, school librarians, or technology staff for resource ideas.

District instructional framework

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### Reflections:

What did I read that I might want to try?

Further resources recommended

What support do I need to make this happen?

How will it look different than what I've done before?

When am I going to try this?

### by the work group for this Criterion:

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NCTM - National Council for Teachers of Mathematics: www.nctm.org

NCTE - National Council for Teachers of English: www.ncte.org

AMTE- Association of Mathematics Teacher Educators: www.amte.net

NSTA- National Science Teachers Association: www.nsta.org

AETS- Association for the Education of Teachers in Science: http://theaste.org/

Teacher's Development Group (math): http://www.teachersdg.org

### Other Resources:

ESD and university web sites of course offerings and online opportunities Regional ESD Educational Technology Center

Free Technology for Teachers: http://www.freetech4teachers.com



### CRITERION 5: Fostering and managing a safe, positive learning environment.

**KEY WORD:** Learning Environment

DEFINITION: The teacher fosters and manages a safe and inclusive environment

#### that takes into account physical, emotional and intellectual well-being. **DANIELSON** CEL 5D+ **MARZANO** Domain 2: The Classroom Environment Classroom Environment and Culture Component 5.1: 2a: Creating an environment of CEC1: Arrangement of classroom Organizing the Physical Layout of the respect and rapport Classroom CEC2: Accessibility and use of 2c: Managing classroom procedures materials Component 5.2: 2d: Managing Student Behavior CEC4: Use of learning time Reviewing Expectations to Rules and Procedures 2e: Organizing physical space CEC5: Managing student behavior Component 5.3: CEC6: Student status Demonstrating "Withitness" CEC7: Norms for learning Component 5.4: Applying Consequences for Lack of Adherence to Rules and Procedures Component 5.5: cknowledging Adherence to Rules and Procedures Component 5.6: Displaying Objectivity and Control

### Focus questions for reviewing this Criterion:

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### CRITERION 5: "Learning Environment" = Fostering and managing a safe, positive learning environment.

### DINCLOAL

	PHYSICAL			
EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES	
The teacher arranges the physical space in a way that is conducive to student learning and safety and supports the planned learning activity.	Can all students see and hear the speaker and see the resources they need to use for their learning?  Are posters, charts and other resources relevant to learning?  What classroom arrangement would best enhance the activity you have planned? (use of desks, tables, floor, technology etc)	Create a map of the classroom for independent work, group work, project learning. Sit in every seat in the classroom to make sure you can see all instructional areas/resources (charts, alphabet, document camera etc.) in the room.  Post learning targets, thinking routines, visual representations, concepts, vocabulary relevant to what students are learning.  Create alternate arrangements for small group, large group and individual work. Consider seeking student input about best arrangement for their learning.	District adopted instructional framework materials  Paula Rutherford: Why didn't I learn that in College? Chapter 9 pages 243-246: Classroom Interior Design  Marzano: Classroom  Management that Works  Randy Sprick: Safe and Civil Schools  safeandcivilschools.com	
The teacher maximizes instructional time by implementing smooth transition routines and processes.	Are transitions intentional and necessary?  Have you anticipated challenges or obstacles that may arise during transitions?  What time is allocated for transitions from activity to activity?  Do students understand the sequence of movement/ events/expectations during the transition?	Determine the purpose for transition (attention, movement, supplies etc).  Identify all the points during the day/ schedule/lesson when students are transitioning.  With students, set a time goal for transitions and chart the progress toward the goal.  Visit a classroom to observe expertly managed time and transitions.  Regularly practice routines and transitions.	Why Didn't I learn this in College? Chapter 9 Organizing the Classroom for Learning pages 234-237 Teach Like a Champion, Chapter 5 Creating a Strong Classroom Culture pages 154-157	
	i ne teache	r fosters and manages a safe and	a inclusive environment	

that takes into account: physical, emotional and intellectual well-being.

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### PHYSICAL continued

PHYSICAL, continued				INTELLECTUAL	
GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES	EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STE
What is your system for collecting and organizing materials and resources prior to the lesson?  Are there times when you need to stop teaching to gather materials? How will you handle that transition?	Make a list of materials needed for your lesson plan (what do you need? What do students need?)  Teacher/students create procedures for efficient and safe management of materials.  Label materials and resources.	Why Didn't I Learn this in College? Chapter 8 Setting yourself up for success and chapter 9 Organizing the classroom for learning	The classroom climate encourages students to take intellectual risks	What strategies are in place for students to share ideas, manage disagreements and value multiple perspectives?	Have a class meeting to decide and communica expectations.  Determine appropriate reinforcing expectation classroom.
How do students know what is and what is not available for their use?  How do you teach students to safely handle materials/resources/technology to promote their thinking/learning?	Designate a specific place for materials. Model appropriate use of materials for a variety of purposes. Discuss and post rules and norms.		Students engage in productive learning conversations	Do students welcome and invite each other's thinking? Are there multiple ways for students to share their thinking?  How do you teach the roles and expectations of group work?  What systems to you have	Implement Structured strategies; think pair sh Seminar, or Literature Pre-plan and create po groups or partnerships learning purposes (het homogeneous, etc).
EMOTIONAL				in place that hold students accountable during partner/	Provide graphic organiassign roles and respon
GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES		group learning!	students to work colla
What school-wide systems are in place to support positive	Know your school's behavior and discipline expectations.	Teacher Talk What It Really Means: Chick Moorman	Reflections:	Reflections:	
How do you show students that you value them?  How do you learn about your	welcome them.  Create a student and family survey to get to know your students. Participate	Jim Fay <i>Teach Like a Champion</i> , by Lemov Chapter 7 Building	What did I read that	I might want to try?	
the classroom?	opportunity to learn about family.	Character and Trust	When am I going to	try this?	
What norms and routines might	Plan and implement ice-breaker/				
that promote positive student-to- student relationships? How do you structure	periodically throughout the year (or when groups change). Plan and regularly implement		How will it look diffe	erent than what I've done before?	
formal and informal student interactions that support language acquisition and encourage cultural	conversation opportunities throughout lesson cycle.		What support do I n	eed to make this happen?	
and country.			CHAMPs Classroom Intellectual Characte	n Management Strategies: www.dailyte er by Ron Ritchhart: Chapter 7 "Thoug	achingtools.com
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EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES
The classroom climate encourages students to take intellectual risks	What strategies are in place for students to share ideas, manage disagreements and value multiple perspectives?	Have a class meeting to collaboratively decide and communicate norms and expectations.  Determine appropriate steps for reinforcing expectations within the classroom.	Checking Our Systems for Equity: Enid Lee
Students engage in productive learning conversations	Do students welcome and invite each other's thinking? Are there multiple ways for students to share their thinking?  How do you teach the roles and expectations of group work?  What systems to you have in place that hold students accountable during partner/group learning?	Implement Structured conversation strategies; think pair share, Socratic Seminar, or Literature Circles etc.  Pre-plan and create possible groups or partnerships for multiple learning purposes (heterogeneous, homogeneous, etc).  Provide graphic organizers and/or assign roles and responsibilities for students to work collaboratively.	Why Didn't I learn this in College?; Chapter 9 Organizing the Classroom for Learning pages 249-256

What did I read that I might want to try?
When am I going to try this?
How will it look different than what I've done before?
What support do I need to make this happen?

ng a Culture of Thinking"

Kagan Strategies: http://www.kaganonline.com/index.php

 $Positive\ Behavior\ Interventions\ and\ Supports:\ www.pbis.org$ 

Teach Like a Champion, by Lemov Chapter 2 Planning that Ensures Academic Achievement pages 67-69



## CRITERION 6: Using multiple student data elements to modify instruction and improve student learning.

KEY WORD: Assessment

DEFINITION: The teacher uses multiple data elements (both formative

and summative) to plan, inform and adjust instruction

and evaluate student learning.

DANIELSON	CEL 5D+	MARZANO
Domain 1: Planning and Preparation 1f: Designing Student Assessments  Domain 3: Instruction 3d: Using Assessment in Instruction  Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities 4b: Maintaining Accurate Records	A1: Self-assessment of learning connected to the success criteria A2: Demonstration of learning A3: Formative assessment opportunities A4: Collection systems for formative assessment data A5: Student use of assessment data	Component 6.1:  Designing Instructional Aligned to Assessment  Component 6.2:  Using Multiple Data Elements  Component 6.3:  Tracking Student Progress

### Focus questions for reviewing this Criterion:

- What do I already understand about my performance in this criterion?
- How does my district's instructional framework align with this criterion?
- What aspects of my performance in this criterion need practice and exploration?

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## CRITERION 6: Using multiple student data elements to modify instruction and improve student learning.

Design formative and summative assessments to assess student learning and propress toward standard.  Formative Assessment (after instruction) is used to determine the extent to which standards were learned.  What information do I need to help me know what my students know and understand? How will I determine to what degree my students understand? Embed opportunities for students to self assess their own learning and used to modify classroom instruction. Summative Assessment (after instruction) is used to determine the extent to which standards were learned.  What information do I need to help me know what my students know and understand? How will I determine to what degree my students to self assess their own learning and understanding throughout the lesson cycle.  Select a standard that you'll be working on in class and decide on a formative assessment strategy to assess the learning. Create and refine rubrics that articulate expectations at each level of progress toward standard.  Embed opportunities for students to self assess their own learning and understanding throughout the lesson cycle.

The teacher uses multiple data elements (both formative and summative) to plan, inform and adjust instruction and evaluate student learning.



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EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS (Possible evidence of work toward proficiency in the criterion)	POSSIBLE RESOURCES
Use assessment data to modify and inform instruction	<ul> <li>How do I use formative and summative assessment information to determine where my students are in their progression toward the standard?</li> <li>What can the student do?</li> <li>What is the student attempting to do?</li> <li>What does the student need to do?</li> <li>How will I provide feedback to inform my students of their progress?</li> <li>How will I address student misunderstandings, gaps, next steps?</li> </ul>	Use available district data.  Feedback: Give students feedback that is timely, specific, accurate and frequent enough to help them and you to determine next steps.  Determine who needs re-teaching, alternate instructional strategies, performance tasks, or extensions.	The Teaching for Understanding Guide by Blythe and Associates: Chapter 7 – Ongoing Assessment. Protocols for Looking at Student Work: http://www. nsrfharmony.org/ protocol/a_z.html
EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS (Possible evidence of work toward proficiency in the criterion)	POSSIBLE RESOURCES
Teacher actively monitors and assessed students' progression towards goals.	How will I track students' progression toward goals? What kind of information best conveys student progress toward standards? How do students track their own progression toward goals?	Set up grade book to inform you and students of their progress. Keep system current.  Talk with colleague about grade book strategies.  Rubrics of success indicators, narrative description of assignments and expectations, standards-based grading.  Set up system for students to track their own learning (learning logs, goal checkin points, progression scale 1-5, rubrics, self assessments).	Access district/ school grading policy  How to Grade for Learning by Ken O'Connor

Reflections:

What did I read that I might want to try?
When am I going to try this?
How will it look different than what I've done before?
What support do I need to make this happen?
Further resources recommended by the work group for this Criterion:  Alphabet Taxonomy "Assessment"  http://docdigger.com/docs/alphabet_taxonomy.html  Assessment Time Saving Procedures for Busy Teachers by Bertie Kingore

Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession; Learning to Love Assessment; Ed Leadership Dec 2007-Jan 2008 pg 8-13

Center for Strengthening the Teaching Profession; Teaching and Learning Cycle:

http://www.cstp-wa.org/sites/default/files/teach%20cycle\_2\_0.pdf

Feedback support from Exemplars Standards-based Assessment + instruction at Exemplars.com  $http://www.exemplars.com/assets/files/Feedback\_to\_Students.pdf$ 

Marzano; Classroom Strategies That Work 2nd Edition (section on feedback)

Online rubric creation:

rubistar4teachers.org

"The Rest of the Story;" Ed Leadership Dec 2007-Jan 2008 pg 28-35



## CRITERION 7: Communicating and collaborating with parents and school community.

KEY WORD: Families and Community

DEFINITION: The teacher communicates and collaborates with students,

families and all educational stakeholders in an ethical and professional manner to promote student learning.

DANIELSON	CEL 5D+	MARZANO
Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities 4c: Communicating with families	Professional Collaboration and Communication  PCC3: Parents and guardians  PCC4: Communication within the school community about student progress	Component 7.1:  Promoting Positive Interactions about Students and Parents – Courses, Programs and School Events  Component 7.2:  Promoting Positive Interactions about Students and Parents – Timeliness and Professionalism
How does my di	this Criterion:  dy understand about my performand istrict's instructional framework align my performance in this criterion ne	n with this criterion?

## CRITERION 7: Communicating and collaborating with parents and school community.

questions about students' support programs (e.g. special education, advanced placement, gifted and

talented.)

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EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES
The teacher uses culturally relevant communication with students and families.	How will you ensure culturally sensitive, timely, and positive communication with students and families?  How will you effectively engage in two-way communication that is responsive to family insights?  How will you nurture positive family involvement?  What can be done to facilitate equitable access to communication formats?	Teacher establishes two-way communication systems.  Teacher establishes relationships with families that facilitate on-going communication.  Teacher identifies under-served populations in the classroom to build partnerships with families.  Teacher reaches out to parents who are unable to attend school-wide events (Open House, Parent Conferences, Student Led Conferences, IEP Meeting, etc.)  Teacher uses a variety of communication tools (e.g. written and verbal communications technology -email, blogs, website)  Teacher utilizes translators as needed.  Teacher considers parent input when planning instruction.	Why Didn't I Learn This in College? by Paula Rutherford, "Working with Parents as Partners," pages 259-272 "Tips for New Teachers Making the Most of Parent- Teacher Conferences" http://www.ascd.org/ ascd-express/vol6/612- wilson.aspx "Positive Perspectives on Parents and Families," Teaching Diverse Learners, Principles for Culturally Responsive Teaching http://www.alliance. brown.edu/tdl/tl- strategies/crt-principles. shtml#perspectives
EXPECTATION	GUIDING QUESTIONS	ACTION STEPS	POSSIBLE RESOURCES
The teacher communicates in an ethical and professional manner.	How might you positively and accurately respond to questions regarding student's successes and challenges?  How will you positively and accurately respond to	Teacher responds to communication requests in a timely manner. Maintain a student "Communication Log."  Teacher prepares for conversations with families.	Communication Log Template: http://www. teachervision.fen. com/tv/printables/ ContactRecord.pdf

The teacher communicates and collaborates with students, families

and all educational stakeholders in an ethical and professional manner to promote student learning.

#### **EXPECTATION**

The teacher communicates and collaborates with students and families about instructional programs.

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

In what ways will you succinctly share relevant information about class content, standards, goals (IEP, learning plans) and school events?

#### **ACTION STEPS**

Teacher will locate and use district data

Teacher will interpret and analyze data. (See Criteria 6.)

#### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

State, district and building assessment data

### **EXPECTATION**

The teacher communicates and collaborates with students and families about student progress.

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

How will you maintain ongoing communication with all families?

How will you engage parents and families as teachers, supporters, advocates, and decision makers in their student's learning?

How will you use multiple data points to inform students and families about student achievement?

#### **ACTION STEPS**

Teacher ends conversations with student, teacher, and parental by articulating and recording next steps.

Ensure that promises made are ones that the teacher can keep.

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

See "Parental Concern Checklist"

> http://www. educationworld.com/ tools\_templates/ ParentalConcern.doc

http://www. teachervision. fen.com/teacherparent-conferences/ printable/59514.html

"Managing Parent-Teacher Conferences," a consensus sheet to give to each conference participant, available at:

> http://www. teachervision.

fen.com/teacherparent-conferences/ printable/59514. html#ixzz1nQgJ1csr







### **EXPECTATION**

The teacher identifies educational stakeholders and facilitates resources to promote student learning.

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

Which colleagues have relevant information to share about students?

How might you coordinate time to discuss student progress?

How will you facilitate discussions with stakeholders?

### **ACTION STEPS**

Request a grade-level meeting with other teachers who have the same student.

Ask a colleague who they go to when they need more information or resources for a student.

Schedule a meeting with the school counselor, ELL teacher and a special education teacher to generate a list of the information on stakeholders you have at your school.

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

Tool for measuring family and school partnerships:

http://www.cde. state.co.us/pbis/ download/pdf/ MeasureSchoolFamily Partnerships.pdf

### **CRITERION 7: FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY**

### **Reflections:**

What did I read that I might want to try?
When am I going to try this?
How will it look different than what I've done before?
What support do I need to make this happen?
Further recourses recommended by the work group for this Critarion.

### Further resources recommended by the work group for this Criterion:

"Good News" post card – and other communication tools available at: http://www.educationworld.com/tools\_templates/index.shtml

"How to Deal with Angry Parents"

http://www.nea.org/home/12800.htm

Links for a variety to conferencing ideas such as considerations, collaboration ideas, tips for successful conferences, forms and records planner template, and more:

http://www.teachervision.fen.com/teacher-parent-conferences/resource/3713.html and http://www.educationworld.com/tools\_ templates/index.shtml#parent

"Parent Conference Considerations,"

http://www.teachervision.fen.com/teacher-parent-conferences/teaching-methods/3854.html?detoured=1

"Parent-Teacher Conferences: Before, During, and After"

http://www.teachervision.fen.com/new-teacher/teaching-methods/48464.html

"Parent-Teacher Conferences: Five Important Questions

http://www.teachervision.fen.com/teacher-parent-conferences/teaching-methods/3683.html?detoured=1

Telephone conversation itinerary at:

http://www.teachervision.fen.com/teacher-parent conferences/printable/3724.html?detoured=1

"Tips for a Successful Parent-Teacher Conference"

http://www.teachervision.fen.com/teacher-parent-conferences/printable/54418.html



## CRITERION 8: Exhibiting collaborative and collegial practices focused on improving instructional practice and student learning.

**KEY WORD:** Professional Practice

DEFINITION: The teacher participates collaboratively in the educational community

to improve instruction, advance the knowledge and practice of teaching as a profession, and ultimately impact student learning.

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### Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

- 4d: Participating in a Professional Community
- 4e: Growing and Developing Professionally
- 4f: Showing Professionalism



#### CEL 5D+ MARZANO

### Professional Collaboration and Communication

- PCC1: Collaboration with peers and administrators to improve student learning
- PCC2: Professional and collegial relationships
- PCC5: Supports school, district, and state curriculum, policy and initiatives
- PCC6: Ethics and advocacy

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### Component 8.1:

- Seeking Mentorship for Areas of Need or Interest
- Component 8.2:
  - Promoting Positive Interactions with Colleagues
- Component 8.3:
  - Participating in District and School Initiatives

#### Component 8.4:

Monitoring Progress Relative to the Professional Growth and Development Plan

### Focus questions for reviewing this Criterion:

- What do I already understand about my performance in this criterion?
- How does my district's instructional framework align with this criterion?
- What aspects of my performance in this criterion need practice and exploration?

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## CRITERION 8: Exhibiting collaborative and collegial practices focused on improving instructional practice and student learning

The teacher participates collaboratively in the educational community to improve instruction, advance the knowledge and practice of teaching as a profession, and ultimately impact student learning.

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#### **EXPECTATION**

The teacher advances the knowledge and practice of teaching as a profession within the educational community to impact student learning

## How can you help your team focus on building and district initiatives

**GUIDING QUESTIONS** 

and expectations?

How does your team address building and district initiatives as they connect to student achievement (e.g., content expectations, instructional materials and various assessments–formative and summative; classroom, district and state standards)?

Pose probing guides to help guide the focus of your colleagues. Share information you receive

**ACTION STEPS** 

Share information you receive about building and district initiatives.

Begin looking at Common Core State Standards with colleagues.

How do you participate with your team to study and apply current professional literature and pursue professional learning opportunities focused on content, instruction, and assessment?

How are you sharing with others your insights from your graduate experience and your new learning as a new teacher?

Apply and share research-based, best teaching practices to positively impact student learning.

Share articles and stories of what you've tried.

### **POSSIBLE RESOURCES**

School or district norms/expectations for collaborative work.

Professional Learning Communities at Work, by Richard Dufour.

CSTP's Teacher Leadership Framework, available at: http://www.cstp-wa.org/ teacher-development/ teacher-leadership/ skills-framework

All Things PLC: http://www.allthingsplc. info/

PLC Washington: http://www. plcwashington.org/site/ default.aspx?PageID=1

*Groups at Work* by Lipton and Wellman.

Probing Questions Exercise: http://www. nsrfharmony.org/ protocol/doc/probing\_ questions.pdf

CFG Protocols available at: http://www. nsrfharmony.org/faq. html

*Teacher Leadership Stories* by Swanson, Elliott and

District's instructional framework documents

Harmon



#### EXPECTATION

The teacher pursues professional development to meet annual professional goals (as described in the professional growth plan).

How might you incorporate your Professional Growth Plan (PGP) into your current practice?

**GUIDING QUESTIONS** 

Have you re-evaluated the PGP you developed in your certification program with your current teaching assignment? Whom in your building or district could help you with that?

What systems are in place in your school (evaluations, instructional coaches, building/ district initiatives) that offer peer observation and feedback?

How does student achievement data inform your professional goals?

How do you use your students needs to drive your choice of professional development?

How will you know if it has worked?

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Share your PGP with colleagues, mentor, instructional coach and principal to help find resources for support.

**ACTION STEPS** 

Ask building and district staff members for a list of professional development opportunities around the topics you identified in your PGP.

Ask peers or administrators to observe and give feedback on your teaching practice.

Work with a colleague or

Create a grade level team goal based on student achievement data.

administrator to set professional

goals related to student

achievement.

Local ESD

District PD calendar Professional organizations (NCTM, Learning Forward, etc)

**POSSIBLE RESOURCES** 

District and building coaches

Administrators

Colleagues

Evaluation comments

District instructional framework materials

Assessment data

Professional Growth Plan

### **EXPECTATION**

The teacher advocates for curriculum, instruction and learning environment that meet the diverse needs of each students.

### **GUIDING QUESTIONS**

What might be impeding your students' ability to learn? What inequities might be contributing to this?

What is in your control to manage
- where/when/how do you need to
leverage support from others?

Who might have expertise or authority around this dilemma? How might you use the existing

system to focus attention to the need you've identified?

How do you know when it is time to let the dilemma go for a while?

#### **ACTION STEPS**

Get clear about any decision making process that might be a part of your dilemma – who has the power to do what?

Enlist the help of colleagues with decision-making authority to help you think through the dilemma (principal, department chair, etc).

Learn more about the system capacity around this dilemma.

Consider what is to be gained/

risked by speaking up.

Ask questions first before demanding action.

### POSSIBLE RESOURCES

Consultancy protocol, available at:

http://www. nsrfharmony.org/ protocol/doc/ consultancy\_dilemmas. pdf

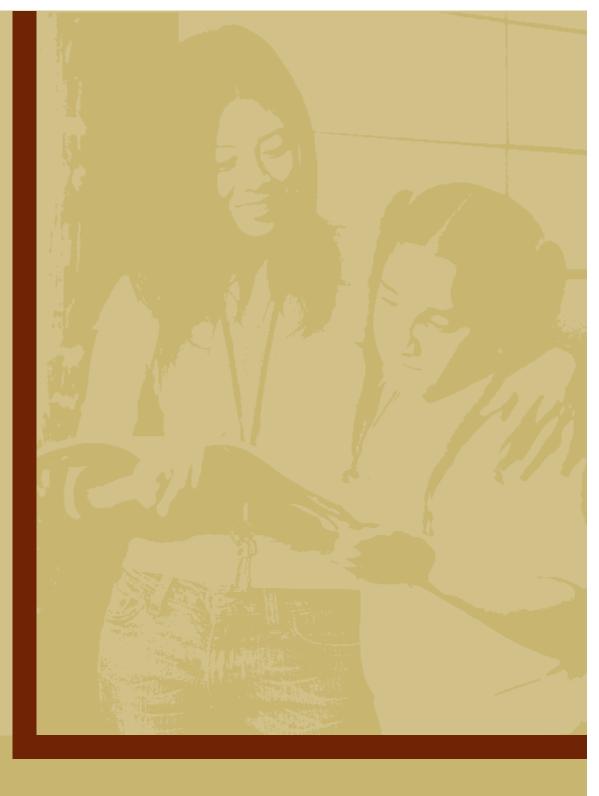
Circle of Perspectives Routine, available at: http://pzweb.harvard. edu/vt/VisibleThinking



# Reflections: What did I read that I might want to try? When am I going to try this? How will it look different than what I've done before? What support do I need to make this happen? Further resources recommended by the work group for this Criterion: *Promoting Purposeful Discourse* edited by Eisenmann & Cirillo. *The Art of Facilitation* by Hunter, Bailey & Taylor. *The Zen of Groups* by Hunter, Bailey & Taylor. The Power of Protocols by McDonald, Mohr, Dichter & McDonald. *The Facilitator's Book of Questions* by Allen & Blythe. *Crucial Conversations* by Patterson, Grenny, McMillan & Switzler. How the Way We Talk Can Change the Way We Work by Kegan & Lahey.







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