STANDARD 1: INSTRUCTION—CLASSROOM TEACHER

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A. Su	A. Supports Academic Rigor in a Thinking Curriculum	
Rubric	 Exceeding. Purposefully teaches a rigorous curriculum matched to the standards. Meeting. Consistently supports academic rigor. Developing. Moderately supports academic rigor; is not effective in focusing on critical thinking skills. Not Meeting. Rarely engages students in critical thinking activities; students are not challenged and questioning techniques are not use to support academic rigor. 	
Indicators	Demonstrates a commitment to knowledge, high thinking demand, and active use of knowledge. Engages students in academic reasoning and focuses on critical thinking skills. Uses a variety of questioning techniques to ensure a challenging learning environment. Challenges and supports students to become active learners and achieve at high levels.	
B. FA	CILITATES FOCUSED CURRICULAR CONVERSATION IN THE CLASSROOM	
Rubric	<i>Exceeding</i> . Engages all students in high-level curricular conversations that improves rigorous thinking. <i>Meeting</i> . Effectively facilitates curricular conversation in the classroom. <i>Developing</i> . Occasionally guides curricular-focused conversations in the classroom. <i>Not Meeting</i> . Ineffectively facilitates curricular-based discussions; students are not discussing the lesson or concept.	
Indicators	Promotes conversation among students that is relevant to the subject area. Establishes norms of good reasoning. Solicits appropriate evidence from students to support rigorous thinking. Encourages comments, questions, examples, and other contributions from students throughout the lesson. Models norms of good conversation: active listening, clarifying questions, and constructive responses.	
C. Di	FFERENTIATES INSTRUCTION TO FULLY ENGAGE STUDENTS IN THE LEARNING PROCESS	
RUBRIC	<i>Exceeding</i> . Proactively plans differentiation of instruction to recognize, respond to, and challenge students at their instructional level of learning. <i>Meeting</i> . Regularly differentiates instruction to meet students' diverse needs. <i>Developing</i> . Differentiates instruction somewhat and is beginning to respond to students at different levels. <i>Not Meeting</i> . Poorly differentiates instruction; does not recognize the individual student needs, resulting in disengaged students.	
Indicator	Uses flexible grouping practices to respond to diverse student needs. Challenges students at their instructional level of learning. Recognizes individual differences in learning and adjusts practices as appropriate. Encourages students to use strategies to monitor their learning.	

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D. U	ses a Variety of Materials, Resources, and Multimedia that Promote the Development of Critical Thinking, Problem Solving, and Performance Skills	
Rubric	<i>Exceeding</i> . Masterfully integrates a variety of teaching materials, resources, and multimedia that elevate student thinking, problem solving, and performance. <i>Meeting</i> . Consistently uses a variety of materials, resources, and multimedia. <i>Developing</i> . Adequately uses a variety of materials and beginning to move away from one medium of instruction. <i>Not Meeting</i> . Excessively relies on a limited number of materials and resources.	
Indicator	Evaluates materials for accuracy and student interest. Provides students with multimedia materials that are appropriate and challenging for all instructional levels. Uses a variety of teaching material.	
Rubric	Exceeding. Seamlessly employs a variety of teaching methods and strategies that actively engage students. Meeting. Effectively selects a variety of teaching methods and strategies for active student participation and learning. Developing. Occasionally selects a variety of teaching methods and strategies, but tends to rely on a limited few. Not Meeting. Inadequately uses a variety of teaching methods and strategies such that students are off task and disengaged in learning.	
Indicator	Paces instruction appropriately. Uses questioning strategies effectively. Models strategies for students and then provides opportunities for guided and independent practice.	

STANDARD 2: ASSESSMENT—CLASSROOM TEACHER

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A. Us	A. Uses and Interprets a Variety of Assessments to Evaluate/Monitor All Students	
Rubric	 Exceeding. Purposefully uses a variety of fair and credible assessments aligned to learning objectives, including student self-assessments, to systematically evaluate student progress on learning goals. Meeting. Uses a variety of fair and credible assessment strategies to evaluate student progress on learning goals. Developing. Uses some assessments to evaluate/monitor students. Not Meeting. Uses assessments that are not aligned with the curriculum and learning goals. 	
Indicators	Uses fair and credible assessments that reflect planned objectives based on curriculum standards, student needs, and improvement plans. Varies assessment strategies and tools to address instructional goals. Gives students multiple opportunities to demonstrate understanding. Uses student self-assessments to help students evaluate their own work against classroom expectations and self-manage their learning.	
B. Co	LLECTS DATA FROM AND REFLECTS ON ASSESSMENT TO IMPROVE TEACHING AND LEARNING	
Rubric	 Exceeding. Systematically reflects on evidence of student knowledge and skills and uses it in an ongoing way to improve teaching and learning. Meeting. Collects and reviews evidence of student knowledge and skills to meet student needs. Developing. Collects and reviews evidence of student knowledge and skills. Not Meeting. Keeps limited or sporadic evidence of student knowledge and skills; does not use evidence to improve instruction. 	
Indicators	Systematically collects evidence of student knowledge and skills.	

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C. Co	DNNECTS ASSESSMENT EVIDENCE TO AN EVALUATION SYSTEM WHICH IS PREDICTABLE, UNDERSTANDABLE, AND CONSISTENT	
Rubric	 Exceeding. Incorporates the evaluation system into the teaching/learning process so that assessments and grading are predictable, understandable, and consistent; provides ongoing standards-based feedback to students. Meeting. Clearly connects assessment to a coherent, fair, and credible evaluation system that is predictable, understandable, and consistent. Developing. Creates an evaluation system that incorporates assessment results, but it may not be predictable or understandable to students. Not Meeting. Uses evaluations that are not predicable, understandable, and consistent, or that are based on the performance of other students (i.e., "on the curve") or on "extra credit." 	
Indicators	Aligns evaluations with standards to establish clear expectations for student performance. Bases grades on established evaluation standards and criteria; uses student performance activities to determine a grade which is fair and credible. Incorporates a process that allows student growth and supports high levels of academic rigor and extended learning within the established evaluation system.	
D. Co	DMMUNICATES TO STUDENTS AND PARENTS/GUARDIANS THE PERFORMANCE EXPECTATIONS AND EVALUATION SYSTEM	
Rubric	Exceeding. Regularly communicates student performance expectations to students and parents/guardians; regularly discusses student performance outcomes and expectations with students. Meeting. Discusses the evaluation system and student performance outcomes and expectations with students and communicates them to parents/guardians. Developing. Communicates student performance outcomes and expectations to students and parents/guardians but not the rationale of the evaluation system. Not Meeting. Unclearly communicates student performance expectations to students or parents/guardians.	
Indicators	Explains performance expectations to students and parents/guardians early in the instructional time period. Communicates student progress to students, parents/guardians, and appropriate groups. Discusses assessments with students to support their self-management of learning and to refine evaluation practices.	

STANDARD 3:CURRICULUM AND PLANNING-CLASSROOM TEACHER

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A. IM	A. IMPLEMENTS THE DISTRICT OR SCHOOL-APPROVED CURRICULUM	
Rubric	Exceeding. Masterfully implements the curriculum; extensively incorporates learning from staff development and self-learning into lessons and to enrich and enhance the curriculum. Meeting. Successfully implements the curriculum; regularly attends staff development or initiates self-learning to improve knowledge and mastery of the curriculum; weaves new learning into the approved curriculum. Developing. Inconsistently implements the curriculum; intermittently attends staff development and/or initiates self-learning. Not Meeting. Inadequately implements the curriculum.	
Indicators	Attends staff development and initiates self-learning to increase knowledge of recent developments in the approved curriculum. Studies and reviews related research materials and documents to increase understanding of the curriculum. Demonstrates implementation of the curriculum through student work and other relevant artifacts.	
B. Sy	STEMATICALLY PLANS AND APPROPRIATELY PACES LESSONS AND UNITS	
Rubric	<i>Exceeding</i> . Effectively plans and paces lessons and units to maximize student learning; ensures that students clearly understand linkages between lessons within a unit. <i>Meeting</i> . Consistently plans and paces lessons and units. <i>Developing</i> . Moderately plans and paces lessons and units; tends to be more reactive than proactive in developing lessons such that students do not understand long-range learning goals. <i>Not Meeting</i> . Rarely plans and inappropriately paces lessons and units.	
Indicators	Plans short- and long-range educational goals that demonstrate understanding of the curriculum and subject matter. Adapts and modifies pacing of lessons and units based on student instructional levels to support maximum learning opportunities for all students. Develops and articulates linkages between lessons within a unit to help students understand long range learning goals.	

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C. Kı	C. Knows the Subject Matter and Organizes the Curriculum to Support Student Understanding of the Subject Matter	
Rubric	<i>Exceeding.</i> Successfully leads students to higher levels of content knowledge through broad and deep knowledge of the curriculum and subject area; skillfully organizes lessons and units by drawing together subject matter from multiple disciplines. <i>Meeting.</i> Clearly knows the subject matter and effectively organizes the curriculum to support student understanding of the subject matter. <i>Developing.</i> Demonstrates basic knowledge of the subject matter; uses relatively few additional resources to support student understanding. <i>Not Meeting.</i> Inadequately demonstrates knowledge of the subject matter and poorly organizes the curriculum.	
Indicators	Demonstrates knowledge of the subject matter and curriculum consistent with what students need to learn. Relates/connects ideas and information within and across subject matter areas. Incorporates relevant resources that enrich the subject matter of a lesson or unit. Monitors research about program and/or curriculum. Uses longitudinal data to modify the curriculum as part of the teaching/learning cycle.	

STANDARD 4: LEARNING ENVIRONMENT—CLASSROOM TEACHER

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A. M/	ANAGES CLASSROOM PROCEDURES TO MAXIMIZE ACADEMIC LEARNING TIME
Rubric	Exceeding. Seamlessly manages classroom procedures to maximize learning time. Meeting. Efficiently manages classroom procedures to maximize learning time. Developing. Adequately manages classroom procedures, but learning time is not maximized. Not Meeting. Excessively concentrates on non-instructional tasks.
Indicators	Handles classroom routines efficiently. Organizes supplies, materials, and a physical setting that minimizes disruption and promotes learning. Structures smooth transitions. Encourages students to participate and take responsibility in the operation of the classroom.
B. M/	ANAGES STUDENT LEARNING
Rubric	Exceeding. Proactively manages student behavior so that teaching and learning are primary. Meeting. Consistently manages students' learning behavior. Developing. Inconsistently manages student behavior; expectations exist, but consequences are inconsistent. Not Meeting. Randomly and inconsistently manages student behavior such that the students mistrust the teacher.
Indicators	Establishes clear and consistent expectations for student behavior and communicates it to students, parents, and guardians. Reinforces positive student behavior. Applies corrective strategies to modify inappropriate behaviors. Manages disruptive situations as they occur.
C. Co	DMMUNICATES LEARNING EXPECTATIONS CLEARLY
Rubric	 Exceeding. Enthusiastically and clearly communicates learning objectives and high expectations on a daily basis. Meeting. Clearly communicates learning expectations. Developing. Reasonably communicates, but students do not consistently show understanding of expectations. Not Meeting. Poorly communicates such that students are unable to comprehend or participate in the lesson.
Indicators	Communicates clearly in speaking and writing, using precise language, correct vocabulary and grammar, and acceptable forms of oral and written communication. Uses effective non-verbal communication skills. Shares the lesson objectives with the students. Communicates high academic expectations for all learners.

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D. M	IOTIVATES STUDENTS WITH A SUPPORTIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT	
Rubric	 <i>Exceeding</i>. Genuinely cares for students and purposefully motivates them to learn by using many strategies. Demonstrates effort-based education principles by honoring student accomplishments and developing a trustful and supportive environment. <i>Meeting</i>. Effectively motivates students be creating a supportive learning environment. <i>Developing</i>. Moderately motivates students; although the teacher is caring, too much energy is spent on teacher directed lessons and not enough on active, student engagement. <i>Not Meeting</i>. Rarely motivates students and has not created a supportive learning environment. 	
Indicators	Encourages positive social interaction by managing instructional groups, monitoring interactions among students, and not tolerating harassment or social exclusion. Encourages students to explore and question and take charge of their learning. Actively listens to students. Acknowledges students as individuals for their skills, ideas, interests, and knowledge. Recognizes students' accomplishments, celebrates their achievements, and showcases student work. Demonstrates integrity, courtesy, respect, fairness, and consistency.	

STANDARD 5: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES—CLASSROOM TEACHER

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A. Co	A. Collaborates with Identified Team on Expectations/Curricula/Strategies and Use of Data	
Rubric	<i>Exceeding</i> . Enthusiastically collaborates with team and is a leader in developing expectations, using effective strategies, analyzing data, and evaluating curricula. <i>Meeting</i> . Frequently collaborates with identified team on expectations, strategies, analysis of data, and curricula. <i>Developing</i> . Occasionally collaborates with other team members. <i>Not Meeting</i> . Rarely collaborates with other team members.	
Indicators	Communicates with team members on a regular basis for shared curriculum planning. Collaborates and collectively reviews site data and evidence of student performance to plan/implement/develop district-approved curricula and to analyze program effectiveness. Shares building/district resources equitably. Supports colleagues and learns from others to promote student learning through a supportive peer community.	
B. EN	IGAGES FAMILIES AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE LEARNING PROCESS	
Rubric	<i>Exceeding</i> . Successfully engages families and develops a learning community through shared communications with families. <i>Meeting</i> . Regularly initiates interactions with families and acknowledges them as an integral part of the learning process. <i>Developing</i> . Inconsistently communicates with families to build positive relationships. <i>Not Meeting</i> . Rarely communicates with families.	
Indicators	Communicates with families regarding student behavior and progress. Accommodates families' schedules in arranging meetings to discuss student performance and behavior. Invites shared communications between school and home. Establishes and promotes positive interpersonal relationships. Works collaboratively with appropriate school personnel to address issues that impact instruction, academic achievement and school climate.	

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C. De	EMONSTRATES SUPPORT OF DISTRICT/SCHOOL MISSION AND VISION THROUGH RESPECTFUL ACCOUNTABLE TALK	
Rubric	Exceeding. Proactively supports the district/school mission and seeks new ways to support the vision and goals. Meeting. Consistently demonstrates support of the district and school vision, mission, and goals. Developing. Intermittently supports district and school vision, mission, and goals through communications. Not Meeting. Rarely demonstrates support for district and school inservice mission, vision, and goals.	
Indicators	Supports school vision and mission in respectful interactions with colleagues, parents, guardians, and other community members. Conducts professional, relevant, and knowledgeable interactions with others.	
D. De	emonstrates Integrity, Professional and Ethical Standards with Colleagues, Parents, Guardians, and Other Community Members	
Rubric	<i>Exceeding</i> . Exemplifies personal integrity with colleagues and others through consistent professional and ethical behavior. <i>Meeting</i> . Reliably demonstrates personal integrity, professional and ethical standards with colleagues, families, and other community members. <i>Developing</i> . Inconsistently demonstrates personal and professional integrity. <i>Not Meeting</i> . Rarely demonstrates personal and professional integrity.	
Indicators	Resolves concerns and problems in an appropriate and timely manner. Respects and maintains confidentiality. Assumes responsibility for personal actions, demeanor, and appearance. Understands and accommodates multicultural and individual differences (i.e., cultural competencies).	