# **UETS-based JPAS**

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### **Utah Effective Teaching Standards (UETS)**

### **Standard 1: Learner Development**

The teacher understands cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas of student development.

The Teacher:

- a. Creates developmentally appropriate and challenging learning experiences based on each student's strengths, interests, and needs.
- b. Collaborates with families, colleagues, and other professionals to promote student growth and development.

### **Standard 2: Learning Differences**

The teacher understands individual learner differences and cultural and linguistic diversity.

The Teacher:

- a. Understands individual learner differences and holds high expectations of students.
- b. Designs, adapts, and delivers instruction to address each student's diverse learning strengths and needs.
- c. Allows students different ways to demonstrate learning sensitive to multiple experiences and diversity.
- d. Creates a learning culture that encourages individual learners to persevere and advance.
- e. Incorporates tools of language development into planning and instruction for English language learners and supports development of English proficiency.

### **Standard 3: Learning Environments**

The teacher works with learners to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, positive social interactions, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation.

The Teacher:

- a. Develops learning experiences that engage and support students as self-directed learners who internalize classroom routines, expectations, and procedures.
- b. Collaborates with students to establish a positive learning climate of openness, respectful interactions, support, and inquiry.
- c. Uses a variety of classroom management strategies to effectively maintain a positive learning environment.
- d. Equitably engages students in learning by organizing, allocating, and managing the resources of time, space, and attention.
- e. Extends the learning environment using technology, media, and local and global resources.
- f. Encourages students to use speaking, listening, reading, writing, analysis, synthesis, and decision-making skills in various real-world contexts.

### **Standard 4: Content Knowledge**

The teacher understands the central concepts, tools of inquiry, and structures of the discipline.

The Teacher:

- a. Knows the content of the discipline and conveys accurate information and concepts.
- b. Demonstrates an awareness of the Utah Core Standards and references them in short- and long-term planning.
- c. Engages students in applying methods of inquiry and standards of evidence of the discipline.
- d. Uses multiple representations of concepts that capture key ideas.
- e. Supports students in learning and using academic language accurately and meaningfully.

#### **Standard 5: Assessment**

The teacher uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, monitor learner progress, guide planning and instruction, and determine whether the outcomes described in content standards have been met.

The Teacher:

- a. Designs or selects pre-assessments, formative, and summative assessments in a variety of formats that match learning objectives and engage the learner in demonstrating knowledge and skills.
- b. Engages students in understanding and identifying the elements of quality work and provides them with timely and descriptive feedback to guide their progress in producing that work.

- c. Adjusts assessment methods and makes appropriate accommodations for English language learners, students with disabilities, advanced students, and students who are not meeting learning goals.
- d. Uses data to assess the effectiveness of instruction and to make adjustments in planning and instruction.
- e. Documents student progress and provides descriptive feedback to students, parents, and other stakeholders in a variety of ways.
- f. Understands and practices appropriate and ethical assessment principles and procedures.

#### **Standard 6: Instructional Planning**

The teacher plans instruction to support students in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, Utah Core Standards, instructional best practices, and the community context.

The Teacher:

- a. Plans instruction based on the Utah Core Standards.
- b. Individually and collaboratively selects and creates learning experiences that are appropriate for reaching content standards relevant to learners and based on principles of effective instruction.
- c. Differentiates instruction for individuals and groups of students by choosing appropriate strategies, accommodations, resources, materials, sequencing, technical tools, and demonstrations of learning.
- d. Creates opportunities for students to generate and evaluate new ideas, seek inventive solutions to problems, and create original work.
- e. Integrates cross-disciplinary skills into instruction to purposefully engage learners in applying content knowledge.

#### **Standard 7: Instructional Strategies**

The teacher uses various instructional strategies to ensure that all learners develop a deep understanding of content areas and their connections, and build skills to apply and extend knowledge in meaningful ways.

The Teacher:

- a. Understands and practices a range of developmentally, culturally, and linguistically appropriate instructional strategies.
- b. Uses appropriate strategies and resources to adapt instruction and vary his or her role to meet the needs of individuals and groups of learners.
- c. Analyzes student errors and misconceptions in order to redirect, focus, and deepen learning.
- d. Uses a variety of instructional strategies to support and expand learners' communication skills.
- e. Provides multiple opportunities for students to develop higher-order and meta-cognitive skills.
- f. Provides opportunities for students to understand, question, and analyze information from multiple and diverse sources and perspectives to answer questions and solve real-world problems.
- g. Supports content and skill development by using multiple media and technology resources and knows how to evaluate these resources for quality, accuracy, and effectiveness.
- h. Uses a variety of questioning strategies to promote engagement and learning.

### **Standard 8: Reflection and Continuous Growth**

The teacher is a reflective practitioner who uses evidence to continually evaluate and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner.

The Teacher:

- a. Independently and in collaboration with colleagues, uses a variety of data to evaluate the outcomes of teaching and learning, and to reflect on and adapt planning and practice.
- b. Actively seeks professional, community, and technological learning experiences within and outside the school as supports for reflection and problem solving.
- c. Recognizes and reflects on personal and professional biases, and accesses resources to deepen understanding of differences to build stronger relationships, and create more relevant learning experiences.
- d. Actively investigates and considers new ideas that improve teaching and learning, and draws on current education policy and research as sources of reflection.
- e. Develops a professional learning plan based on individual needs and the needs of learners, schools, and educational communities.

### **Standard 9: Leadership and Collaboration**

The teacher is a leader who engages collaboratively with learners, families, colleagues, and community members to build a shared vision and supportive professional culture focused on student growth and success.

The Teacher:

- a. Prepares for and participates actively as a team member in decision-making processes and building a shared culture that affects the school and larger educational community.
- b. Participates actively as part of the learning community, sharing responsibility for decision making and accountability for each student's learning, and giving and receiving feedback.
- c. Advocates for the learners, the school, the community, and the profession.
- d. Works with other school professionals to plan and jointly facilitate learning to meet diverse needs of learners.
- e. Engages in professional learning to enhance knowledge and skill, to contribute to the knowledge and skill of others, and to work collaboratively to advance professional practice.

#### Standard 10: Professional and Ethical Behavior

The teacher demonstrates the highest standard of legal, moral, and ethical conduct as specified in Utah State Board Rule R277-515.

The Teacher:

- a. Is responsible for compliance with federal and state laws, State Board of Education administrative rules, state assessment policies, local board policies, and supervisory directives.
- b. Avoids actions, which may adversely affect ability to perform assigned duties and carry out the responsibilities of the profession, including role model responsibilities.
- c. Takes responsibility to understand professional requirements, to maintain a current Utah Educator License, and to complete license upgrades, renewals, and additional requirements in a timely way.
- d. Maintains accurate instructional and non-instructional records.
- e. Maintains integrity and confidentiality in matters concerning student records and collegial consultation.
- f. Develops appropriate student-teacher relationships as defined in rule, law, and policy.
- g. Maintains professional demeanor and appearance as defined by the local education agency (LEA).

<sup>\*</sup> While conducting an evaluation, refer to these Utah Effective Teaching Standards (UETS) in conjunction with the UETS-based JPAS decision rules for each indicator.

# EVALUATOR INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING A UETS-based JPAS EVALUATION GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS AND TIMELINES

□ Confirm that the educator has attended an orientation to UETS-based JPAS and has the evaluation materials that were

1. At least fifteen days prior to starting the evaluation process:

• Notify the educator of the pending evaluation.

distributed.

2. Complete the first *unscheduled* observation:

□ Collect data on Domains I through III.

Remind the educator that there will be two *unscheduled* observations.

3.	Within fifteen working days of completing the first observation:  Conduct the second <i>unscheduled</i> observation.  Collect data on Domains I through III.  This <u>cannot</u> be done on the same day the first observation is completed.
4.	<ul> <li>Within 5 working days of completing the second observation:</li> <li>Meet with the educator to complete the interview portion of the evaluation.</li> <li>Collect data on Domains IV and V.</li> </ul>
5.	As soon as possible, after completing the interview:  Send the completed UETS-based JPAS observation and interview forms to the district office for scoring.  The UETS-based JPAS Feedback Report will be returned to you within 5 working days.
6.	<ul> <li>Within 15 working days of receiving the UETS-based JPAS Feedback Report:</li> <li>Schedule a Professional Development meeting with the educator.</li> <li>Review and discuss the UETS-based JPAS Feedback Report together.</li> <li>Guide the educator in goal setting as part of their professional growth plan.</li> <li>Prepare an addendum when necessary.</li> <li>If the educator wants, allow the educator 15 days to prepare a written response.</li> </ul>
7.	When complete, give one copy of the UETS-based JPAS Feedback Report (including any addendum and/or educator's written response) to the educator, retain one copy for the school files, and send the signed originals to the Jordan Evaluation Systems (JES) office.

### DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING CLASSROOM OBSERVATIONS

Using a #2 pencil, complete the identification information on the front page of the *UETS-based JPAS Observation and Interview* form. This includes the grid sections across the top (except for # **Students**) and all the information in the left-hand column.

1.	_	sections at the top of the form, write the code numbers for:  Observer
		School
		<b>Teacher</b> (This is the teacher's social security number or other designated nine-digit number.)
2.	Fill in the i	nformation for:
		<b>Grade</b> level of students (For classes with more than one grade level, ask the teacher for the grade level represented by the majority of the students. If there are equal numbers, choose the lower grade level. Preschool classes are coded "P" and kindergarten classes are coded "K".)
		Day/Month/Year
3.		olank lines for:  Observer Name Teacher name
4.		appropriate bubbles for:
		Provisional Teacher
		Class Subject Matter (If more than one subject is covered during the observation, check the subject matter that was taught for the longest period of time during the observation.)
		Type of Class (If you are not certain of the type of class, please ask the teacher at the conclusion of the observation.)  Specialized is checked for resource classes, cluster classes, and any other Special Education classes. However, if a resource teacher is teaching in a regular education class, select regular.)

### DURING THE CLASSROOM OBSERVATION

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1. On the from	t of the form:
	Fill in the appropriate bubble for <b>Observation Time.</b>
	Fill in the blank line for <b>Start Time.</b>
	(The observation should begin when the bell rings, or if there is no bell, when the teacher gives a signal that a new lesson or subject is beginning. Do not wait for attendance to be recorded before beginning the observation. It is recommended that evaluators begin the observation at the beginning of a period in secondary classes and at the beginning of a lesson in elementary classes.)
	(If this number fluctuates during the observation, choose the highest number of students that were in the class during the observation.)
Complete th	e grid by filling in the matching bubbles below the numbers you have recorded.
2. In the <b>NOT</b> 1	ES area on the inside of the form:
	<u>five minutes after the observation begins</u> . At the times indicated, note and record <b>Number of students off-task</b> (check and record every 10 minutes).
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	(Record the time the activity begins in the parentheses on the left, the content of the activity and how students were organized on the line in the middle, and the time the activity ends in the parentheses to the right. The <b>ORGANIZATION OF STUDENTS</b> includes working as a <b>Total Class</b> , in <b>Groups</b> , or as <b>Individuals</b> .)
٥	Record the time spent on non-academic tasks (socializing, disorderly or disruptive transitions, extended disciplinary interruptions, and other halts in instruction). This time will be totaled and recorded after the observation.
	Make note of any time spent on activities when the teacher cannot deliver or guide instruction; include formal tests, quizzes, movies or videos, announcements over the intercom, silent sustained reading, journal writing, dressing in P.E., etc. This time does not count as <b>Minutes of Observable Time</b> that will be calculated and structured to include teacher/student interaction. (Please see the Appendix for an example of non-academic and non-observable times recorded on an observation and interview form.)
٥	This space may also be used to make notes related to the summary indicators (those in the shaded area of the form). These indicators are to be completed following the classroom observations, and notes of specific behaviors observed in the classroom can be useful in guiding your summary decisions. Notations can be made anywhere on the observation and interview form as long as they do not cover bubbles, timing marks on the edges of the form, or skunk marks at the bottom.
3. For the Don	main Indicators in the unshaded area on the inside of the form:  Mark an indicator when you observe it. For indicators that must be tallied, a line or box is provided for tally marks. After the observation, the tally totals should be recorded by filling in the appropriate number bubbles. If the teacher does something that you are unsure how to record, make a note of it, and check it after the observation.

4. At the conclusion of the observation, <u>notice the time</u> and record the **Stop Time** (on the front of the form).

Be as inconspicuous and unobtrusive as possible during the observation. However, if you cannot observe or hear the teacher from where you are, you may move about the room to do so. This may require standing close to the teacher in order to hear what is being

#### FOLLOWING THE CLASSROOM OBSERVATION

- 1. On the inside of the form:
  - <u>Complete the summary indicators</u> (in the shaded area of the form).

The scoring of these indicators is based on the behavior of the teacher throughout the observation period rather than on a single demonstration of the behavior. Summary indicators for each domain are on the lower part of the form in the shaded area. They include some of the "yes/no" items and all of the three-point scales. Refer to any notes you have made in the **NOTES** area of the form to guide your summary decisions.

- Refer to the **NOTES** section where, at 10-minute intervals, you recorded number of students off-task. Finish recording this information by filling in the bubbles under indicator 1, **Students off-task**.
- □ Finish recording tallies by filling in the appropriate number bubbles.

  Some indicators have two rows of bubbles the top row for "tens" and the bottom row for "ones." Always fill in one bubble from each row. For example, if you tallied 30 factual questions, fill in the 3 bubble on the top row and the zero bubble on the bottom row under **Factual questions**. If you tallied 9 factual questions, fill in the zero in the top row and the 9 bubble in the bottom row.

#### 2. On the front of the form:

- □ Record the total number of minutes spent in the classroom by subtracting **Start Time** from **Stop Time** and filling in the line for **Time** in **Class.** (This should equal the total number of minutes recorded in the **ORGANIZATION OF STUDENTS** section.)
- Record the time the teacher spent performing observable teaching behaviors. Refer to your notes to determine the time spent in activities when the teacher could not deliver or guide instruction; subtract that non-observable time from the total **Time in Class** and fill in the appropriate bubbles under **Minutes of Observable Time**; write the number of minutes in the box to the right of the bubbles. Activities that do not count as observable time are: formal tests, quizzes, movies or videos, announcements over the intercom, silent sustained reading, journal writing, dressing in P.E., etc. Some tests and quizzes may be included as **Minutes of Observable Time** if they are structured to include teacher/student interaction.

It is recommended that evaluators stay for the full period in secondary classes and for the full lesson in elementary classes. If **Minutes of Observable Time** is less than 30 minutes, another observation must be completed.

- □ Complete the **ORGANIZATION OF STUDENTS** section. Refer to your notes under **Tracking Time** and fill in the appropriate bubbles to record the minutes the class spent working as:
  - Total Class The entire class was organized as a single group of students engaged in one activity; this typically occurs when there are lectures, student presentations, or guided practice.

    Any minutes of non-academic or non-observable time are also included here.
  - **Groups** The class was divided into groups. The different groups may or may not be engaged in the same activities. Group time includes any type of class division (e.g., pairs, large group, a group of independent workers and a group receiving instruction directly from the teacher, etc.) Any combination of individual work and group work is recorded as time spent in groups.
  - Individuals All students were working independently. (This will occur during seatwork, when individual students are engaged in some type of practice or project activity.)

□ Complete the **Disruptions** section by first filling in the bubble to answer **yes** or **no** to:

### There were students in the class whose behavioral excesses interfered with the learning of other students throughout the observation.

Fill in the **yes** if the behavior of the same student or students continued throughout the period and interrupted the learning of others several times during the observation period.

Fill in the bubble for **no** if there were no students whose behavior interfered with the learning of the other students during the observation period, or if interruptions were very few and short-lived.

If you select **no**, leave the next two items blank. If you select **yes**, complete the next two items.

### The teacher responded to the disruptive behavior with a variety of appropriate tactics.

Fill in the bubble for **yes** if the teacher recognized the disruptions and used appropriate tactics throughout the observation period to stop or minimize the disruptions. Appropriate techniques may include; varying learning activities, organizing students differently (e.g., groups, individual, total class), reinforcing desired behavior, use of varied low-key tactics, engaging the class in a learning activity while taking the problem student(s) aside, etc.

Fill in the bubble for **no** if the teacher repeatedly used the same tactic, used inappropriate tactics, or ignored the disruptions. Inappropriate tactics may include; excessive use of the same low-key tactic, rewarding the disruptive behavior by focusing class attention on the student, frequently stopping instruction to discipline the student(s) or regain the attention of the students.

If you select **no**, leave the next item blank. If you select **yes**, complete the next item.

The teacher tried a variety of appropriate tactics to stop behavioral excesses, but the nature of the student(s) was such that the techniques did not stop the behavior.

Fill in the bubble for **yes** if you believe the teacher tried many and varied appropriate tactics to stop the behavioral excesses, but the nature of the student(s) was such that appropriate techniques did not work.

Fill in the bubble for **no** if the teacher's efforts ended the behavioral excesses of the student(s).

- 3. Final review of the *UETS-based JPAS Observation and Interview* form:
  - <u>Check that each item on the front of the form has been completed.</u> These measures are designed to assess situations that may have an influence on JPAS results. This information must be accurate.
  - Scan the observation portion (inside the form) to be certain that all indicators have been completed. Check that tallies have been transferred to the correct number bubble. Check that all indicators have been marked. Look for, and erase any marks which may interfere with the optical scanning of the form. If too much data is missing, scoring of the evaluation will not be possible.
  - Once both observations and one interview are completed, send the two forms in together to the district office for scoring.

### DIRECTIONS FOR COMPLETING INTERVIEWS

The purpose of the interview is to review documentation of the educator's performance and have a discussion with the educator on the indicators from Domain IV, Planning, and Domain V, Professional Growth and Responsibilities. Documentation for indicators 63 and 64 is the responsibility of the administrator, and you will be expected to provide this. In order to prepare for the interview, teachers may use the *Teacher Checklist Folder* or an electronic platform to gather their evidence. All evidence shown must be from the current school year.

### BEFORE THE INTERVIEW

- 1. Within 5 days of completing the second classroom observation of an educator, schedule a meeting for an interview to collect data on Domains IV and V. This interview will take approximately 45 minutes. Remind the educator to have documentation materials, and that only those materials provided during the interview can be considered for the evaluation. Whenever possible, the interview should take place in the educator's classroom or office.
- 2. Review the materials you will need:
  - □ UETS-based JPAS Observation and Interview Form used for the second classroom observation of this educator
  - □ UETS-based JPAS EVALUATOR Folder
  - documents and materials, if needed, to complete indicators 63 and 64 of Domain V (these are the responsibility of the administrator)

#### DURING THE INTERVIEW

- 1. Follow the order of indicators on the interview form. All evidence shown must be from the current school year.
- 2. Use the *UETS-based JPAS EVALUATOR Folder* to record notes during the interview. Notes taken during an interview should be objective, clear, concise and easily read. Any notes taken should support the decision made on the *UETS-based JPAS Observation and Interview Form*. Write objective descriptions of what is shown and discussed. Remember, these notes may become the information a reviewer uses to make decisions about the indicators in Domains IV and V.
- 3. If the educator cannot present documentation from the current school year for an indicator in Domains IV and/or V, the evaluator shall mark **not effective** for those indicators. If there will be a second evaluation in the same academic year, educators will have the opportunity to show additional evidence for <u>any</u> indicator. Evaluators must ask if the educator has additional evidence beyond what was shown in the first interview.
- 4. <u>If this is the second evaluation of the same academic year</u>, indicator **54. Assessment of student performance** needs to be looked at again. Educators will have the opportunity to show additional evidence for <u>any</u> indicator. Evaluators must ask if the educator has additional evidence beyond what was shown in the first interview.

#### AFTER THE INTERVIEW

- 1. Mark the appropriate bubble for each indicator in Domains IV and V based on the notes taken in the UETS-based JPAS Evaluator Folder.
- 2. Fill in the blanks on the interview form to record the date and time of the interview and the name of the interviewer.
- 3. Send the now completed UETS-based JPAS Observation and Interview Forms to be processed.
- 4. A feedback report of the results from the two classroom observations and the interview will be produced and returned to you within 5 working days.
- 5. Within 15 working days of receiving the UETS-based JPAS Feedback Report hold a Professional Development Meeting with the teacher to discuss the results of the evaluation and to guide the teacher in setting professional growth goals. Prepare an addendum when necessary. If the educator wants, allow the educator 15 working days to prepare a written response.
- 6. Distribute copies of the *UETS-based JPAS Feedback Report* (including any addendum and/or response written by the teacher) as follows:
  - □ a complete copy to the teacher
  - a complete copy in the *UETS-based JPAS Folder* kept in the school office
  - □ the original signed copy to the Jordan Evaluation Systems (JES) office

#### **Note About Book Format:**

Decision rules and examples for each indicator are located on the page with the same number as the indicator. For example indicator 14 – **Factual Questions** can be found on page 14. Examples given for each indicator are samples of behaviors that may be observed. They are not meant to be all-inclusive.

In the first column for each indicator, notations have been made to show which standard(s) in the **Utah Effective Teaching Standards (UETS)** the indicator supports. For some indicators, notations also include the specific items from the **Utah Measurement of Instructional Effectiveness (UMIE)** that are addressed.

### OUTLINE OF THE DOMAINS AND INDIVIDUAL INDICATORS

### DOMAIN I: MANAGING THE CLASSROOM

The teacher efficiently manages student behavior, time and materials.

- 1. Students off-task UETS 2d., 3a., 3c., 3d.
- 2. Interrupts/obscures instruction UETS 4a.
- 3. Fails to address misunderstandings UETS 4a., 7c.
- 4. Fails to respond immediately to disruptive behavior UETS 3b., 3c., 3d.
- 5. Adjusts instruction UETS 2b., 3b., 5c., 7a., 7b., 7c.
- 6. Smooth transitions UETS 3c., 3d.
- 7. Positive learning climate UETS 2d., 3b.
- 8. Responds consistently to behaviors UETS 3b., 3c.
- 9. Applies low-key tactics for misbehavior UETS 3c.
- 10. Identifies initiators of disruptive behavior UETS 3b., 3c., 3d.
- 11. Uses management routines UETS 3c.
- 12. Classroom management UETS 3b.
- 13. Minutes of non-academic time UETS 3d.

### DOMAIN II: DELIVERING INSTRUCTION

The teacher effectively structures, presents and conveys knowledge and skills and monitors student acquisition of the knowledge and skills.

- 14. Factual questions UETS 3b., 4a., 4c., 7b., 7d.
- 15. Explains academic concepts UETS 4a., 4d., 4e.
- 16. Demonstrates skills/procedures UETS 4a., 4c., 4d.
- 17. Illustrates relationships UETS 4a., 3d.
- 18. Emphasizes important points UETS 4a., 4d.
- 19. Reviews- UETS 4a., 5d.
- 20. Pre-assessment UETS 5a., 5d., 7c.
- 21. Advance organizer UETS 3d.
- 22. Teaching/learning strategies UETS 2e., 3e., 4d., 6b., 6c., 7d., 7g.
- 23. Structure and sequence of activities UETS 2e.
- 24. Energy and enthusiasm
- 25. Goals, objectives, and expectations UETS 2e., 4a., 4b., 6b.
- 26. Instructional delivery UETS 2e., 3e., 4a., 6b., 6c., 7g.
- 27. Higher-order questions UETS 2d., 3b., 3c., 4a., 4c., 7d., 7e., 7f., 7h.
- 28. Wait time UETS 2d., 3b., 7d., 7h.
- 29. Sustains interactions UETS 2d., 7d., 7h.
- 30. Task-oriented peer interaction UETS 6c., 7d.
- 31. Problem solving UETS 2d., 3b., 3f., 4c., 6d., 7e., 7f.
- 32. Cause-effect analysis- UETS 2d., 3f., 6d., 7e., 7f.
- 33. Authentic learning experience UETS 2d., 3f., 4c., 6d., 6e., 7e., 7f.
- 34. Brainstorming and use of ideas UETS 2d., 3f., 4c., 6d., 7e., 7f.
- 35. Prepares students for activities UETS 3d., 4e.
- 36. Supervises independent practice UETS 3d., 5a.
- 37. Correctives UETS 4e., 7c.
- 38. Monitors student performance UETS 5c., 7b.

### DOMAIN III: INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS

The teacher actively encourages all students to participate and gives students feedback about their performance.

- 39. Student participation UETS 2a., 3d., 3f., 5b., 7h.
- 40. Academic feedback UETS 2d., 3b., 5b.
- 41. Gets student attention UETS 3d.
- 42. Encourages reluctant students UETS 2a., 7a., 7h.
- 43. Reinforces desired behavior UETS 3b., 3c.
- 44. Acknowledges learning efforts UETS 2a., 2d.
- 45. Student demonstrations of knowledge or skills UETS 2c., 3f., 4c., 6c., 6d., 7f. 56. Learning differences UETS 2
- 46. Practices communication skills UETS 2e., 3f., 6d., 7d.
- 47. Guided practice UETS 7c.
- 48. Checks for understanding UETS 2e., 5c., 7b., 7c.
- 49. Learning environment UETS 7a.

### DOMAIN IV: **PLANNING**

The teacher pre-plans to maximize academic learning time and to monitor and adjust instruction based on students' needs.

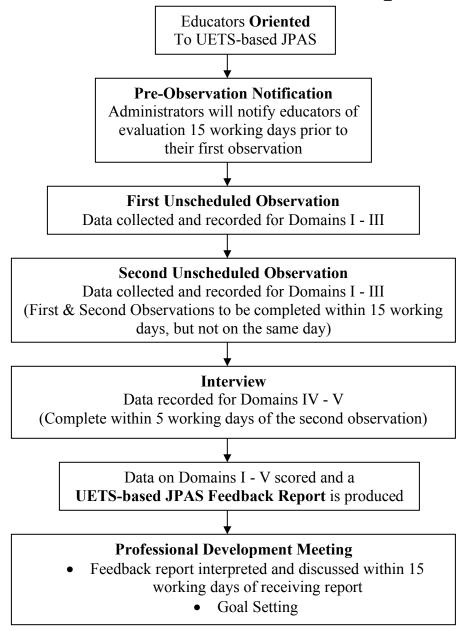
- 50. Rules and consequences UETS 3
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- 57. Student-directed learning UETS 1
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### DOMAIN V: PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The teacher participates in professional development activities and fulfills duties outside of the classroom.

- 60. Reflection and continuous growth UETS 8
- 61. Communication UETS 1
- 62. Collaboration UETS 9
- 63. Administrative requests UETS 10
- 64. Compliance UETS 10

### A UETS-based JPAS evaluation is completed as follows:



Administrators are encouraged to let educators know during which six-week period their evaluations will begin.

The teacher efficiently manages student behavior, time and materials

- 1. Students off-task UETS 2d., 3a., 3c., 3d.
- 2. Interrupts/obscures instruction UETS 4a.
- 3. Fails to address misunderstandings UETS 4a., 7c.
- 4. Fails to respond immediately to disruptive behavior UETS 3b., 3c., 3d.
- 5. Adjusts instruction UETS 2b., 3b., 5c., 7a., 7b., 7c.
- 6. Smooth transitions UETS 3c., 3d.
- 7. Positive learning climate UETS 2d., 3b.
- 8. Responds consistently to behaviors UETS 3b., 3c.
- 9. Applies low-key tactics for misbehavior UETS 3c.
- 10. Identifies initiators of disruptive behavior UETS 3b., 3c., 3d.
- 11. Uses management routines UETS 3c.
- 12. Classroom management UETS 3b.
- 13. Minutes of nonacademic time UETS 3d.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
1. Students off-task	Four times during the observation, at	At the beginning of the observation, divide the period into <u>four</u>
(record approximately	approximately ten-minute intervals, scan the	equal intervals, approximately ten minutes apart, beginning five
10 minutes apart):	classroom and count the number of students off-	minutes after the observation begins. Record these times in the
	task.	space labeled "Number of students off-task" in the <b>Notes</b> section of
a)		the observation instrument.
0023456789	Off-task behavior includes socializing, out-of-	
b) 0023	seat, sleeping, engaging in an activity other than	At each interval time, make one quick scan from one side of the
0023456789	an assigned activity, etc.	classroom to the other, counting the number of students off-task as
		you scan. Record this number next to the appropriate time slot.
c) 0023	The first scan should begin approximately five	At the end of the observation, transfer the numbers of off-task
0023456789	minutes after the observation begins.	students from the Notes Section to indicator number one, filling in
d)		the appropriate number bubbles.
0023456789		
		NOTE: Avoid scanning during a transition. If you cannot complete
(Supports UETS 2 d., 3a., 3c., 3d.)		a fourth scan (as may happen with a 30 minute observation) leave
		the bubbles for the last time slot <u>blank</u> .

REFERENCES: Effective teachers know whether or not students are on-task (Kounin, 1970). When off-task behavior escalates, the effective class manager will employ one of a number of tactics to get students involved in learning activities. Engagement rate is positively related to achievement. A major factor influencing opportunity to learn is time on task, the amount of time within a lesson that students spend engaging with the curriculum rather than on activities such as socializing, moving around the classroom, and being disciplined (Brophy & Good, 1986; Reynolds and Muijs, 1999). Research reveals that teachers whose classrooms are characterized by high percentages of engaged time produce learners who achieve better than teachers whose classrooms are characterized by lower percentages of engaged time (Armstrong, Henson, & Savage, 2001). The amount of time students are engaged in learning academic content is positively related to their achievement in that content area (Burden & Byrd, 1999). According to Stronge (2002), as students focus on academic engagement, the potential for behavior problems to occur is greatly reduced.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
2. Interrupts/obscures	A tally is recorded each time the teacher interrupts or	TALLY:
instruction	obscures instruction by:	The teacher begins a discussion about the plot development of
	<ul> <li>referring to irrelevant stimuli</li> </ul>	Romeo and Juliet. After a few sentences, the teacher says,
0023456789	<ul> <li>using vague or indeterminate terms (pretty</li> </ul>	"Wait, you need to know something about Italy during that time
	much, some, not many, not very, almost, could	period." Then after a few statements about the time period, the
(Supports UETS 4a.)	be, sometimes, somewhere) or uses incorrect	teacher brings up the controversy over whether or not
	information	Shakespeare really wrote the plays.
	• using redundancies and false starts	A teacher says, without pausing; "Why are people prejudiced?
	• frequently starting and stopping	Are they really out to discriminate? Are people basically bad?"
	over-correcting self	(stringing questions together)
	stringing questions together	(or many directions regeneral)
	• repeatedly using a distracting word or phrase (uh, ok, at this point in time, "sh," etc.)	During a math lesson, the teacher interrupts instruction to ask
	(un, ok, at this point in time, sii, etc.)	about a pupil's absence (referring to irrelevant stimuli).
	A maximum of one tally is recorded for repeated use of	
	a distracting word or phrase.	NOTE: Don't record a tally for each time an indeterminate term is used but rather when the term obscures the instruction.
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REFERENCES: Interrupting instruction disrupts the momentum of a class by diverting student attention from the task at hand. A teacher interrupts instruction by using indeterminate terms and choppy speech patterns that obscure the central concepts the teacher hopes to communicate. Smith (1977) discovered that the use of "uh" depresses student achievement. Clarity of presentation correlated highly with student achievement (Brophy & Good, 1986; Walberg, 1985). Explanations communicate best when they are free from ambiguous, value, and imprecise terms (Armstrong, Henson, & Savage, 2001). According to Muijs and Reynolds (2001), the teacher should maintain the momentum during the lesson and avoid actions that can impede momentum such as "dangling" (teacher starts an activity but then stops it leaving it dangling), "flip-flops" (teacher starts an activity but then goes to another activity before finishing it), "over-dwelling" (teacher continues to explain instructions after students have grasped what they need to do), and "fragmentation" (teacher breaks down activities into too many steps).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
3. Fails to address	A tally is recorded each time the teacher misses an	TALLY:
misunderstandings	opportunity to address student concerns or	The teacher tells the class there will be a test tomorrow on the
0123 <b>4</b> 56789	misunderstandings. A tally is also recorded if the teacher acknowledges a concern or misunderstanding, <u>but</u> does nothing to resolve the problem.	120-page poetry section of their literature book. Five different students ask, "Do we need to know about all of the poems and authors even those we haven't discussed?" Each time the teacher replies, "Yes," without further clarifications or explanations of her
(Supports UETS 4a., 7c.)		expectations.
(CAPPER ST.	Concerns or misunderstandings include	
	uncertainty about class procedures, activities, or academic concepts or processes.	The teacher asks, "What is ½ plus ¼?" Several students give incorrect answers. The teacher says, "I can see you're still confused. We'll need to go over this again, but we have to move
	The observer will note concerns or misunderstandings when students respond incorrectly, fail to complete activities, or by	on now." The teacher then ends the lesson and students transition to reading.
	asking questions which reveal unaddressed	DON'T TALLY:
	concerns.	After the first student asks if they need to know all the poems, etc., the teacher responds, "Let me clarify and then discuss with you what my expectations will be for the test."

REFERENCES: Emmer, Evertson, and Anderson (1980) found that academic performance is higher when students' questions and concerns are answered or when feedback is volunteered by the teacher when there is an incorrect response. More effective teachers listen to concerns and clarify any misunderstandings the student might have (Emmer, Evertson, & Anderson, 1980). Feedback and opportunities for correction are essential steps in instruction (Block & Burns, 1976; Bloom, 1976; Rosenshine, 1983). The effective teacher provides supportive corrective feedback to incorrect responses (L.M. Anderson, Evertson, & Brophy, 1979; Stallings & Kaskowitz, 1974; Stallings, 1978; Stallings, Needles, & Stayrook, 1979; Rosenshine, 1983). Brophy (1997) suggests that when many students have the same question or misconception, it is worthwhile to clarify the problem to the entire class. Otherwise, it is usually best to provide private help to those who need it while allowing the rest of the students to work on the assignment without interruption.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
4. Fails to respond	A tally is recorded if the teacher <u>fails</u> to recognize	TALLY:
immediately to	disruptive behavior (social talk, excessive noise, or	One student is making noises, flipping pieces of paper at
disruptive behavior	interruptions) or fails to immediately stop it from	others, etc. A tally is recorded each time a new student's
	continuing. One tally is recorded each time disruptive	attention is diverted from the teacher to the disruptive
0023456789	behavior is allowed to disturb another student.	student.
		A group of students is continually socializing and causing
	A tally is <u>not</u> recorded if one student is talking to	disruptions. A tally is recorded each time a new student is
(Supports UETS 3b., 3c., 3d.)	another, without disturbing others.	drawn into the disruption and diverted from the learning activity.
		DON'T TALLY:
		Two students are quietly socializing, but they are not
		disturbing other students. (This behavior may result in marking off task behavior on Indicator 1.)
		NOTE: This indicator focuses on what students are doing and the teacher's lack of response to that behavior.

REFERENCES: Effective teachers do not allow social talk, excessive noise, or interruptions during teacher-directed instruction (Evertson, Emmer, Sanford, & Clements, 1983). Less effective teachers tolerate more out-of-seat students, while more effective teachers require students to remain in their seats during instruction (Evertson, Emmer, Sanford, & Clements, 1983). In most cases, it is crucial for teachers to spot the misbehavior as quickly as possible and deal with it immediately (Borich, 1996; Arends, 1998). Much misbehavior can be ignored. When it is not disruptive there is no point in interrupting activities to call attention to it. If misbehavior continues or becomes disruptive, direct intervention is needed. "When students know what they are supposed to be doing and when the nature of their misbehavior is obvious, there is no need to question them. Return them to productive activity as quickly and non-disruptively as possible. When it is not possible to use non-disruptive techniques, call the students' names and correct their behavior by telling them what they are supposed to be doing or reminding them of the rules. Such intervention should be brief, direct, and focused on desirable behavior. Questions, threats, and nagging should be avoided," (Brophy, 1997). Slavin (1997) advocates that misbehavior should be corrected with the simplest, least intrusive intervention that will work.

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<ul><li>5. Adjusts instruction</li><li> yes/no need</li></ul>	<b>Yes/no need</b> is marked if the teacher adjusts instruction to give students opportunities to participate in activities that are tailored to meet their needs.	<b>Yes</b> : In a guided reading group the teacher recognizes that students are still unable to create "ch" words. The teacher then reteaches the material.
O no (Supports UETS 2b., 3b., 5c., 7a., 7b., 7c.)	Adjusted instruction may be observed when teachers divide students into groups in order to provide more direct teaching for remediation, revise teaching strategies, reteach material, etc. This may also be observed when the teacher matches instruction to student performance.	Yes: In a science lab the teacher notices groups of students are asking the same questions on the second step. The teacher gets the attention of all students and reviews how the second step should be completed.
	Yes/no need is also marked if there were no indications that the instruction needed to be adjusted as demonstrated by students participating, completing tasks with minimal help, and showing minimal off task behavior.	Yes: In a geography class the teacher adjusts the assignment for English Language Learners by telling them to draw pictures on the graphic organizer where the other students were writing out answers.
	<b>No</b> is marked if the teacher does <u>not</u> modify the instruction in response to poor student performance (apparent student confusion, the need for frequent clarifications, low success rates, high number of students off-task.)	<b>No</b> : The teacher distributes a worksheet and instructs the students to match the synonyms. Within three minutes, seven students request help reading the words. The teacher lets the students struggle through the assignment.
		No: While working on their individual practice, several students are off task. The teacher does not check with them to find out why they are not completing the assignment.

REFERENCES: Bloom (1976) found that one of the three major factors influencing achievement is the degree to which instruction is appropriate to the needs of the learner. Prepared curriculum rarely matches the diversity of learning styles among students. In order to generate this match, teachers must allow students to influence the development of curriculum (SCANS, 1992). Cognitive research indicates that many learning styles lead to similar learning outcomes. Consequently it is <u>not</u> important that students learn in a fixed fashion, but that they learn. Effective teachers are those who adapt and develop appropriately matched curricula for all learners (Curry & Samara, 1992). Since students learn at different rates, effective teachers plan academic enrichment and remediation opportunities for students. Effective teachers recognize individual and group differences among their students and accommodate those differences in their instruction by adapting instruction to meet student needs. The ability to improvise while teaching to meet the learning needs of all students is another sign of an effective teacher. Students are most engaged and achieve most successfully when instruction is appropriately suited to their achievement levels and needs (Stronge, 2002).

Managing Time and Routines

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
6. Smooth transitions	Yes is marked if no time is wasted in	Yes: Students move from a lecture to group work quickly because a consistent
O yes	making transitions from one activity to	routine for transitions has already been established. There is minimal talking
$\circ$ no	another. A transition may be a change in a	as students move into groups. All necessary materials for the activity are
	<u>format</u> or <u>activity</u> . It may or may not	quickly distributed to the groups. Transitions could include:
o no transitions	involve a planned movement in the	Getting out paper and pencil
	classroom. Students demonstrate that they	<ul> <li>Moving to carpet and back</li> </ul>
(G	have been prepared for a quick and	
(Supports UETS 3c., 3d.)	efficient transition from one <u>format</u> or	Changes in format could include:
	activity to the next by showing minimal	<ul> <li>Passing papers/exchanging papers</li> </ul>
	misbehavior. The teacher facilitates	Opening textbook to a specific page
	smooth transitions by having materials	<b>No</b> : Students are instructed to move into groups. After the instruction is given,
	prepared.	students need to ask how to move into groups and what group they should go
	<b>No</b> is marked if the teacher has to spend	to.
	time disciplining students, retrieving	
	materials, etc., during a transition, causing	<b>No</b> : Two transitions during the observation are smooth, but one transition
	the transition time to be excessive. If any	takes an excessive amount of time.
	of several transitions takes an excessive	NOTE: Time lost to lengthy transitions (more than a minute) should be
	amount of time, <b>no</b> is marked.	recorded as <b>Minutes of nonacademic time</b> , Indicator 13.
		recorded as williates of nonacademic time, indicator 13.
	The <b>no transitions</b> response is marked if	If <u>no</u> transitions occur during the observation mark the bubble for <b>no</b>
	no transitions were observed.	<b>transitions</b> by this indicator.
		This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: The structure of transitions is facilitated by clear teacher directions to students on how to close the first activity, make changes, and begin the second activity. Such structure allows time for teacher corrective feedback during transitions and routine tasks (Gump, 1982). By reducing transition time, the teacher keeps students focused on learning activities. Research indicates that roughly 35% of class time is spent in transition activity (collecting and distributing papers, rearranging the room, cleaning up, etc.) In a study by Arlin (1979), it was found that during transitions students' off-task behavior (talking loudly, hitting, throwing things, etc.) occurred twice as frequently as during structured class activities. One way to ensure maximum time on task is to ensure that not too much time is wasted during transitions from one part of the lesson to the next. Transitions need to be as short and smooth as possible. A useful technique is cuing, alerting students to the fact that a lesson transition is about to occur (Muijs & Reynolds, 2001). A period when loud talk can occur is during lesson transitions. According to Borich (1996) it is best to institute a no-talking rule during transitions, as allowing low levels of talk is difficult and often unsuccessful.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
7. Positive learning climate	Yes is marked if the teacher listens to and responds to	Yes: A teacher who promotes courtesy would remind
○ yes	student questions, requires that students listen to each other	one student not to talk out when another student is
O no	in class interactions, encourages cooperation, and models friendly interactions with learners. The teacher engages	talking.
The teacher collaborates with students to establish a positive learning climate of openness, respectful interactions, support, and inquiry.  (UMIE 3.2)	learners in creating and maintaining a positive, supportive, and inclusive learning community that promotes learner inquiry and exploration.	<b>No</b> : A class in which students are encouraged not to talk, to work individually, and are discouraged from asking questions. This environment does not encourage interaction.
(OWIE 5.2)	<b>No</b> is marked if the teacher makes any comment to or about a	
(Supports UETS 2d., 3b.)	learner which is obviously personally demeaning or embarrassing to the learner.	NOTE: The focus of this indicator is on the ways in which the teacher encourages cooperation, interaction, and courtesy.
	No is also marked if the teacher does not stop a student	•
	interaction which is discourteous. This would include students calling each other demeaning names, students saying demeaning things about one another or the teacher, repeated instances of students yelling out while another student has the floor, etc.	This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Effective teachers respect students' contributions to the class (Evertson, Anderson, C., Anderson, L.M., & Brophy, 1980). There is also evidence that negative affective teacher behaviors can discourage learning (Rosenshine, 1980; Soar & Soar, 1979; Borich, Kash, & Kemp, 1979; Dunkin & Biddle, 1974). Negative feedback should not include personal criticism (Brophy, 1981b). Negative feedback is negatively related to student achievement in secondary basic skills classes (Stallings, 1978). A meta-analysis conducted by Wang, Haertel and Walberg (1997) found classroom climate to be one of the most important factors to affect student achievement. Learning environment was also found to be related to achievement (Fraser, 1994). One of the main elements in developing a positive classroom climate is creating a warm, supporting environment in which students feel safe and are therefore willing to make a positive contribution to the lesson (Muijs &Reynolds, 2001).

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8. Responds	Yes is marked if the teacher responds	The teacher states, "I will only call on those students who raise their
consistently to	consistently to student behavior.	hands."
behaviors		
○ yes	Yes is selected unless blatant inconsistencies are	Yes: The teacher then only calls on students who have raised their hands
O no	observed.	and ignores students who call out.
	<b>No</b> is marked if the teacher responds inconsistently to student behavior.	<b>No</b> : The teacher then responds to students who call out their answers.
(Supports UETS 3b., 3c.)		<b>No</b> : The teacher reprimands some students for calling out or socializing while accepting call outs or socializing from other students.
		NOTE: This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Teachers who respond consistently to student behaviors demonstrate fairness and the importance of following rules and procedures. In an extensive study on classroom management procedure, Evertson, Emmer, Sanford, and Clements (1983) found that more effective classroom managers consistently used rules and procedures and were more consistent in responding to student behaviors. They recommended that teachers avoid inconsistency between stated and practiced procedures. Credibility provides structure that students want and need. If they can depend on what teachers say, students will be less likely to test their teachers and more able to accept responsibility for their own behavior. When teachers establish fair rules and enforce them consistently, rule breakers can get angry only with themselves (Brophy, 1997). Borich (2000) says that consistency is a key reason why some rules are effective while others are not.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
9. Applies low-key	A <b>low</b> score is given if the teacher uses low-key	Billy and Patricia are talking during instruction.
tactics for misbehavior	tactics excessively and the misbehavior continues or if the teacher does not use low-key tactics for	<b>Low:</b> The teacher says, "Billy and Patricia" several times during the lesson, or the teachers says, "Billy and Patricia, how many times do I
O low: over use/no use	misbehavior.	have to tell you not to talk? You wasted our time yesterday with your talking. If you don't stop talking, I will have to change your seats."
o moderate: uses to reduce misbehavior	A <b>moderate</b> score is given if the teacher uses low-key tactics to reduce misbehavior.  A <b>high</b> score is marked if the teacher uses low-key	Moderate: The teacher says, "Billy and Patricia." Later in the lesson the teacher moves next to Billy and Patricia while continuing to teach.
O high: uses to promote positive behavior/no	tactics that prompt the student(s) to use a positive behavior. A "high" score is also marked if there was no need to use low-key tactics.	<b>High:</b> The teacher makes a brief request, "Billy, will you please read the next paragraph?" making it difficult for Billy to continue talking and promoting a positive behavior. Or, the teacher tells attentive students sitting near Billy and Patricia, "Ed and Sue, thank you for
need (Supports UETS 3c.)	Low-key tactics include: making a brief request, using proximity control, making eye contact and hold it until the misbehavior stops, using nonverbal signals (a finger to the lips), stating the students' name, or reinforcing a student using the desired	listening. This information will help you on the test."  NOTE: Statements reinforcing the <u>appropriate</u> behavior of students who are not the target of the low key tactic would be recorded as <b>Reinforces desired behavior</b> , Indicator 43.
	behavior. Response to routine misbehavior should be brief, non-dramatic, and should not slow down classroom activity.	This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Effective teachers use proximity control (moving closer to misbehaving students) to minimize disruptive behavior and encourage participation (Emmer, 1987; Evertson, 1980, 1982; Weber, Crawford, Roff, & Robinson, 1983; Classroom Process Research Committee, 1984). Calling attention to misbehavior highlights deviancy, diverts attention from instruction (Davis & Thomas, 1989) and may result in increased off-task behavior (Gump, 1982). Ineffective managers use threats and lengthy corrective responses to misbehavior (Hinley & Ponder, 1981). Doyle (1984) found that in classes with a high incidence of inappropriate and disruptive student behavior, successful managers focused on the curriculum, talking about work rather than misbehavior. Less successful managers focused on the misbehavior and productive work ceased (Wittrock, 1986). Effective teachers use three or four praise statements for every negative statement or consequence delivered. (Rhode, Jenson, & Reavis, 1992). Minor episodes of misbehavior need to be handled so that the flow of the lesson is not interrupted. Nonverbal responses allow teachers to indicate to a student that an inappropriate behavior has been noted. Nonverbal signals include direct eye contact, hand signals, and facial expressions (Armstrong, Henson & Savage, 2001). Researchers and educators agree that teachers should move from low to high-intervention when developing a plan to address misbehavior (e.g., Charles, 1996; Levin & Nolan, 1996; Wolfgang, 1995).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
10. Identifies initiators	A <b>low</b> score is given if the teacher ignores the	<b>Low</b> : The teacher says to a disruptive student, "Come on; let's get to
of disruptive	initiator(s) of disruptive behavior, or targets	work." In a moment, the student continues the disruptive behavior and
behavior	bystanders rather than the actual initiator(s) of the	the teacher does not intervene.
O low: does not	disruption; also mark this bubble if the disruptive	
identify initiators	student(s) does not respond to the teacher's	<b>Moderate</b> : Two students are socializing and ask a third student what
o moderate:	intervention.	he thinks. The teacher asks the first two students to find the answer to
identifies initiators		the next problem. The students do. Later in the class, the same two
	A <b>moderate</b> score is given if <u>several</u> disruptions	students resume their discussion and ask the third student a question.
• high: few or no	occur, but the teacher correctly identifies the	The teacher intervenes and stops the disruption. Along with these
disruptions	initiator(s) of disruptive behavior and those	disruptions, other disruptions occur.
	students respond to the teacher's intervention.	
(G , AMETER AL A , AL)		<b>High:</b> The high is distinguished from the moderate in that the same
(Supports UETS 3b., 3c., 3d.)	A <b>high</b> score is given if the teacher has <u>very few</u>	two disruptions as presented in the moderate example occur, but no
	or no disruptions and quickly halts the disruptions	other disruptions happen during the class.
	by identifying initiators.	NOTE TI:
		NOTE: This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Targeting the actual initiators of disruptive behavior demonstrates that the teacher knows what is going on throughout the classroom (Brooks, 1985). This principle has been dubbed "with-it-ness" which requires frequent eye contact and scanning of the group to communicate awareness (Kounin, 1970; Davis & Thomas, 1989). Effective teachers cite the specific offender and the rule, which has been broken (Emmer, Evertson, & Anderson, 1980). An important skill is the ability to spot misbehavior quickly and to identify the right student as the initiator. Kounin (1970) referred to this skill as "with-it-ness," a teacher knowing what's going on in all parts of the classroom all of the time and communicating this awareness to students. Stronge (2002) states that effective teachers have a heightened awareness of all actions and activities in the classroom.

## DOMAIN I: MANAGING THE CLASSROOM Managing Time and Routines

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
11. Uses management	The <b>no need for routines</b> response is marked	Routines include: collecting/distributing papers, reporting scores, taking roll,
routines	if management of the class did not require the	dividing into groups, handling transitions, taking the lunch count, lining up,
<ul><li>no need for</li></ul>	use of any routines.	moving to centers, raising hands, and getting needed materials, etc.
routines	A low goors is given if management routings	
O <b>low</b> : no routines used	A <b>low</b> score is given if management routines (such as collecting or distributing papers) do not exist or exist but lead to increased off-task	<b>Low</b> : Papers are given to one student who randomly distributes the papers, purposely not giving papers to some students, throwing the paper to others, etc. Students call out, "Where is my paper?" This takes five minutes and the
o moderate: routines require	behavior and wasted time.	teacher must get the handout for some students.
repeated instructions	A <b>moderate</b> score is given if management routines exist, but repeated explanations are	<b>Moderate</b> : The teacher explains to the students at the head of each row that they need to take a paper and pass the rest back. The teacher reminds
O high: students	required for the students to carry out those routines.	students several times to take one paper and pass the rest back.
follow routines efficiently	A <b>high</b> score is given if students follow classroom routines efficiently without	<b>High</b> : The teacher doesn't say anything but gives papers to the first student in each row, the papers are quickly distributed and each student is able to start working.
(Supports UETS 3c.) needing detailed explanations.	needing detailed explanations.	NOTE: Time spent in dealing with management routines (more than one minute) should be recorded as <b>Minutes of nonacademic time</b> , Indicator 13.
		This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Classroom rules establish standards for student behavior. They are essential for effective management. (Evertson, Emmer, Clements, & Worsham, 2000). Rules provide guidelines for appropriate behaviors so that teaching and learning can take place. Consequently, they need to be realistic, fair, and reasonable (Burden & Byrd, 1999). Procedures need to be well established so that students follow them without having to be told. This frees the teacher to devote energy to instruction. If procedures are poorly established, teachers must spend time and energy reminding students, for example, how to turn in their work, to wait for help until they are finished with another student, or to avoid disrupting the discussion to go and sharpen a pencil (Jacobsen, Eggen & Kauchak, 2002).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
12. Classroom	A <b>low</b> score is given if the teacher uses limited,	<b>Low</b> : Two students are talking in the back of the classroom and
management	negative, or ineffective management strategies. The	call out to two students in the hallway. The two students in the
O low: limited,	teacher ignores disruptive behavior that diverts student	hallway enter the classroom, which attracts the attention of six
negative, or ineffective	attention from an academic task. A low is also given if	more students in the classroom. The teacher ignores the disruption.
strategies	the teacher's interventions fail to stop the disruptive	
o moderate:	behavior or stop the behavior only momentarily.	<b>Moderate</b> : While working with a small group, the teacher stops instruction three times during class period to remind different
implements management	A <b>moderate</b> score is given if the teacher implements	students who are out of their seats talking loudly that it is a time to
strategies	management strategies and encourages learners to be	be working and not talking. In each case, the student who was
	engaged with the content. The teacher intervenes to	talking does not disrupt the class again.
O high:	manage the class and to deal with disruptive behavior.	tunning does not disrupt the stass again.
differentiated	The moderate score identifies the teacher who switches	<b>High</b> : During a discussion, which students are very interested in,
strategies/maintains	abruptly back and forth between instruction and	the teacher responds to a student's comment with, "That is a good
engagement	discipline. The interventions are successful in stopping	point. I appreciate your holding on to it until I called on you. What
	the behavior.	do you think would happen if" The teacher uses statements
The teacher utilizes positive		calling attention to positive behavior several more times during the
classroom management strategies including the resources of time,	A <b>high</b> score is given if the teacher uses differentiated	class period. This represents the teacher's proactive approach to
space and attention effectively.	management strategies or conducts the class with little	managing a situation where student behavior could interrupt
(UMIE 3.3)	or no need to apply any management procedures. If	learning.
(Supports UETS 3b.)	management procedures are used, they are minimal	
(Supports OL13 30.)	and preventative. The teacher reinforces appropriate	NOTE: This is a summary indicator.
	behavior by providing a model, explicit explanations of	
	expectations, etc. which are interwoven in the delivery	
	of instruction, maintaining student attention through	
	active engagement.	

REFERENCES: Successful teachers are unlikely to make management errors such as switching abruptly back and forth between instruction and discipline (Davis & Thomas, 1989). Effective classroom managers are able to increase student engagement in learning and make good use of every instructional moment. Effective teachers manage and attend to the needs of all students within the classroom (Stronge, 2002). Brophy (1997) found that teachers who approached classroom management as a process of establishing and maintaining effective learning environments tended to be more successful than teachers who placed more emphasis on their roles as authority figures or disciplinarians.

### DOMAIN I: MANAGING THE CLASSROOM Managing Time and Routines

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
13. Minutes of	Record the number of minutes lost to	Nonacademic time can be tracked in the <b>Notes</b> section or tallied, by the
nonacademic time	nonacademic activities during the	minute, in the box next to the indicator on the observation form. At the end
	observation.	of the observation, all nonacademic time is totaled and the appropriate
		bubbles marked. <u>DO NOT</u> subtract minutes of nonacademic time from
	Nonacademic activities include socializing,	<b>Time in Class</b> on the front of the form.
0123456	lengthy management routines, disorderly or	TALLY:
0023456789	disruptive transitions, extended disciplinary	After correcting an assignment as a group, the teacher takes five minutes to
	interruptions, and other halts in instruction.	call on students individually to report their scores. No assignment is given to
	If the majority of students are <u>not</u> engaged in	students to do during this time. Tally 5 <b>Minutes of nonacademic time</b> .
(Supports UETS 3d.)	an academic activity, nonacademic time is	
	recorded. Academic activities are defined as	The teacher stops instruction to remind a tardy student to be on time and spends two minutes reviewing the consequences of being tardy. Tally 2
	activities related to outcome measures. This	Minutes of nonacademic time.
	indicator is designed to measure how well	
	the teacher maximizes available time for	DON'T TALLY:
	instruction for the majority of the students.	After correcting an assignment as a whole group, the teacher initiates a new
		learning activity. As the students work, the teacher calls on individual
		students to report their scores. No <b>Minutes of nonacademic time</b> are recorded.
		A student enters the class late. The teacher continues the lecture. When the
		students have begun independent work, the teacher moves to the tardy
		student and quietly reviews the consequences of being tardy. No <b>Minutes of nonacademic time</b> are recorded.
		nonacademic time are recorded.
		NOTE: This is a summary indicator.
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REFERENCES: Academic Learning Time, defined as the time students are engaged with materials or activities related to the outcome being measured (usually achievement tests), is highly related to measures of student achievement (Berliner, 1984; Davis & Thomas, 1989). According to Stallings, 80% of class time should be spent in academic activities. Researchers have found that learners in classes with teachers who maximize the amount of class time used for instruction perform better than those in classes where less time is spent on instruction (Good & Brophy, 2000). In some classrooms, as much as 50% of available time is devoted to nonacademic tasks. This situation deprives learners of much time needed for working on academic tasks. It can have strong, negative, long-term influence on achievement (Armstrong, Henson & Savage (2001).

The teacher effectively structures, presents and conveys knowledge and skills, and monitors student acquisition of the knowledge and skills

- 14. Factual questions UETS 3b., 4a., 4c., 7b., 7d.
- 15. Explains academic concepts UETS 4a., 4d., 4e.
- 16. Demonstrates skills/procedures UETS 4a., 4c., 4d.
- 17. Illustrates relationships UETS 4a., 3d.
- 18. Emphasizes important points UETS 4a., 4d.
- 19. Reviews- UETS 4a., 5d.
- 20. Pre-assessment UETS 5a., 5d., 7c.
- 21. Advance organizer UETS 3d.
- 22. Teaching/learning strategies UETS 2e., 3e., 4d., 6b., 6c., 7d., 7g.
- 23. Structure and sequence of activities UETS 2e.
- 24. Energy and enthusiasm
- 25. Goals, objectives, and expectations UETS 2e., 4a., 4b., 6b.
- 26. Instructional delivery UETS 2e., 3e., 4a., 6b., 6c., 7g.
- 27. Higher-order questions UETS 2d., 3b., 3c., 4a., 4c., 7d., 7e., 7f., 7h.
- 28. Wait time UETS 2d., 3b., 7d., 7h.
- 29. Sustains interactions UETS 2d., 7d., 7h.
- 30. Task-oriented peer interaction UETS 6c., 7d.
- 31. Problem solving UETS 2d., 3b., 3f., 4c., 6d., 7e., 7f.
- 32. Cause-effect analysis UETS 2d., 3f., 6d., 7e., 7f.
- 33. Authentic learning experience UETS 2d., 3f., 4c., 6d., 6e., 7e., 7f.
- 34. Brainstorming and use of ideas  ${\tt UETS\,2d.,3f.,4c.,6d.,7e.,7f.}$
- 35. Prepares students for activities UETS 3d., 4e.
- 36. Supervises independent practice UETS 3d., 5a.
- 37. Correctives UETS 4e., 7c.
- 38. Monitors student performance UETS 5c., 7b.

## DOMAIN II: DELIVERING INSTRUCTION Developing Thinking Skills

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
14. Factual questions	The teacher asks factual questions to assess	TALLY:
	student learning.	Show me an AB pattern.
	A tally is recorded for each factual question	What is a denominator?
002345 0023456789	asked.	How many Justices are there on the Supreme Court?
The teacher uses a variety of questioning strategies to promote	Factual questions require that the student recognizes or recalls information such as facts,	Flash cards used may each be tallied as a factual question. If many are used as drill they may also count for <b>Guided practice</b> , Indicator 47.
engagement and learning. (UMIE 7.6)	definitions, names, details, etc. The questions deal with academic content, not procedures or personal experiences.	DON'T TALLY: How do we record patterns? (procedure)
(Supports UETS 3b., 4a., 4c., 7b., 7d.)	If the teacher asks the <u>same</u> factual question to	What is something you are afraid of? (personal experience)
	several different students, one after the other, tally the question once.	What do you need to do when you know you are going to miss a test? (procedure)
	Do not tally rhetorical questions.	How do species become extinct? (higher order)
		NOTE: Not every question asked during an observation period will be tallied. Some questions are neither factual nor higher-order. Also, if the content of the lesson is a procedure, e.g. the class rules, then questions about the procedure are treated as factual questions.

REFERENCES: Brophy and Good (1986) found that low-level or factual questions facilitate learning, even of higher-level objectives. Research indicates that effective teachers ask more questions than do those who are less effective (Eggen and Kauchak, 1997; Hamilton and Brady, 1991; Pratton and Hales, 1986). If the goal is fact-level learning, a high percentage of low-level questions are appropriate. For more complex goals, higher-level questions are required. Students with limited backgrounds about a topic should be asked many low-level questions, and the number of higher-level questions should increase as their background improves (Kauchak & Eggen, 1998). Good and Brophy (1997) found that a large number of questions is one indicator of active teaching and a well-organized and interactive lesson. Research reveals that questions should be asked at regular intervals and addressed to a large number of class members (Good & Brophy, 2000).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
15. Explains academic concepts  ①① ②②②④⑤⑤⑦⑧⑨  The teacher bases instruction on accurate content knowledge using multiple representations of concepts. (UMIE 4.1)  The teacher supports students in learning and using academic language accurately and meaningfully. (UMIE 4.2)  (Supports UETS 4a., 4d., 4e.)	An academic concept is a key idea students must understand to meet the objective of the lesson. The teacher models and teaches the language of the discipline and requires learners to correctly use and apply the language.  The teacher uses multiple representations and explanations. A tally is recorded each time the teacher explains an academic concept by defining it and by doing one of the following:  • providing examples and non-examples (what is and what is not)  • describing rules that apply  • pointing out distinctive attributes  • comparing and contrasting it with related concepts	TALLY: The teacher introduces the concept of symmetry by saying, "Symmetry is a balance of opposite parts in size, shape and position." The teacher then demonstrates how to determine whether a picture is symmetrical or asymmetrical by folding the picture and asking students if there is balance from one side of the fold to the other. Those that demonstrate balance are placed together in one category and those that are not balanced are placed together in another category.  DON'T TALLY: The teacher introduces the concept of symmetry by providing the definition. Then moves on without distinguishing it or describing the rules that apply to symmetry.  In a review the teacher asks a student to define symmetry and then moves on.  NOTE: Record only one tally for each academic concept presented.

REFERENCES: Teacher definitions of academic terms, accompanied by examples, non-examples, synonyms, and classifications are related to student achievement (R.C. Anderson, 1972; Johnson & Stratton, 1966). The lack of non-examples during instruction is related to incomplete concept learning (Tennyson, Woodley, & Merrill, 1972). When defining concepts, examples are most effective if they differ widely in variable attributes and non-examples are most effective if they exhibit a number of criterion attributes (Klausmeier, 1976; Klausmeier, Ghatala, & Frayer, 1976; Tennyson, Woodley, & Merrill, 1972). Research supports the value of examples in concept learning (Eggen & Kauchak, 2001). The use of non-examples is also important. By noting what positive examples have in common and contrasting them with negative examples, students are often able to figure out the essential characteristics for themselves (Jacobsen, Eggen & Kauchak, 2002). Research indicates that providing students with concrete examples to illustrate abstract ideas improves students' ability to understand those ideas (Eggen and Kauchak, 1997).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
16. Demonstrates	A tally is recorded each time the <u>teacher</u> does one of	TALLY:
skills/procedures	the following in presenting a skill or procedure:	The teacher demonstrates a strategy for editing written work for
0023456789	models the skill or procedure <u>students are</u> <u>expected to perform</u> OR	capitals, organization, punctuation and spelling by "thinking aloud" - that is, verbalizing the steps one goes through when making corrections on an example of writing for the class.
(Supports UETS 4a., 4c., 4d.)	<ul> <li>uses manipulatives, visual representations, or hands-on material to demonstrate a skill or procedure <u>students are expected to perform</u></li> </ul>	The teacher works a math problem on the board explicitly showing and explaining each step involved.
	The distinguishing feature of this indicator is that the teacher goes through the physical process of demonstrating a skill or procedure that students are expected to perform.	DON'T TALLY: The teacher explains two ways to approach choosing the answer to a reading comprehension exercise in a multiple choice format but does not guide the students through the process step by step.  NOTE: Demonstrating a skill/procedure may occur for the total class, groups or for an individual student.

REFERENCES: By modeling skills, teachers help students view the processes and products that they are expected to perform and produce. In a study of math classes, Good, Grouws and Ebmeier (1983) found that more effective teachers spent at least 50% of class time on demonstrations and guided practice. In modeling skills, the teacher explains the skill and demonstrates how it is performed, also called the development phase (Murphy et al, 1986), the presentation phase (Rosenshine, 1983), and input and modeling (Hunter, 1984). Effective teachers have two goals in explaining a skill; first, to enable students to understand the skill and how it works; second, to enable students to understand its usefulness and importance. In explaining a skill, the teacher describes what the skill is, how it is applied, why it is useful, and when it should be used. In modeling the skill, the teacher uses actual examples to illustrate the skill (Kauchak & Eggen, 1998).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
17. Illustrates	A tally is recorded each time the <u>teacher</u> illustrates	TALLY:
relationships	relationships by tying new information to concepts the students understand. This may be done by:	The teacher introduces adjectives and then identifies twenty adjectives in a poem the students have to read.
①① ②① ②② ③① ② ③ ⑤ ② ③ ⑤ ⑦ ⑤ ② Ø <td><ul> <li>providing multiple examples of the new idea</li> <li>presenting previously learned material in a new situation (e.g., creating a story from a list of vocabulary words)</li> <li>discussing subject matter as it relates to students' lives (e.g., working with fractions in a cooking context)</li> <li>explaining the subject matter in a context beyond the school (telling a story, which illustrates how the concept applies to life)</li> </ul></td> <td>In a writing activity where the goal is to clearly report on a topic in memo format, the teacher explains why and how memos are used in business.  The teacher introduces subtraction with decimals and then helps students make the connection between subtraction of decimals and receiving correct change in a transaction.  The teacher uses the internet as a research tool for historical or current events.  DON'T TALLY: The teacher shows students how to derive the area of a square. The students then figure the area of five different squares.</td>	<ul> <li>providing multiple examples of the new idea</li> <li>presenting previously learned material in a new situation (e.g., creating a story from a list of vocabulary words)</li> <li>discussing subject matter as it relates to students' lives (e.g., working with fractions in a cooking context)</li> <li>explaining the subject matter in a context beyond the school (telling a story, which illustrates how the concept applies to life)</li> </ul>	In a writing activity where the goal is to clearly report on a topic in memo format, the teacher explains why and how memos are used in business.  The teacher introduces subtraction with decimals and then helps students make the connection between subtraction of decimals and receiving correct change in a transaction.  The teacher uses the internet as a research tool for historical or current events.  DON'T TALLY: The teacher shows students how to derive the area of a square. The students then figure the area of five different squares.

REFERENCES: By illustrating relationships between subject matter the teacher helps students gain a deeper understanding of the concepts. Learning and memory are increased through associations and by relating new ideas to past knowledge and experience (Wittrock, 1986). Improving comprehension in learners involves helping them see the relationships between or among parts (Wittrock, 1986). Linden and Wittrock (1981) taught elementary children how to relate texts to their own experience and knowledge. These students scored much higher on reading comprehension tests than students who did not know how to make such connections. Dooling and Christiansen (1977), Pichert and Anderson (1977), and Au (1977) derived similar results. Paris, Lindauer, and Cox (1977) found that children who were taught how to construct stories out of sentences they learned demonstrated greater comprehension of those sentences. Wang and Walberg (1985) cited good examples and skills taught through meaningful application as highly important variables for learning.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
18. Emphasizes	A tally is recorded each time the teacher alerts	TALLY:
important points	students to an important part of the lesson by:	"Keep in mind the order of operations when solving this
	<ul><li>saying "this is important", "listen</li></ul>	problem."
00	carefully", "remember this", "get this",	
0023456789	"learn this", etc.	"Make sure you reference the evidence in the articles, as well as
	<ul> <li>underlining important points or</li> </ul>	provide an argument and counterargument in your essay."
(Supports UETS 4a., 4d.)	highlighting by drawing or posting	DONUT TALLY.
(Supports 5215 i.m., i.m.)	information	DON'T TALLY:
	<ul> <li>drawing attention to key points by</li> </ul>	"It's important that everyone have a piece of paper," (a
	repeating them throughout the lesson	procedure).
	• using a PowerPoint presentation that	NOTE: <b>Emphasizes important points</b> is recorded when the
	highlights important points	teacher focuses student attention on important points of the
	Tally once per important point. If the teacher reiterates the	lesson rather than simply gaining the attention of the students,
	same point several times (to emphasize it), only tally the	which is recorded as <b>Gets student attention</b> , Indicator 41.
	point once.	
	Important points are points of the lesson, not important	
	parts of classroom procedures.	

REFERENCES: Mayer (1983) found that repetition of important points was highly related to student achievement. Student achievement gains also correlate positively with detail and redundancy in teacher explanations (Rosenshine, 1983). During the lesson the teacher needs to emphasize the key points of the lesson. At the end of the lesson, the main points should again be summarized either by the teacher or students. Teachers should build a certain amount of redundancy into the lesson in the form of repeating and reviewing general rules and key concepts in order to facilitate student retention and understanding of the topic. This is important for more demanding topics or rules (Muijs & Reynolds, 2001).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
19. Reviews	A tally is recorded each time the teacher reviews or summarizes	TALLY:
0023456789	concepts or skills of a previous lesson or the current lesson. A tally is recorded <u>per review</u> or summary rather than <u>per item</u>	"In language arts today we learned about the 'at' (chunk) words. Who can tell me a word with an 'at' chunk in it?"
(Supports UETS 4a. 5d.)	A review is examining the lesson, discussion, etc. again. A summary is to reduce the lesson, discussion etc. to a few concise words.	"Yesterday we discussed the order in which ingredients are combined to make muffins. Who can tell me which ingredients we mix together first? What is mixed together next?" etc.
	Reviews and summaries are conducted to help students remember concepts, information, etc., that have already been taught.	DON'T TALLY: "Yesterday we learned how to multiply polynomials, today we will divide them." The teacher proceeds with the lesson.
	This may be done by:  • involving the class in recalling or discussing the content OR  • the teacher providing the review	NOTE: <b>Reviews</b> may also be <b>Pre-assessments</b> , Indicator 20.
	Reviews or summaries may take place at the beginning, in the middle, or at the end of a lesson.	
	A tally is <u>not</u> recorded for merely referring to the current or previous lesson.	

REFERENCES: A review involves reteaching and is intended to reinforce previously learned material and to give new meaning to the material. Reviews can be in the form of summaries at the end of a lesson, unit or term; quiz games; outlines; discussions; questioning sessions. Daily reviews at the start of a class help teachers determine if students have the necessary pre-requisite knowledge or skills for the lesson (Burden & Byrd, 1999). Weekly and monthly reviews help check student understanding, insure that the necessary prior skills are adequately learned, and also check on the teacher's pace (Rosenshine, 1986).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
20. Pre-assessment	Yes is marked when the teacher determines if students	Yes: Before reading a book on plants in guided/shared reading, the
o yes	have the prerequisite skills and/or knowledge for	teacher has students fill out a chart for what they already know
O no	understanding new concepts, materials, or tasks before introducing them.	about plants.
(Supports UETS 5a., 5d., 7c.)	The pre-assessment may take one of many forms:  • an oral question/answer period	<b>Yes</b> : Prior to introducing subjects and predicates, the teacher shares several sentences and asks the students to identify the nouns and verbs in the sentences.
	<ul><li>a written test</li><li>completion of a written assignment</li></ul>	<b>Yes</b> : Prior to choosing a woodworking project, the teacher asks the students to identify the "hardness" of each type of wood and what types would be useful for what kinds of projects.
	The pre-assessment may be administered to the entire	types would be useful for what kinds of projects.
	class, groups, or individuals. The teacher must check for prerequisite knowledge and skills before	<b>No</b> : The teacher starts a new lesson without checking for student prerequisite knowledge.
	introducing new ideas that require prerequisite knowledge.	NOTE: <b>Pre-assessment</b> may also be <b>Reviews</b> , Indicator 19.
	<b>No</b> is marked if the teacher does not conduct a preassessment.	

REFERENCES: Pre-assessments are used prior to introducing new content in order to reveal students' prerequisite skills. Effective teachers try to prevent errors and misconceptions by assuring that students demonstrate "mastery of the critical prerequisite skills" before presenting new material (Hofmeister & Lubke, 1989). "An inappropriate curriculum will cause low success levels" (Davis & Thomas, 1989). Effective teachers attempt to understand "students' thought processes" (Knight & Waxman, 1991; Pressley, Goodchild, Fleet, Zajchowski, & Evans, 1989). The purposes of pre-assessment are to determine if students have the prerequisite skills and to establish whether or not students have already mastered the lesson's objectives. The teacher finds out what students already know and adapts the instruction accordingly (Jacobsen, Eggen & Kauchak, 2002). Pre-assessment can help teachers gauge students' prior knowledge of the material so that the teacher can take into account the abilities of their students and the students' strengths and weaknesses as well as their interest levels (Stronge, 2002).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
21. Advance	Yes is marked if the teacher provides a brief	Yes: Before reading a mystery, the teacher explains to the class that they
organizer	overview of the lesson that helps students	will read the mystery together, answer questions about the content of the
o yes	anticipate what they will be learning, informing them where the lesson is going.	story as a class, and then break into small groups to write a two page critique of the mystery.
O no	them where the resson is going.	critique of the mystery.
(Supports UETS 3d.)	This may consist of an overview of the new material, relating it to previously learned material or a preview of the lesson content that includes general principles, an outline, or questions which helps prepare students for learning.  The advance organizer may be stated, posted, handed out to students, or a combination of these.  No is marked if the teacher does not provide an advance organizer.	Yes: Before describing twenty penalties that can occur during hockey games, a P.E. teacher tells the students, "Today we are going to discuss the difference between minor and major penalties. I will describe 15 minor penalties and five major penalties. At the end of the period, I will show you twenty slides and ask you to name the penalty illustrated and state whether it is major or minor."  Yes: The teacher discusses the qualities of what makes a good friend before having the students rate the importance of specific friendship qualities and then writing a classified advertisement for a friend.  No: The teacher states, "Yesterday, we talked about igneous rocks, today we will talk about sedimentary rocks."  NOTE: In some instances, an Advance organizer may also be a Teaching/learning strategy, Indicator 22 or Goals, objectives, or expectations, Indicator 25.

REFERENCES: Students who have partial or incorrect knowledge about content tend to recast new information they encounter to conform to their prior knowledge, unless teachers intervene to help students reconcile new and old information (Lysakowski & Walberg, 1983; Alvermann, Smith, & Readence, 1985). Effective lectures begin with advance organizers or previews that include general principles, outlines, or questions, which establish a learning set (Good & Brophy, 1991). Advance organizers can be used to introduce a lesson in the form of generalization, a definition, a story, or some information that enables the learner to relate the lesson materials to previous knowledge. An advance organizer provides an overview and focus. Advance organizers help students by focusing their attention on the subject being considered, informing them where the lesson is going, relating new material to content already understood, and providing structure for the subsequent lesson (Burden & Byrd, 1999).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
22. Teaching/learning strategies  o yes  no	Yes is marked if the teacher uses a teaching or learning strategy to aid students in acquiring and processing new information. Teaching strategies are tools used by the teacher during presentation of content material, which promote effective processing of information by the students. Learning strategies are techniques taught to students that can be used independently to promote effective processing of	Yes: Prior to a lecture, the teacher hands out an outline of the lecture with key words missing, tells the students to follow the outline during the lecture, and instructs students to fill in the blanks as each point is covered. (Teaching strategy)  Yes: Before students begin independent reading, the teacher reviews good reading strategies. The teacher then says, "Point to the beginning letter and get your mouth ready to say the sound." (Learning strategy)
(Supports UETS 2e., 3e., 4d., 6b., 6c., 7d., 7g.) (Supports UMIE 7.6)	No is marked for routine teacher lectures from a book or notes, or if the teacher does not use a teaching or learning strategy.  Strategies include: questioning to engage all learners in appropriately differentiated high-level learning, graphic organizers, study guides, outlines, class-wide peer tutoring, use of student projects, cooperative learning, self-monitoring, verbal rehearsal, mnemonics, work associations, key words, imagery links, note taking, use of interactive white board, response cards, video clips, etc.	Yes: After completing a lecture on the parts of flowers, the teacher says, "You can remember these parts by developing a mnemonic. Let's see if we can come up with one example together." (Learning strategy)  No: The teacher pulls out note cards prior to beginning a lecture and refers to the notes throughout the lecture to remember key points.  No: The teacher uses the scientific method in conducting an activity but fails to identify it as a strategy or to point out that it is a strategy that can be used over many activities.  NOTE: In some instances, a Teaching/learning strategy may also be an Advance Organizer, Indicator 21.

REFERENCES: Effective, experienced teachers are better able to apply a large range of teaching strategies and demonstrate more depth and differentiation in learning activities. Research indicates that instructional planning for effective teachers includes using advance organizers, graphic organizers, and outlines to plan for effective instructional delivery. Considering student attention spans and learning styles is important when designing lessons. Flexibility and adeptness with a variety of teaching strategies contribute to teacher effectiveness. Effective teachers are constantly searching for group instruction strategies that are as effective as one-on-one tutoring. Teachers who successfully employ a range of strategies reach more students because they tap into more learning styles and student interests. They can also use different strategies to ensure that concepts are well understood. Effective teachers routinely combine instructional techniques that involve individual, small group, and whole-class instruction. This allows them to monitor and pace instruction based on the individual needs of students. Strategies that promote achievement include direct teaching, guided and independent practice, concept mapping and graphic organizers (Stronge, 2002). Research indicates that a major difference between high and low ability students is their knowledge and use of learning strategies (Eggen and Kauchak, 1997).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
23. Structure and	<b>Yes</b> is marked if the structure and sequence of lessons is	<b>Yes</b> : The teacher moves from a description of igneous rocks to a
sequence of	such that the students master prerequisite concepts prior	description of sedimentary rocks by saying: "That completes the
activities	to moving on in the curriculum. The teacher checks that	description of igneous rocks. Who can tell me three characteristics
O yes	sufficient instruction has been given before the students	of igneous rocks?" On completing this activity, the teacher says
o no	are given practice activities. Students are informed about	"Now let's examine the second group of rocks, sedimentary
o no	where they are in the lesson and why. This may be done	rocks."
	through the use of transition statements.	
	NT : 1 1:0 /: /: /: '/' : '/1 /	Yes: A teacher leads a discussion about how Congressmen are
(Supports UETS 2e.)	<b>No</b> is marked if practice activities are given <u>without</u> <u>sufficient instruction</u> or if the majority of the students are	elected and then moves to directions on how to complete a mock election activity by saying, "That's the way Congressmen get
	unable to respond to questions or complete assignments	elected. Please look at the handout titled Mock Election, and we'll
	because they show signs of not understanding the	discuss our next activity."
	material (e.g. asking many questions about how to	discuss our next detivity.
	proceed, many students off-task, students saying they	<b>No</b> : The teacher says, "Yesterday we talked about igneous rocks.
	don't understand how, etc.).	Here is a worksheet on sedimentary rocks. You have twenty
	, ,	minutes to complete it."
		NOTE: This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Kallison (1986) found that making lesson organization and sequence explicit was positively associated with gains in achievement. Teachers highlighted the organizational structure of a lesson through transition statements. Rosenshine (1986a) found that effective teachers give more explanations and examples, check for understanding, and provide sufficient instruction before conducting guided practice or engaging students in independent practice. Hunter (1985) recommended that teachers closely analyze students' performance in order to appropriately structure and sequence activities. Lessons should have a clear structure so students can understand the lesson and how it relates to what they already know. Material should be presented in small steps matched to the students' level, which are practiced before going on to the next step. Teachers need to focus on one point at a time, avoid digressions and ambiguous phrases (Muijs & Reynolds, 2001).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
24. Energy and	A <b>low</b> score indicates a disinterested,	Low: The lecture is memorized and delivered in monotone punctuated
enthusiasm	delivery with speech patterns that are not	by sighs and lengthy pauses.
<ul><li>low: disinterested delivery</li><li>moderate: some</li></ul>	cheerful or dynamic.  A moderate score indicates use of vocal energy with variations in speech and	<b>Moderate</b> : The use of vocal energy, enthusiasm, and displays of personal interest in the subject is demonstrated by the teacher during the observation.
energy and enthusiasm  • high: very	occasional use of body language.  A high score indicates energetic and	<b>High</b> : The teacher's voice shows surprise, suspense, joy, and other feelings. The teacher makes material interesting to students by relating it
energetic and enthusiastic	enthusiastic speech, varied and dramatic body movements, or clearly discernable interest in the subject matter.	to personal experiences, showing a sincere interest in the subject, and displaying vigor and a dynamic voice throughout the observation.
	, and the second	NOTE: The focus of this indicator is on the energy and enthusiasm of the teacher not the enthusiasm level of the students.
		This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: When teachers are enthusiastic about their subject matter, students are more likely to pay attention and develop enthusiasm of their own. Ultimately they are also more likely to achieve at higher levels (Rosenshine, 1970; Rosenshine & Furst, 1973). Teacher enthusiasm has been related to higher achievement (Good & Brophy, 1997). Enthusiasm has two important dimensions: interest and involvement with the subject matter, and vigor and physical dynamism. Enthusiastic teachers are often described as stimulating, dynamic, expressive, and energetic. Enthusiasm can be conveyed in a variety of ways: gestures, eye contact, voice inflection, and movement round the room. A teacher who is enthusiastic in the classroom often manages to develop enthusiastic students (Burden & Byrd, 1999).

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<ul> <li>25. Goals, objectives, or expectations</li> <li>low: no statement of goals, objectives, or expectations</li> <li>moderate: states goals, objectives, or expectations</li> <li>high: relates activities to goals, objectives, or expectations</li> </ul> (Supports UETS 2e., 4a., 4b., 6b.)	A goal is a broad, long-term aim. An objective is a short-term step necessary for reaching the goal. An expectation is the standard that must be met for the objective or goal to be accomplished.  A low score is given if the teacher fails to state or write the goals, objectives, or learning expectations of a lesson.  A moderate score is given if the teacher states or writes the goals, objectives, or learning expectations of the lesson.  A high score is given if the teacher explicitly states the goals, objectives, or expectations and relates the goals or objectives or expectations to the learning activity.	Goal: When we finish this unit we will be able to solve story problems with distracters. Goal: We are beginning our discussion on World War II today. When we finish, you will be able to identify the causes and effects of this war on the history of the world.  Objective: Our first step will be identifying the operation we should use (add, subtract, multiply, divide) to solve a story problem. Objective: Today we'll begin by focusing on the events that caused the war.  Expectation: Before we move on to the next step, each of you will be able to correctly identify the operation in four story problems within three minutes. Expectation: By the end of the week you all will need to submit and have "passed off" an essay describing three events that led to the war and in what way they contributed to the war starting. I'll give you more details on how to do this at the end of the period.  Low: No goal, objective, or expectation stated  Moderate: The teacher has an "I Can" statement written on the board such as, "I can solve multi-step word problems." During the lesson, the teacher only provides examples that are single step in nature.  High: The teacher shares the goal, objective, or expectation with the students, all of the activities in the lesson support the objective, and the teacher refers to the objective throughout the lesson.  NOTE: This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Students should be accountable for being involved in lessons and learning all the material. It is helpful to ask a question or require the students to periodically make some kind of response (Good & Brophy, 1997). Informing learners of the objective early in the lesson helps them organize their thinking in advance of the lesson by providing "mental hooks" on which to hang the key points. The best way to communicate the objective is to provide examples of tasks that the teacher expects students to be able to perform after the lesson (Burden & Byrd, 1999). Explaining the objectives to the students provides a "road map" for them and gives them a better idea of what to expect during the lesson. This enables the students to see how ideas are interrelated (Borich, 1996; Jacobsen, Eggen, & Kauchak, 1993). Students are more likely to stay on task when they are held academically accountable for their work. (adapted from Emmer et al. (1997), Evertson et al. (1997), and Jones and Jones (1998).

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26. Instructional delivery	A <b>low</b> score is given if the teacher has difficulty conveying concepts or conveys inaccurate content or	<b>Low</b> : Most of the elements of instructional delivery are missing or presented haphazardly.
<ul> <li>low: difficulty conveying content information</li> <li>moderate: basic instruction or integration</li> <li>high: integrates elements of instruction</li> </ul>	information. The teacher does not integrate elements of instructional delivery or the amount of instruction observed is inadequate as indicated by the inability of students to begin or complete tasks.  A moderate score is given if the teacher demonstrates knowledge in the content and teaches the basics of the discipline. The teacher integrates only some elements of instructional delivery.	Moderate: Instruction provided by the teacher is minimal. Only one or two examples are given before students are expected to work independently. The pace of the lesson may be too fast or too slow based on the needs of the students.  High: Presentation of academic concepts is clear. Key
The teacher bases instruction on accurate content knowledge using multiple representations of concepts. (UMIE 4.1)  (Supports UETS 2e., 3e., 4a., 6b., 6c., 7g.)	A high score is given if the teacher helps to deepen learners' understanding by designing learning experiences where learners evaluate, create, and think critically about the content. The teacher integrates the elements of instructional delivery. The lesson is related to objectives. Throughout the lesson the teacher explains key concepts and reviews main ideas and subparts as appropriate. Examples and demonstrations are used when necessary to enhance student understanding. Activities used help the students understand the objective of the lesson.	points are emphasized and examples offered. The teacher may use outlines or overviews to structure the lesson. The activities help the students accomplish the objective of the lesson. The observer and students know what is being taught and why.  NOTE: Elements of instructional delivery include: goals, expectations, questions, demonstrations, applications, reviews, etc. Reviewing Indicators 14–25 may be used to inform this decision.  This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Effective teachers provide very clear and explicit directions, instructions, questions, and expectations so that the students know what is expected of them (Burden & Byrd, 1999). To be clear, Borich (1996) suggests that teachers: (a) inform learners of the objective (b) provide advance organizers (c) check for learning and reteach if necessary (d) give directions slowly and distinctly (e) know the ability levels of students and teach to those levels (f) use examples, illustrations, and demonstrations to explain and clarify (g) provide a review or summary of important points. According to Stronge (2002), "effective communication in teaching requires teachers to clearly understand subject matter and how to share that subject matter with students in a way that they come to own it and understand it deeply.

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REFERENCES: Asking higher-level questions that required students to interpret and evaluate information resulted in greater student involvement in classroom activities (Ciardiello, 1986). Recent summaries of research reveal inconsistent results regarding the effects of higher-level questions on learner achievement (Good & Brophy, 2000). Research has now established that asking higher-level questions, by itself, does not ensure academic success. Learners must have the knowledge base necessary to engage in complex thinking skills. Whether higher level or lower level questions are "best" seems to be determined by variables associated with the particular goals established for a specific lesson and with variables related to the individual instructional context (Good & Brophy, 2000).

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28. Wait time	A tally is recorded each time the teacher asks a question or designates a task <u>and</u> pauses for at least three seconds <u>before</u> calling on a particular student to respond. The observer should note a silence following a question.	TALLY: Before posing a question, the teacher tells the students to raise their hands when they know the answer. After stating the question, the teacher waits until the majority of the students have their hands raised and then calls on a student to respond.
The teacher uses a variety of questioning strategies to promote engagement and learning. (UMIE 7.6)  (Supports UETS 2d., 3b., 7d., 7h.)	A tally is <u>not</u> recorded if students blurt out comments or the teacher rapidly calls on an individual student.	The teacher states the question and pauses before pulling a stick with a student's name to respond.  The teacher poses a question and asks students to write about their thoughts and ideas, waits to let them write, and then calls on students to share their ideas.  DON'T TALLY: The teacher calls on one student, poses the question and gives the student time to think before responding.  The teacher poses a question and some students immediately call out the answer.  NOTE: Wait time is counted for factual or higher-order questions but not for questions about procedure or personal experiences. Wait time may be counted when the teacher is asking students to demonstrate a task.

REFERENCES: Wait time and group alerting tactics increase student involvement in thinking processes. When teachers pause after stating questions (a form of wait time), students are encouraged to work through problem solving processes. The group alerting tactic is used when the teacher states a question or proposes an academic task before specifying who should respond; this increases student anticipation of their personal involvement, which boosts engagement rates. Feldman (2003) found that when wait time is expanded to three seconds, students answers became substantially longer and contained more examples of speculative thinking. Effective teachers wait at least five seconds after asking the question before calling on a student. The average teacher waits for less than one second before calling on a student or answering the question themselves (Burden & Byrd, 1999). Allowing call-outs can increase management problems and higher-achieving students can dominate the class interaction forcing reticent students out of participating (Kauchak & Eggen, 1998).

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29. Sustains interactions	A tally is recorded each time the teacher sustains	TALLY:
00 0023456789	dialogue with a student by asking follow-up questions about the student's contribution.	During a discussion of a book the class is reading the teacher asks, "If a house is not lived in for six months what happens to the floors and furniture?" A student replies, "It gets dusty." The teacher asks
The teacher uses a variety of questioning strategies to promote engagement and learning. (UMIE 7.6)  (Supports UETS 2d., 7d., 7h.)	A tally is recorded only if the teacher elicits continued participation by a student, not merely for every restatement of student responses. The sustained interaction may occur when the teacher is working with the total class, a group, or with a student individually.  No matter how many exchanges there are between the teacher and student, only one tally is marked for the interaction.	the same student, "Then what would the mice in this story need to do if they didn't want anyone to know they were living in the house?" The student replies, "Cover their footprints with dust." The teacher says, "Yes, what else would they do?" etc. (Mark one tally).  DON'T TALLY: The example is the same as above, except when the student says, "It gets dusty," the teacher replies, "Right" and then moves on to a different item.  A student asks the teacher, "Which is the denominator and which is the numerator?" After explaining the difference, the teacher asks the same student, "In this problem, which is the denominator and which is the numerator?" (The teacher must elicit the sustained dialogue.)  NOTE: When a teacher Sustains interactions by asking questions, the questions should also be tallied as Factual questions, Indicator 14 or Higher-order questions, Indicator 27, as appropriate.

REFERENCES: Teachers who sustain interactions with students by rephrasing questions or responses produce higher student achievement rates than those who do not (L.M. Anderson, Evertson, & Brophy, 1979; Clark & Elmore 1979). Sometimes a student's response is correct but is insufficient because it lacks depth. It is important for the teacher to have the student supply additional information to have better, more complete answers. This strategy is called probing. Probing provides an opportunity for the student to process information, to deal with the why, the how, and the basis for their answers (Jacobsen, Eggen & Kauchak, 2002).

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REFERENCES: Group work can be used to involve students in higher-level learning tasks such as problem solving or inquiry. The teacher must ensure that all members of the group participate; lower achievers or less aggressive students often defer to the higher achievers resulting in reduced involvement by less able students (Kauchak & Eggen, 1998). According to Kauchak & Eggen, Learning and Teaching, Research Based Methods (1998), "group work provides an effective strategy for promoting high levels of student involvement by engaging students in tasks to be solved in a group." When combined with skilled questioning, it can also help students develop social skills and promote the development of higher order thinking skills." Research on cooperative learning strategies indicates that cooperative learning produces cognitive, affective, and interpersonal benefits (Johnson & Johnson, 1994; Slavin, 1995). Slavin (1995) found that cooperative learning strategies can improve students achievement as a result of increased student motivation, greater time-on-task, and active involvement. He also found that students' self-esteem increased. When cooperative learning is used, students' initial learning, retention, and transfer of concepts tend to be higher than when students work individually (Johnson & Johnson, 1994; Johnson, Johnson, & Johnson-Holubec, 1990).

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31. Problem The teacher uses instructional strategies that solving incorporate higher-order thinking skills and	Vac: The teacher pages a problem about buying drinks for a class party. There
incorporate higher-order thinking skills and provides opportunities for learners to make decisions in various contexts.  Yes is marked if the teacher presents an activity in which a problem is posed. There the teacher supports the students through the process of identifying a solution or solutions. The support offered is some combination of the following:  (IMIE 7.2)  (Supports UETS 2d., 3b., 3f., 4c., 6d., 7e., 7f.)  (Supports UETS 2d., 3b., 3f., 4c., 6d., 7e., 7f.)  The teacher provides multiple opportunities for learners to make decisions in various contexts.  Yes is marked if the teacher presents an activity in which a problem is posed. There the teacher supports the students through the process of identifying a solution or solutions. The support offered is some combination of the following:  • providing additional instruction • giving cues (either visual or oral) • reframing suggestions for arriving at a solution • supplying additional questions to be considered • modeling  This support is temporary and is removed when the students show increased competency and self-sufficiency.  No is marked if the teacher asks a question, students respond, and the teacher confirms or disconfirms and then the cycle is repeated.  No is also marked if no problem-solving activity occurs during the observation.	Yes: The teacher poses a problem about buying drinks for a class party. There are 36 students and they have \$10.00 to spend. Given a price list, students will determine which options will meet their budgetary constraints. The teacher walks the students through the problem solving process, using questioning and prompts to help them come to a solution.  Yes: After learning distinguishing attributes of a variety of science samples the students are given unlabeled samples and have to determine what they are.  No: The teacher asks a student, "What is the circumference of the earth?" The student replies, "18,000 miles." The teacher says, "No." The teacher asks another student, "What is the circumference of the earth?"  No: The teacher assigns a worksheet with ten story problems. The students work through each with a partner.  No: In a cooking class the teacher hands students a recipe for making muffins. The students follow the recipe.  NOTE: Questions which lead students to analyze and problem solve can also be recorded as Higher-order questions, Indicator 27.

REFERENCES: Langer and Applebee (1986), and Palinscar and Brown (1984) have demonstrated that scaffolding techniques enable students to grasp solutions and, with practice, internalize the process. The procedures have been successfully applied in reading (Palinscar & Brown, 1986), composition (Scardamalia & Bereiter, 1984), and mathematics (Schoenfeld, 1985). Effective teachers stress the importance of higher mental processes, such as problem-solving techniques, analytical thinking skills, and creativity. These skills enable students to relate their learning to real-life situations and incorporate concepts into long-term memory (Stronge, 2002). When the teacher feels the students have a basic understanding of the skill, students are ready for teacher-directed practice. The teacher provides additional examples and gives student support to ensure that they can make progress on their own, referred to as *scaffolding* (Kauchak & Eggan, 1998). Other names for this phase include *monitored practice* (McGreal, 1985), *checking for understanding*, and *guided practice* (Hunter, 1984).

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32. Cause-effect	The teacher uses instructional strategies that	Yes: "What would happen if we didn't have rules in the classroom?"
analysis	<u>incorporate higher-order thinking skills</u> and provides	"What if we didn't have traffic laws in our state?"
O yes	opportunities for learners to understand and make	
$\circ$ no	inferences pertaining to cause-effect analysis.	Yes: "What factors motivated Iago to destroy Othello's life in
o no	Yes is marked if the teacher engages students in	Othello?" A discussion follows.
The teacher provides multiple opportunities for students to develop higher-order and metacognitive skills.	<ul> <li>an <u>activity</u> during which they:</li> <li>hypothesize about possible causes or potential effects of an action</li> </ul>	<b>Yes</b> : "If the train increased its speed to 80 mph what would happen?" The students make predictions.
(UMIE 7.2)	OR	No: "What are the rules in the classroom?"
(Supports UETS 2d., 3f., 6d., 7e., 7f.)	<ul> <li>predict the outcomes of variable inputs</li> </ul>	No: "What did Iago do to destroy Othello's life?"
	The teacher involves the students in viewing the situation as the result of complex cause-effect relationships.	<b>No</b> : "Increase the speed in this problem to 80 mph and find the answer."
	<b>No</b> is marked if no cause-effect analysis occurs during the observation.	NOTE: Questions that require students to analyze cause and effect can also be recorded as <b>Higher-order questions</b> , Indicator 27.

REFERENCES: The ability to perceive systemic change stimulates individual adaptability and initiative. When students visualize how occurrences contribute to society and how society affects them personally, they can more easily anticipate and cope with change. Such insights promote individual responsibility. If students are to become capable of consciously directing their lives, they must be exposed to the dynamics of their world through curriculum that reflects complex interrelationships of cause and effect (SCANS, 1992; Senge & Lannon-King, 1991; Forrester, 1990). Social, organizational, and technological systems determine trends in lifestyle opportunities. Through an understanding of systems, students can learn how to function within them including: distinguishing trends, predicting impacts, correcting malfunctions, and modifying and evaluating systems in relation to specified goals (SCANS, 1993). See also Schlicter, 1979; Taylor, 1967; Seghini, 1979.

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33. Authentic learning activity  yes  no  The teacher provides multiple opportunities for students to develop higher-order and meta-cognitive skills.  (UMIE 7.2)  (Supports UETS 2d., 3f., 4c., 6d., 6e., 7e., 7f.)  (Supports UMIE 6.1)	The teacher uses instructional strategies that incorporate higher-order thinking skills and provides opportunities for learners to demonstrate understanding utilizing one or more practical applications of the content.  Yes is marked if the teacher incorporates authentic learning experiences to ensure meaningfulness. The teacher provides students with an activity that applies learning to their personal experience, future lives, potential work situations, or real-world problems. This must be an extensive activity (exceeding 2 minutes) requiring students to apply the concepts they are learning to real-life situations.	Yes: After presenting how to find the area of a rectangle, a geometry teacher involves the class in measuring the room to determine how many square feet of carpet would be needed to re-carpet the floor.  Yes: After a discussion of the nutritional content of packaged foods, students are directed to study the labels of three food items at home and bring back the results.  No: The teacher demonstrates how to find the area, in square feet, of a rectangle. The students then practice finding the area of five other rectangles.
	<b>No</b> is marked if no application activity is provided during the observation.	

REFERENCES: Wittrock (1981) demonstrated that students learn more when they can associate new information with past experiences, meaning that if activities are related to their lives, students will learn more. In classes where future life opportunities as well as out-of-school applications and job-relevance of course content were discussed, students reported more independent learning, greater school enjoyment, and better peer relationships (IBRIC, 1984). Student background knowledge plays an important role in all types of learning. What students already know influences what and how much they will learn in the future (Ormrod, 1995). Stronge (2002) states that students have higher achievement rates when the focus of instruction is on meaningful conceptualization, especially when it builds on and emphasizes their own knowledge of the world. Researchers have consistently found improved learning to be associated with instruction that allows learners to engage in application activities (Good & Brophy, 2000).

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34. Brainstorming	The teacher uses instructional strategies that incorporate	Yes: The teacher asks students for words that come to
and use of ideas	higher-order thinking skills and provides opportunities for	mind when they think of spring. After a list is developed,
O yes	learners to develop multiple ideas regarding the content.	the teacher asks students to use the list to write a poem in
O no	Yes is marked if the teacher allocates time for one or more	iambic pentameter, which they had recently studied.
	<u>activities</u> where students express (orally or in written form)	<b>No</b> : The teacher asks students for words or phrases that
The teacher provides multiple opportunities for students to	many varied ideas. The activity can be structured (where the	come to mind when they think about their fathers. After
develop higher-order and meta-	students either take turns expressing alternative ideas or recording their individual ideas on paper) or unstructured	the list is generated, the teacher praises the students for all
cognitive skills.	(where students call out their ideas).	the excellent thoughts they contributed and then begins a
(UMIE 7.2)	(where students can out their racas).	lesson on math without any further reference to the word
(Supports UETS 2d., 3f., 4c., 6d.,	To receive credit, strings of student ideas must be compiled	list.
7e., 7f.)	and used to meet the goals and objectives of the class.	<b>No</b> : The teacher asks the students to recall all the facts
	•	they can about osmosis. The facts are written on the board
	<b>No</b> is marked if no brainstorming activity occurs or if the	as students say them.
	students generate a list of ideas, but these ideas are not compiled and/or used to meet the goals and objectives of the	NOTE: Student ideas collected during the brainstorming
	class.	must be utilized during the lesson.

REFERENCES: Innovation and creativity are vital to increasing productivity and standards of living. Consequently, innovation and creativity promote our economic well being (Reich, 1988). Also, organizational research indicates that when employers encourage workers to generate innovative ideas, worker satisfaction increases (Segal, 1992). By encouraging students to think creatively, placing value on student thoughts, and motivating students to evaluate their own ideas, teachers promote student ownership of education, which increases student responsibility and satisfaction. (See also Schlicter, 1979; Taylor, 1967; Seghini, 1979). Brainstorming is a technique used to elicit large numbers of imaginative ideas or solutions to open-ended problems. Students should be encouraged to expand their thinking beyond the routine sort of suggestions. After all the ideas are presented, the students then focus on evaluating solutions (Ornstein & Lasley, 2000).

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	<b>low</b> : The teacher tells the students to read the directions and complete ne assignment.
<ul> <li>low: no directions/no work</li> <li>moderate: states directions and understanding</li> <li>high: directions and understanding</li> <li>assignment or if there are no activities or assignments observed.</li> <li>A moderate score is given if the teacher states directions or demonstrates how to complete assignments or activities but does not check for understanding of the directions.</li> <li>A high score is given if the teacher states directions or demonstrates how to complete assignments or activities, specifies the completion time or date, and checks to make</li> </ul>	Moderate: The teacher demonstrates how to complete the assignment by ircling the adverbs in several sample sentences. The teacher asks, "Are nere any questions?" The students are then directed to complete the ssignment.  Iigh: The teacher demonstrates how to complete the assignment by ircling the adverbs in several sample sentences. A student is then asked to demonstrate and explain to the class how to do the first sentence. When the teacher feels the students know and understand the material, a use date is assigned.  IOTE: This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Teacher efforts to identify and help individual students who do not understand directions for activities correlate positively with student engagement (Doyle, 1985). Effective teachers show students how to do the task (Hines, Cruickshank, & Kennedy, 1985). More effective teachers prepared students for independent seatwork during guided practice and demonstration (Evertson, Emmer, & Brophy, 1980; Fisher et al., 1978). Successful teachers also had students work as a group on the first few seatwork problems before releasing them for individual seatwork (L.M. Anderson, Evertson, & Brophy, 1979). Successful independent practice requires both adequate preparation of the students, and effective teacher management of the activity. Neither preparation nor management alone is sufficient (Rosenshine & Stevens, 1986).

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36. Supervises independent practice	The <b>no independent practice</b> response is marked if no independent practice was observed.	If no independent practice is assigned during the observation, mark <b>no</b> independent practice response for this indicator.
<ul><li>no</li><li>independent</li><li>practice</li></ul>	A <b>low</b> score is given when the teacher does not circulate among students during independent practice.	Low: The teacher assigns independent practice and then sits at the desk reading email.
O low: doesn't circulate	A moderate score is given when the teacher circulates, but does not assist any or only a few	<b>Moderate</b> : The teacher allows students to come to the table for help rather than circulating and assisting them in their seats. This results in a circle of students waiting for help.
o moderate: circulates, but limited assistance	students. A moderate score is also given if the teacher circulates, but does not check student work during individual or group work or if the teacher spends too much time with one student.	<b>High</b> : Several times during independent practice, the teacher circulates, checking student work.
<ul><li>high: circulates and assists</li></ul>	A <b>high</b> score is given when the teacher circulates to make sure the assigned work is	<b>High</b> : A teacher calls the majority of the students to the table individually to conference with them on their writing.
students	being done <u>and</u> inspects individual papers frequently, but does not limit assistance to a few students.	NOTE: During independent practice, students may be working either as individuals or in groups independent of the teacher.
(Supports UETS 3d., 5a.)		This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Circulating during seatwork and group work diminishes the opportunity for students to engage in off-task behavior and eliminates incentives for students to finish their assignments as rapidly as possible without regard to the quality of their performance (Berliner, 1986; Davis & Thomas, 1989). Teachers minimize disruptions and inappropriate behavior during seatwork and maintain engagement by actively monitoring seatwork but keeping individual contact to a minimum (Doyle, 1984, 1986; Berliner, 1984). Research indicates that interaction with individuals should normally be less than 30 seconds during seatwork (Rosenshine, 1983). Guidelines for successfully implementing seatwork come from a variety of sources (Anderson, 1985; Jones & Jones, 1998; Rosenshine & Stevens, 1986; Weinstein, 1996; Weinstein & Mignano, 1997). The following recommendations represent a synthesis from these sources: seatwork is intended to practice or review previously presented material; devote no more time to seatwork than is allocated to content development activities; give clear instructions, explanations, questions, feedback, and sufficient practice before the students begin seatwork; work through the first few problems together with the students before having them continue independently; circulate from student to student during seatwork, actively explaining, observing, asking questions, and giving feedback (Methods for Effective Teaching, 1999).

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37. Correctives	Mark <b>no correctives needed</b> if no incorrect student	Low: A student gives a wrong answer and the teacher says, "Does
o no correctives	responses were observed.	anyone else know the answer?"
needed	A <b>low</b> score is given if the teacher responds to incorrect	<b>Moderate</b> : The teacher gives a long, detailed explanation of how
O <b>low:</b> supplies answers	responses by giving the answer, calling on other students without clarifying the error, or not identifying	to work a problem when only a part of the solution was incorrect, or the teacher gives a prompt such as, "You'll get it right next
o moderate:	that the responses are incorrect.	time."
identifies misunderstandings	A <b>moderate</b> score is given if the teacher responds to incorrect responses by telling students what part of their	<b>High</b> : The student misspells the word "receive." The teacher asks the student what the rule is about 'i' and 'e' together. The student
<ul><li>high: gives prompts and reteaches</li></ul>	response is inadequate or giving nonspecific encouragement, long explanations, or inappropriate prompts.	says, "'I' before 'e' except after 'c'." The teacher says, "That's right. Now look at the way you spelled receive and tell me how you will change it."
(Supports UETS 4e. 7c.)	A <b>high</b> score is given if the teacher responds to incorrect responses by rephrasing questions, providing prompts to lead students to the correct answer, or briefly reteaching the material to those who don't	NOTE: In many instances, correctives will also be recorded in <b>Academic feedback</b> , Indicator 40. If no incorrect student responses were observed, then mark <b>no correctives needed</b> .
	understand while preserving the pace of the lesson.	This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: "Teachers who produced high academic achievement gains were more likely than other teachers to sustain the interaction with the original respondent by rephrasing the question or giving clues rather than terminating it or giving the answer or calling on someone else" (L.M. Anderson, Evertson, & Brophy, 1979; Clark & Elmore, 1979). Effective teachers provide supportive corrective feedback to incorrect student responses (L.M. Anderson, Evertson, & Brophy, 1979; Stallings & Kaskowitz, 1974; Stallings, 1978, Stallings, Needels, & Stayrook, 1979; Rosenshine, 1983). The importance of feedback, giving students information about the accuracy or appropriateness of a response, is well-documented (Weinert & Helmke, 1995). Stronge (2002) says that feedback is one of the most powerful modification techniques for increasing learning outcomes in students. Effective teachers provide feedback in a timely manner and ensure that it relates specifically to the criteria of the task. Studies found that the amount of time between the activity and the feedback has a critical effect on student achievement. The longer the delay in giving feedback, the less likely students will respond to the feedback and the less likely learning will be enhanced. Effective teachers provide feedback that is primarily corrective by providing specific explanations of what students are doing correctly, what they are not doing correctly, and how to fix it (Stronge, 2002). Kauchak and Eggen (1998) state that "the value of feedback and practice in improving learning is one of the most consistent findings from research on teaching" (Good and Brophy, 1997; Rosenshine and Stevens, 1986; Rutherford and Algren, 1990).

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38.	Monitors student	A <b>low</b> score is given if the teacher generally does	<b>Low</b> : The teacher moves through instruction without stopping to
	performance	not monitor student performance or	assess student understanding.
(Sup	<ul> <li>low: does not monitor</li> <li>moderate: monitors performance</li> <li>high: monitors and guides performance</li> </ul>	understanding.  A moderate score is given if the teacher monitors how well students are acquiring new knowledge and skills. The teacher actively observes the performance or understanding of most students, but feedback is lacking in depth.  A high score is given if the teacher monitors and actively guides student acquisition of new knowledge and skills by prompting, elaborating, or reteaching based on student performance. Through the monitoring of student performance, the teacher directs instruction to help all students achieve increased levels of performance and	Moderate: The teacher moves through instruction, stopping to assess student understanding. The teacher asks questions, scans the room, and generally assesses student performance, but does not provide guidance based on student responses. The teacher corrects students without prompting or reteaching.  High: The teacher moves through instruction, stopping to assess student understanding. The teacher asks questions, scans the room, assesses student performance, and provides guidance based on student responses. The teacher systematically checks on all students, prompting and reteaching as necessary, circulating, and engaging in one-to-one contacts with students about their work.
		understanding.	NOTE: This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: Effective teachers continually monitor understanding and performance of students. This may occur when the teacher asks specific questions or asks the students to summarize a particular point. The teacher reteaches any misunderstood aspect of the lesson. Teachers should not assume understanding if they ask broad questions such as, "Are there any questions?" nor should they assume understanding if only a few volunteers answer questions correctly. All students need to be monitored individually (Rosenshine, 1986a). When, after careful monitoring, the teacher discovers that many learners are not performing at an acceptable level, the teacher should stop the independent practice activity and engage in reteaching to clear up misunderstandings. Successful reteaching is tightly focused, dealing with only those points that seem to be causing problems for learners. Teachers whose classes are characterized by high percentage of academic learning time monitor learners carefully to ensure that the learners understand the lesson. These teachers frequently ask learners what they are doing and circulate through their classrooms as learners work on assigned tasks, providing corrective feedback to those students who are experiencing difficulties (Armstrong, Henson & Savage, 2001).

#### **DOMAIN III: INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS**

The teacher actively encourages all students to participate and gives students feedback about their performance

- 39. Student participation UETS 2a., 3d., 3f., 5b., 7h.
- 40. Academic feedback UETS 2d., 3b., 5b.
- 41. Gets student attention UETS 3d.
- 42. Encourages reluctant students UETS 2a., 7a., 7h.
- 43. Reinforces desired behavior UETS 3b., 3c.
- 44. Acknowledges learning efforts UETS 2a., 2d.
- 45. Student demonstrations of knowledge or skills UETS 2c., 3f., 4c., 6c., 6d., 7f.
- 46. Practices communication skills UETS 2e., 3f., 6d., 7d.
- 47. Guided practice UETS 7c.
- 48. Checks for understanding UETS 2e., 5c., 7b., 7c.
- 49. Learning environment UETS 7a.

### DOMAIN III: INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS Encouraging Participation

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
INDICATOR  39. Student participation  ①①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧①  ①①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧①  The teacher uses a variety of questioning strategies to promote engagement and learning. (UMIE 7.6)  (Supports UETS 2a., 3d., 3f., 5b., 7h.)	Actively engages all learners through questioning.  A tally should be made in the box each time the teacher initiates an interaction with a different student about the academic content of the class.  Each student is only counted once, following a first response to a teacher request verbally or with a demonstration.  Participation is counted only if it occurs as an individual; one student at a time. The teacher must initiate the interaction.  Record each new student who participates.	Participating in class may include individual responses to teacher questions, volunteered responses or comments, or demonstrating skills, etc. Choral and group responses are not recorded on this indicator.  TALLY: While circulating during independent practice, the teacher stops at Ana's desk to ask her what character she is writing about. The teacher has had no prior interactions with Ana during this class period.  The teacher asks, "Think of a word that starts with the letter 'b'." The teacher then calls on ten students, one after the other, to give a response to this same question. Tally this as ten student participations. (This counts as one tally under Factual questions, Indicator 14.)  DON'T TALLY: All students in a band class play a piece at the teacher's request. (This is not a one-on-one interaction.)  The teacher asks all students to turn to their neighbor and report three
		The teacher asks all students to turn to their neighbor and report three things they know about a bear's habitat. (Pair-shares are not a one-on-one interaction with a teacher.)  NOTE: The focus of this indicator is on the teacher interacting with students on a one-on-one basis.

REFERENCES: Teachers increase anticipation, interest, and interaction by engaging all students in class activity. This requires proposing thought provoking questions before designating who should respond and randomly selecting a variety of students to participate so that all students anticipate their personal involvement in the on-going activity (Kounin, 1970; Davis & Thomas, 1989). The time the students spend engaged in the teaching and learning activity is an important contributor to classroom success. To encourage student involvement in activities and lesson, effective teachers use varying strategies including calling on students in random order, providing any necessary additional clarification and illustration, and finding something positive to say when students do respond or interact. Teachers who use positive reinforcement are more likely to actively engage students in learning. Effective teachers vary instructional strategies, types of assignments, and activities to increase student involvement (Stronge, 2002).

### DOMAIN III: INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS Providing Feedback

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
40. Academic feedback	A tally is recorded each time the teacher provides academic feedback. This includes:  • acknowledgement of correct responses and strategies ("That's right," "Correct," etc.)  • providing short statements to students who are correct but unsure of themselves (e.g., "That's correct," "Good," etc.)  • briefly re-explaining the steps used to arrive at the correct answer or about specific strengths of the response  • correcting partially correct or incorrect responses	The teacher asks the students to complete the factoring of an algebraic equation. Larry is asked to write the equation and factor it on the board. Larry completes the problem writing the values for x and y in parenthesis. The teacher says:  TALLY:  "Okay. I can see where you are going with that. Good thinking!"  OR  "Larry you have completed the factoring correctly; however, there is something about the way you've written the values for x and y that is incorrect. Can you see it?"  DON'T TALLY:  "That's wrong. Can anyone else show us how to do it?"
	A tally is <u>not</u> recorded if the teacher responds to an incorrect response by saying, "That's wrong," "No", etc. and moves on. A tally is not recorded for "Okay," in response to a student's answer.	"Okay."  When the teacher repeats back exactly what the student said (parroting).

REFERENCES: Feedback is more likely to be effective when specific rather than global, and when used with dependent or anxious rather than confident students and when delivered in ways that focus attention on the content or accomplishment. During the initial stages of learning new material, student errors often stem from unclear ideas about facts or processes. Process feedback that shows the student how to achieve the correct answer is effective (Good & Grouws, 1977). Fisher and colleagues (1980) found that academic feedback was more strongly and consistently related to student achievement and learning than any other teaching behavior. Feedback on student performance should be constructive and prompt. A long delay between behavior (or performance) and results diminishes the relationship between them (Ornstein & Lasley, 2000). Research reveals that student ideas and contributions, especially when in the context of the naturally occurring dialogue of the classroom, are more strongly and consistently related to student engagement than simply approving a student's answer with "Good," (Good & Brophy, 1997).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
41. Gets student	A tally is recorded each time the teacher uses	TALLY:
attention	a technique or procedure to get students'	The teacher says, "All eyes on me, please," or "I need your attention," or
01	attention before proceeding with the lesson.	"Make sure you have your book open to"  The teacher uses nonverbal signals, such as raising a hand or waiting quietly
0023456789	The technique may be verbal or non-verbal. A	until students are quiet, as a means to get student attention.
	tally is only recorded if the procedure or	
	technique <u>increases student attentiveness</u> .	DON'T TALLY:
	_	The teacher says, "Larry, look at me."
(Supports UETS 3d.)		NOTE: In contrast to <b>Emphasizes important points</b> , Indicator 18, this indicator deals with student behavior. When the teacher stops instruction to gain student attention before going on, <b>Gets student attention</b> is tallied. When a teacher emphasizes a point of instruction to focus students, tally <b>Emphasizes important points</b> , Indicator 18.
		If a teacher uses a student's name to get that individual's attention, this is <b>Applies low-key tactics</b> , Indicator 9, <u>NOT</u> <b>Gets student attention</b> . If the teacher uses an attention-getting device repeatedly to <u>manage student behavior</u> , it is captured in <b>Applies low-key tactics</b> , not <b>Gets student attention</b> .

REFERENCES: Slavin (1997) defines attention as focusing on certain stimuli while screening out others. Securing and maintaining attention is an important responsibility. If students are not engaged in the learning process, it is unlikely that they will learn the material (Burden & Byrd, 1999). Students should understand that they are expected to give full attention to lessons at all times. According to Jones & Jones (1998), the following are approaches designed to secure the students attention and reduce distractions that might occur at the beginning of a lesson: select a cue for getting attention (verbal and non-verbal), do not begin until everyone is paying attention, remove distractions. Eggen & Kauchak (1997) group attention-getting strategies into four categories: physical, provocative, emotional, emphatic.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
42. Encourages reluctant students  ①① ①①②③④⑤⑦⑧⑨  (Supports UETS 2a., 7a., 7h.)	A tally is recorded each time the teacher recognizes a student who is not participating or volunteering comments and solicits that student's involvement in the lesson.  A tally is not recorded if the teacher is not patient and/or embarrasses the student while soliciting their involvement.	During a class discussion, the teacher recognizes that three students have not said anything.  TALLY: The teacher asks each of them what they think and provides prompts if necessary.  DON'T TALLY: The teacher says to the three, "Don't you have anything at all to contribute to this discussion?"  During seatwork, a student says, "I can't do this."  TALLY: The teacher helps the student break the task into smaller parts, makes sure the student understands the directions, or works through part of the assignment with the student.  DON'T TALLY: The teacher says, "If that assignment isn't done by the end of class, you'll have to do it after school."  NOTE: The same teaching behavior may be tallied as both Acknowledges learning efforts, Indicator 44 and Encourages reluctant students.

REFERENCES: Encouraging reluctant students communicates high expectations and provides more direct instruction. Low teacher expectations (expressed by requiring less work, extending fewer opportunities to practice new material, and interacting less with students) negatively impact student achievement (Good & Brophy, 1991). Effective teachers call on students whose hands are not raised to check their understanding and encourage their participation (Rosenshine, 1983). Brophy and Evertson (1976) assert that it is best to get reluctant students to respond and participate in any way possible. By calling on students who are not volunteering their comments, the teacher encourages shyer students to have more interaction and more practice (L.M. Anderson, Evertson, & Brophy, 1979). Research indicates that calling on non-volunteers can be effective as long as students who are called on can answer the question most of the time. It is unacceptable to embarrass them with their inability to answer the questions. Calling on non-volunteers increases the likelihood that low-achieving students will be included in the discussion and that the teacher will really see if students understand the material (Ornstein & Lasley, 2000).

## DOMAIN III: INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS Providing Feedback

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
behavior	A tally is recorded if the teacher offers <b>specific</b> praise to individuals, sub-groups, or the entire class to reinforce acceptable behavior. A tally is based only on specific statements about following rules or	TALLY: The teacher says to the class, "When we were walking back from recess, everyone stayed in a straight line and was very quiet. You were very well behaved "OR "Lappreciate that you have your
@QQ3 <b>4</b> \$6789	specific statements about following rules or procedures.  A tally is not recorded for general statements such as "Good job," or for academic praise.	were very well behaved," OR, "I appreciate that you have your notebooks open and ready to write."  The teacher says, "Good job, Tina. You brought your book today."  DON'T TALLY: The teacher says, "John, the time you spent on this assignment really shows. Your work shows you really thought about the assignment and took care in completing it." (Acknowledges learning efforts)  NOTE: Praise related to academic performance is recorded as Academic feedback, Indicator 40.  Statements that acknowledge students' learning efforts (rather than efforts to follow rules and procedures) are recorded as Acknowledges learning efforts, Indicator 44.

REFERENCES: Less effective teachers seldom provide clear feedback as to whether teacher expectations have been met (L.M. Anderson, Evertson, & Emmer, 1979). Praise regarding correct behavior is given by effective classroom managers (Evertson, Emmer, Sanford, & Clements, 1983). When used appropriately, teacher attention and praise can reinforce desired behavior by helping students to know that their efforts are seen and appreciated. This is especially likely if the praise is delivered in natural, genuine language that includes a description of the specific behavior being commended (Good & Brophy, 1991). Small, frequent rewards are more effective than large, infrequent ones. Praise is a particularly powerful reward, especially if delivered in a natural voice to students for specific achievements (Good & Brophy, 1997). Verbal praise is one of the most common forms of reinforcement. Teachers should use many different praise statements, including those that mention more specifically what the student did that was praiseworthy (Burden & Byrd, 1999).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
INDICATOR  44. Acknowledges learning efforts  ①① ①①②③④⑤⑥⑦⑧⑨  (Supports UETS 2a., 2d.)	A tally is recorded for each statement or nonverbal gesture a teacher makes to acknowledge or praise the effort a student has made in learning new material. The statement should help the student understand that effort, as well as ability, is linked to success. This may include a variety of verbal and nonverbal reinforcements.  A tally is not recorded for non-specific statements.	TALLY: Verbal reinforcements may include: "John, you accomplished a lot today. This was a difficult assignment and you stayed with it until you got it right." or "Sally, you worked very hard today. Your persistence really paid off."  Nonverbal reinforcements may include tangible reinforcers (e.g., a sticker, positive written comments, etc. which point out the student's effort) or the use of a student's work as an example of what can be accomplished when a student puts forth the effort.  DON'T TALLY: Non-specific statements such as "Good job," or "Nice work."  NOTE: Statements such as "Good job," or "Nice work," can be recorded as Academic feedback, Indicator 40, but are not tallied as Reinforces desired behavior, Indicator 43.  The distinction between Reinforces desired behavior and this indicator is that Reinforces desired behavior focuses on students following classroom rules and procedures, whereas Acknowledges learning efforts focuses on
		the student's persistence and/or effort.

REFERENCES: Students attend more fully in a positive learning environment. Responding positively to their efforts is one way to accomplish this. Positive and encouraging statements are important for all students (Burden & Byrd, 1999). Students who feel that they can master the required learning and succeed often stay on task and actually do succeed. Teachers can help build the confidence that success is possible by focusing on improvements, recognizing contributions, building on strengths, showing confidence in students, acknowledging the difficulty of a task, and focusing on past successes to point out things students do correctly (Burden & Byrd, 1999; Albert, 1989). One of the best ways to establish a positive learning environment is to respond positively to students' efforts. Teachers should make many more positive and encouraging statements than negative statements (Burden & Byrd, 1999).

### DOMAIN III: INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS Encouraging Participation

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	<b>EXAMPLES &amp; INSTRUCTIONS</b>
45. Student	Yes is marked if the teacher's role varies from	Yes: Student demonstrations may include working problems on
demonstrations	instructor to coach, facilitator, or collaborator to allow	the board, document camera, oral presentations, role plays, oral
of knowledge	students to share their knowledge or skills with others	explanations of solutions found, positions taken in a class
or skills	through some type of demonstration. The students	discussion, etc.
O yes	must perform a skill or give an oral presentation of	
O no	knowledge. Oral presentations may be prepared in advance or extemporaneous and should demonstrate the student's skills in integrating information and explaining it to other students.	<b>No</b> : Standardized tests, quizzes, written papers, and show and tell do <u>not</u> qualify as skill demonstrations. Brief oral responses to factual or higher-order questions do not qualify as oral presentations.
(Supports UETS 2c., 3f., 4c., 6c., 6d., 7f.) (Supports UMIE 7.1)	<b>No</b> is marked if there are no student demonstrations of knowledge or skills during the observation.	NOTE: Show and tell is recorded as <b>Practices communication skills</b> , Indicator 46.

REFERENCES: Student demonstration of knowledge or skills involves the student performing the skill or giving an oral presentation of knowledge. By performing skills or relaying information, students become aware of their abilities. Demonstrating skills and knowledge more thoroughly ingrains new concepts into the consciousness of learners, helping them to capture learning. "Hands on involvement is essential in internalizing ideas and establishing them as one's own mental modes" (Forrester, 1990, p.6). Rosenshine and Stevens (1986) found that student demonstrations improve learning because it allows students to practice the new skill in a controlled environment, allowing them to become more confident in the skill. It also allows the teacher to check for understanding and reteach if necessary. Two studies (L.M. Anderson, Evertson, & Brophy, 1979; Good & Grouws, 1979) found that in classrooms with more student demonstrations of knowledge, the achievement level was higher than in those with fewer demonstrations.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
INDICATOR  46. Practices communication skills  yes no no  The teacher supports and expands learners' communication skills through reading, writing, listening, and speaking. (UMIE 7.3)  (Supports UETS 2e., 3f., 6d., 7d.)	Yes is marked if the teacher teaches reading, writing, listening, and speaking skills for effective communication and promotes communication to further the understanding of content. The teacher provides opportunities for learners to initiate and sustain effective communication skills in one or more of the following ways:  • identifying and stating others' needs • restating the main points of an idea from a passage, text, or article, or expressed by another • role playing • descriptive activities (listing various ways to describe something, similes, comparisons, etc.) • expressive activities (show and tell, very important person, relating personal experiences, showing feelings or thoughts without words, describing a point of view, etc.) • engaging in negotiating processes  No is marked if communication is teacher	Yes: After a student gives an explanation of the water cycle, the teacher asks another student, "Will you please restate, in your own words, what Jo just said."  Three students role play the use of refusal skills after a lesson on tobacco awareness.  The teacher puts the students into pairs or groups for the specific purpose of discussing, convincing others, to articulate ideas, to plan how to present information to the class or another group, to negotiate, etc.  No: The teacher directs students to talk to one another for the last five minutes of class.  No: The teacher gives pairs of students a completely scripted role play to perform to each other without discussing any skill demonstrated in the role play.  NOTE: Not every peer interaction is an example of practicing communication skills. A primary purpose of any interaction recorded in this indicator should be to enhance communication skills.
	centered and communication skills are not taught, developed, or practiced during the observation.	

REFERENCES: In a society which hinges on relationships, communication skills are necessary for efficiency and individual fulfillment. Listening to and understanding what others say and do is very important (SCANS, 1993). Through communications activities, students learn that their peers possess valuable information and that knowledge can be acquired through personal relationships (SCANS, 1993; Marshall & Tucker, 1992). Marshall and Tucker (1992) state that the capacity to communicate effectively in work-groups, resolve conflicts, and assume responsibility, enhance the social and economic value of an individual. These skills help to diffuse conflicts, animosities, and ignorance in the work place and community (SCANS, 1993). An understanding of interpersonal dynamics allows students to become more flexible and interactive as they learn to understand the perspectives and ideas of others and to express their own ideas and feelings clearly.

## DOMAIN III: INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS Providing Feedback

REFERENCES: The effective teacher monitors student responses in order to ascertain whether students are performing successfully (Stallings & Kaskowitz, 1974; Rosenshine, 1983). Success rates should be 80% when practicing new material and above 90% when reviewing. In general, teachers should teach material in small steps in order to decrease errors and practice until over-learning occurs (Brophy, 1980). The purpose of guided practice is to supervise the students' practice of a skill and to provide the reinforcement necessary to progress new learning from short-term memory into long-term memory (Burden & Byrd, 1999).

### DOMAIN III: INTERACTING WITH STUDENTS Providing Feedback

	INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
48.	Checks for	Yes is marked if the teacher checks for understanding	This may include guided practice, choral responses, cooperative
	understanding	of information being presented. The teacher does this	student groups, etc.
	O yes	periodically during the delivery of material to	
	O no	determine whether adjustments need to be made in	Yes: After a discussion of important events in Beethoven's life and
	o no	pace, clarity, etc., to enhance student understanding.	on symphonies he wrote, the teacher asks the students to listen to
		Checking for understanding may be done by:	selected symphonies. The teacher asks students, "If the symphony
		• questioning	was written before Beethoven lost his hearing, put your thumbs up. If it was written after, put your thumbs down."
	ports UETS 2e., 5c., 7b.,	• brief written exercises which are immediately	it was written after, put your thumbs down.
7c.)		corrected	Yes: After a math lesson on odd and even numbers, the students do a
		<ul><li>choral responses</li><li>brief demonstrations by the students</li></ul>	pair share by organizing a list of numbers into odds and evens. The
		<ul> <li>brief demonstrations by the students</li> <li>breaking into groups to review the</li> </ul>	teacher circulates, checking the students' lists.
		information, etc.	, 6
		information, etc.	No: Credit is not given if the teacher asks general questions such as
		<b>No</b> is marked if the teacher only asks general	"Does everyone understand?" or "Are there any questions?" or if the
		questions, calls on volunteers, or does not check for	teacher <u>only</u> calls on volunteers.
		understanding during the observation.	NOWE WITH A
			NOTE: This is a summary indicator.

REFERENCES: It is important to check for student understanding throughout the lesson. The evaluation may include checking for comprehension by questions or activities in which the students are quizzed about the content of the lesson. Student responses will give feedback about student mastery and will help the teacher decide whether to continue with the lesson or reteach some part. Review questions at the start of a lesson also provide a gauge concerning student understanding (Burden & Byrd, 1999). A number of studies indicate that teachers who ask a large number of questions are more effective in obtaining student achievement gain (Wilen, 1991). Rosenshine (1983) also notes that checking for understanding requires a variety of questioning techniques and active student participation. The <u>wrong</u> way to check for student understanding is to ask few questions, call on volunteers, or ask "Are there any questions?" (Rosenshine, 1983).

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**Encouraging Participation** 

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR OBSERVERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
49. Learning environment	A <b>low</b> score is given if the teacher says or does anything to embarrass a student or if the environment is such that there are limited opportunities for students to interact with the	<b>Low:</b> The teacher tells the students to work independently for the full class period. The students are reminded not to talk to one another or to get out of their seats. The teacher remains in the
o <b>low:</b> low or ineffective interaction	teacher or other students on academic tasks.  A moderate score is given if there are opportunities for	back of the room working on the computer.  Moderate: The first 20 minutes of a class the teacher lectures
<ul><li>moderate:</li><li>limited</li><li>interaction</li><li>high: high</li><li>student</li></ul>	students to interact with the teacher or other students on academic tasks. The majority of the students are interested in the task and eager to participate.  A high score is given if there are many observed interactions between the teacher and students, or between	on the solar system with little student interaction. This is followed by ten minutes of independent work with little teacher interaction. The last ten minutes of class the students spend in cooperative groups. There are interactions among students, but few between the students and the teacher.
interaction (Supports UETS 7a.)	students on academic tasks, and the majority of the students are very interested in the task and eager to participate. The teacher attempts to interact with each student, and the students are focused on the task.	<b>High:</b> The teacher leads a discussion during the class in which the majority of the students participate several times, responding to the teacher's questions and to points raised by other students. OR
	Types of interaction are: instruction/explanation, discussion/review, reading aloud, practice/drill, etc.	After a short discussion, the teacher puts the students into groups where there are many interactions among students and between the students and the teacher.
		NOTE: This is a summary indicator. <b>Task-oriented peer interaction</b> , Indicators 30 and <b>Student participation</b> , Indicator 39 may be used to inform this decision.

REFERENCES: Tobin and Fraser (1987) found that exemplary teachers maintained a favorable classroom learning environment. Students learned in environments that were safe (the teachers did not embarrass the students), interactive (the teachers maximized the involvement of students by encouraging participation), and positive (teachers were sensitive to the needs and feelings of students). The effective teacher will create an environment where all ideas are welcome and where students can give and receive constructive criticism in a supportive climate (Borich, 1996; Jacobsen, Eggen, & Kauchak, 1993). A good learning climate is warm, supportive, pleasant, encouraging, and helpful. Such a climate encourages work and promotes a sense of enjoyment and accomplishment for everyone (Charles, 1996). Research indicates that academic achievement and student behavior are influenced by the quality of the teacher-student relationship (Jones & Jones, 1998). Slavin (1997) states, "Love of learning, confidence in learning, and cooperative attitudes are important objectives that teachers should have for students."

#### **DOMAIN IV: PLANNING**

The teacher plans to maximize academic learning time and to monitor and adjust instruction based on student needs

- 50. Rules and consequences UETS 3
- 51. Learning goals UETS 6
- 52. Varied assessments UETS 5
- 53. Feedback UETS 5
- 54. Assessment of student performance UETS 5
- 55. Cross-disciplinary instruction UETS 6
- 56. Learning differences UETS 2
- 57. Student-directed learning UETS 1
- 58. Technology and resources UETS 7
- 59. Plans for substitute

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
50. Rules and Consequences  The teacher works with	Not Effective: The teacher is unable to show a daily schedule or evidence of written rules, classroom routines, expectations, and procedures. The learning	Not Effective: No schedule evident Limited classroom management strategies Disorganized learning environment Negative or ineffective strategies
learners to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, positive social	environment is disorganized; room arrangement does not allow for easy transitions or circulation.  Management strategies are negative or ineffective.  Minimally Effective:	Minimally Effective: A daily schedule is evident Classroom rules, expectations, and procedures are in place Provides opportunities for learners to interact with others Positive classroom management strategies Organized learning environment
interactions, active engagement in learning, and self-motivation. (UETS 3)  The teacher develops learning experiences that engage and support students as self-directed learners who internalize classroom routines, expectations, and procedures. (UMIE 3.1)	A daily schedule is evident, and the teacher shows written rules and how they have been presented to one class. Rules may be for how students are to act in the class or for academic expectations. The teacher shows expectations that include consequences for following and breaking class rules. These consequences correspond to the rules presented. The teacher demonstrates that students have acknowledged rules and consequences for the class. Evidence shown must be for the current academic	Rules: The teacher presents an example such as a written list of the rules, a poster of rules, a pictorial representation of the rules, or a disclosure statement including rules for behavior or academic expectations.  Expectations: The teacher presents an example such as a written list of consequences for both following and breaking class rules, a poster of the consequences, a lesson plan listing consequences and how they are presented to students, or a disclosure statement including consequences (consequences may be academic consequences such as a deduction of points for late assignments), etc.  Acknowledgement: The teacher presents an example such as a list of rules and consequences with student signatures (e.g., a "Bill of Rights"), a sheet of paper with student signatures indicating they have heard rules and consequences, a signed disclosure statement, a poster of rules with student signatures, a quiz or assignment on rules and consequences which includes a student's name, a signed note from home saying the parents went over the rules and consequences with their child, etc.
(Supports UMIE 3.2)  □ Not Effective	Effective: All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the teacher shows a plan of how management strategies	Effective: Differentiated management strategies Student involvement  Differentiated Management Strategies: The teacher presents a plan showing how management strategies are differentiated for individuals and/or groups of students.
☐ Minimally Effective	are differentiated for individual students, <u>and</u> shows evidence of the roles/responsibilities students play in	Strategies may include seating arrangements, groupings of students, point systems, behavior charts/contracts.
☐ Effective	the classroom structures and systems.  Highly Effective:	<b>Student Involvement:</b> The teacher presents evidence of student roles/responsibilities such as a list of student assignments for classroom jobs, routines, or procedures OR a plan of student participation in the creation of rules, consequences, or classroom management plan.
☐ Highly Effective	All the requirements of effective, and the teacher shows classroom-based data regarding student behavior used to make informed modifications to the learning environment.	Highly Effective: Collects and analyzes classroom-based data on student behavior Classroom-based Data: The teacher presents data collected regarding student behavior and how the data has been used to make modifications to the learning environment.  et rules (Emmer, Evertson, & Anderson, 1980; Sanford & Evertson, 1980; Evertson & Emmer, 1982).

REFERENCES: Effective classroom managers post rules for student behavior and devote time to explaining those rules (Emmer, Evertson, & Anderson, 1980; Sanford & Evertson, 1980; Evertson & Emmer, 1982). Effective managers specify and give reasons for consequences when classroom rules are broken (Evertson, Emmer, Sanford, & Clements, 1983). More effective rules delineate both positive and negative behaviors in order to encourage students to act appropriately, instead of merely discouraging them from acting inappropriately (What Works, 1987). Students must know the consequences of following behavioral rules and know that the consequences will be applied. Rules should be consistently enforced according to the pre-determined consequences. Effective classroom managers also involve parents in improving the behavior of certain students. The probability of disruptive behavior decreases when teachers set definite behavior limits and clear standards for student behavior (Sanford & Evertson, 1980).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
51. Learning Goals	Not Effective: The teacher is unable to show a lesson	Not Effective: Lesson plan/learning activity and materials not aligned to Standards Unfamiliar with the Core Standards
The teacher plans instruction to support students in meeting rigorous learning	plan/learning activity that aligns with the core standards for the class subject matter. The teacher is unable to show evidence of how goals and objectives are shared with students as per <b>Goals</b> , <b>objectives</b> , <b>and expectations</b> , Indicator 25.	Minimally Effective: A lesson plan/learning activity based on standards Goals and objectives shared with students  Standards: The teacher identifies the goals and objectives from the Core Standards for the subject or an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP).
goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, Utah Core Standards, instructional best practices, and the community context. (UETS 6)  The teacher demonstrates knowledge of the Utah Core Standards and references it in short- and long-term planning. (UMIE 6.1)  (Supports UMIE 4.1, 7.1)	Minimally Effective: The teacher is able to show a lesson plan/learning activity that aligns with a core standard for one class (secondary) or one subject area (elementary). The teacher is able to articulate how goals and objectives are shared with students.  Effective: All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the teacher shows a variety of at least three lesson plans/learning activities addressing the same core standard. Activities are systematically organized, adapted, and aligned to the core standards.	Goals and Objectives: The teacher articulates how goals and objectives are shared with students by:  a lesson plan that includes the goal or objective and how it will be shared with students.  "I Can" statement(s) posted for the lesson  goal and/or objective posted for the lesson  Effective:  Systematically plans instruction based on standards  Variety of lesson plans/learning activities: The teacher presents, from one Core Standard, three different lesson plans/learning activities. Activities may include:  teacher-directed reviews  presentations of new material  opportunities to practice or apply the new material in different ways  opportunities for applying content independently  activities which guide the student from concrete to abstract  Highly Effective:  Collects and analyzes classroom-based data  Chooses appropriate strategies to meet individual student needs
□ Not Effective	Highly Effective: All the requirements of effective, and the teacher shows the use of data (how students performed on the above learning activities) to make	Motivates learners to extend and share their own knowledge beyond core content  Use of data to make adjustments in instruction: The teacher is able to show data collected from the activities shown and adjustments in instruction based on the performance of students in the
☐ Minimally Effective ☐ Effective	needed adjustments. At least one of the activities provided shows an authentic learning experience.	learning activities. Adjustments might include additional lesson plans for re-teaching and/or enriching the learning activities based on student needs.
☐ Highly Effective		Authentic learning experiences: The teacher is able to show an activity that provides students with a learning experience that applies to their personal situations, future lives, or potential work. This must be an extensive activity (exceeding two minutes) requiring students to apply the concepts they are learning to real life situations.

REFERENCES: Effective teachers explicitly link learning activities to specific learning objectives and more broadly defined desired student outcomes (Hofmeister & Lubke, 1989). The Academic Learning Time (ALT) model requires that learning activities be tied to outcome measures, that is, all meaningful activities are tied to instructional assessments and student outcome goals (Berliner, 1984). Good and Grouws (1979) found that when teachers increased their emphasis on the following five teaching functions, their students achieved more than students of teachers not emphasizing these teaching functions: (1) check the previous day's work and re-teach where necessary; (2) present new content or skills, proceeding rapidly, but in small steps, while giving detailed instructions and explanations; (3) have students practice the materials while providing feedback and corrections; (4) have students do independent practice; (5) provide weekly and monthly reviews.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
52. Varied Assessments  The teacher uses	Not Effective: The teacher is unable to show assessments were used to measure the effectiveness of instruction and	Not Effective: No adjustments to instruction based on data No pre-assessment or enrichment for advanced learners
multiple methods of assessment to engage	to make adjustments.	Minimally Effective: Uses assessments to evaluate the outcomes of teaching
learners in their own growth, monitor learner	Minimally Effective: The teacher shows three different assessments from one content area used to measure and monitor	<b>Types of assessments include:</b> research papers, student presentations, student demonstrations, individual or group projects, homework assignments, pre-assessments, quizzes, tests, essays, math benchmarks, guided reading, lexile levels, etc.
progress, guide planning and instruction, and determine whether the	student progress toward the attainment of content standards.	Effective: Use of formative and summative assessments Makes on-going adjustments in instruction based on assessments
outcomes described in content standards have been met. (UETS 5)  The teacher uses data sources to assess the effectiveness of instruction and to make adjustments in planning and instruction. (UMIE 5.1)	Effective: All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the assessments shown are a combination of formative and summative measures. The teacher articulates how assessments are used to make on-going adjustments in instruction for at least one of these assessments.  NOTE: Adjustments in instruction must be made for the students that were assessed for the examples the teacher showed in this indicator.	Formative Assessments are assessment procedures employed by teachers during the learning process in order to modify teaching and learning activities to improve student achievement.  Performance tasks Anecdotal notes Quizzes Exit tickets Running records Checklists Pre-tests  Summative Assessments refer to the assessment of the learning and summarize the development of learners at a particular time.  Tests Essays Performance tasks Rubrics
<ul><li>□ Not Effective</li><li>□ Minimally Effective</li></ul>	Highly Effective: All the requirements of effective, and at least one of	Adjustments in Instruction refers to adjustments in instruction such as:  • Intervention activities  • Enrichment activities  • Re-teaching activities
□ Effective	the assessments shown is a <b>common assessment</b> .  Teacher shows evidence of collaboration with colleagues using assessment results to target	Adjustments in planning  Highly Effective: At least one common assessment
☐ Highly Effective	intervention, enrichment, or adjustments to future instructional/assessment practices, based on data.	Collaboration on assessment data

REFERENCES: Effective teachers recognize that different students have different learning styles and that different assessment techniques favor different learning styles (Wang & Walberg, 1985). More effective teachers vary assessment techniques to help students express their learning in different ways and gain a more valid understanding of real student progress. Feedback to students about their work is important in improving achievement. Brophy and Good (1986) state, "Performance on assignments should be monitored for completion and accuracy and students should receive timely and specific feedback."

# DOMAIN IV: PLANNING Preparing Instruction

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
INDICATOR  53. Feedback  The teacher uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, monitor learner progress, guide planning and instruction, and determine whether the outcomes described in content standards have been met. (UETS 5)  The teacher engages students in understanding and identifying the elements of quality work. (UMIE 5.2)	Not Effective: The teacher is unable to show feedback on three student work samples.  Minimally Effective: The teacher shows non-descriptive feedback on three student work samples.  Effective: All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the feedback is descriptive. The feedback from at least one of the student work samples should result in student reflection leading to increased quality work and mastery.  NOTE: Feedback should be timely and promote both student improvement and summarize student performance.  Highly Effective: All the requirements of effective, and the teacher	Not Effective: Ineffective feedback Untimely feedback Minimally Effective: Non-specific or limited feedback  Feedback: The teacher presents one of the following examples of feedback for three student work samples:  • returned essay with a grade of C+ but no comments  • a completed, graded project without evidence of feedback on performance  • a test or assignment with a total score but missed items are not identified  Effective: Descriptive Feedback: The teacher presents examples of student work samples along with the feedback given to the students for each, such as:  • an essay returned to a student with written comments about performance • a scoring guide/rubric for an assigned project with points and comments • a test or assignment with errors on specific items clearly marked with comments  Student Reflection:  • student reflective journals/goal setting to increase content mastery • multiple drafts of a writing project based on teacher feedback
The teacher engages students in understanding and identifying the elements of quality work. (UMIE 5.2)	both student improvement and summarize student performance.  Highly Effective: All the requirements of effective, and the teacher	<ul> <li>a scoring guide/rubric for an assigned project with points and comments</li> <li>a test or assignment with errors on specific items clearly marked with comments</li> <li>Student Reflection:</li> <li>student reflective journals/goal setting to increase content mastery</li> </ul>
<ul><li>□ Minimally Effective</li><li>□ Effective</li><li>□ Highly Effective</li></ul>	shows evidence of an opportunity for students to self-assess <u>or</u> receive peer feedback leading to increased quality work and mastery.	<ul> <li>student product that has been corrected or re-done based on feedback</li> <li>Highly Effective:         <ul> <li>The teacher presents examples of student self-assessment or peer feedback such as:</li> <li>Rubric scored by student or peers</li> <li>Student survey</li> <li>Student interviews</li> <li>Data notebook analysis</li> <li>Shared electronic document</li> <li>Personal goals/ratings</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
		Peer reviewed

REFERENCES: Effective teachers recognize that different students have different learning styles and that different assessment techniques favor different learning styles (Wang & Walberg, 1985). More effective teachers vary assessment techniques to help students express their learning in different ways and gain a more valid understanding of real student progress. Feedback to students about their work is important in improving achievement. Brophy and Good (1986) state, "Performance on assignments should be monitored for completion and accuracy and students should receive timely and specific feedback."

Structuring the Class

54. Assessment of
Student Growth
and Performance

**INDICATOR** 

The teacher uses multiple methods of assessment to engage learners in their own growth, monitor learner progress, guide planning and instruction, and determine whether the outcomes described in content standards have been met. (UETS 5)

The teacher documents student progress and provides descriptive feedback to student, parents, and other stakeholders in a variety of ways.

(UMIE 5.3)

■ Not Effective

☐ Minimally Effective

Effective

☐ Highly Effective

#### **Not Effective:**

The teacher is unable to show evidence of student growth <u>and</u> unable to show an <u>average</u> of one or more assessments per week over a grading period.

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#### **Minimally Effective:**

The teacher is able to show <u>evidence of only one</u> of the following:

(1) Evidence of student growth over a period of time. Student growth data must include a learning goal based on a Utah Core Standard(s), pre- and post-assessment, and a target wherein the majority of the class demonstrates growth.

#### OR

(2) Shows an <u>average</u> of one or more assessments per week over a grading period. (Records should be for the <u>most recently completed grading period</u>.)

#### **Effective:**

The teacher is able to show <u>both</u> (1) evidence of student growth over a period of time. Student growth data must include a learning goal based on a Utah Core Standard(s), pre- and post-assessment, and a target wherein the majority of the class demonstrates growth. Student growth data will be approved by the site administrator on a yearly basis. <u>And</u> (2) shows an <u>average</u> of one or more assessments per week over a grading period. (Records should be for the <u>most recently completed grading period</u>.)

# **Highly Effective:**

<u>All the requirements of effective</u>, and the teacher provides documentation of regular, effective, <u>teacher-initiated</u> communication between home and school conveying descriptions of learner progress <u>and</u> the teacher shows evidence of collaboration with parents, colleagues or other stakeholders to improve student performance.

#### **Not Effective:**

Does not document student growth and performance

#### **Minimally Effective:**

The teacher presents evidence of student growth using a student growth performance form.

#### OR

The teacher presents assessment records such as one of the following:

- scores recorded in a grade book with dates
- a computer-generated or handwritten tracking sheet with scores and dates with an average of one or more per week

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• tracking sheet with dates and notations indicating how students performed (a check, a plus or minus sign, etc.)

#### **Effective:**

The teacher shows **BOTH** evidence of student growth performance and assessment records.

#### **Highly Effective:**

The teacher shows regular, effective, teacher-initiated communication between home and school conveying descriptions of learner progress such as:

- note in student planner
- class newsletter
- daily/weekly contract
- phone log/email communication regarding student progress
- weekly progress report
- class website/blog updated regularly

The teacher shows evidence of collaboration such as:

- phone log/email regarding student progress showing a <u>series</u> of communications
- documentation of collaboration with other stakeholders (administration, special education, counselors, teacher specialists, mentors, district personnel) concerning student performance
- common pre- and post-test comparison data
- IEP/504 collaborations
- PLC notes concerning student performance

REFERENCES: Frequent and systematic monitoring of students' progress helps students, parents, teachers, administrators, and policy makers identify strengths and weaknesses in instruction and student learning (Bennett, 1987). Student performance is monitored more by effective teachers (Berliner, 1979). Effective monitoring requires a teacher to perform diagnosis activities in order to assign appropriate work to students. Frequent diagnosis allows teachers to help students achieve consistently high success rates in their school work. Effective teachers make instructional decisions that adjust instruction based on the needs and the performance of their students; whereas, ineffective teachers present instructional material on a random or a rigid, scheduled basis and fail to adjust for student performance (Brophy and Good, 1986). Such decision making requires a teacher to constantly monitor student performance.

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
55. Cross-disciplinary Instruction  The teacher plans instruction to support students in meeting rigorous learning goals by drawing upon knowledge of content areas, Utah	Not Effective: The teacher is unable to show evidence of a learning activity that focuses on more than one discipline at a time.  Minimally Effective: The teacher is able to show a learning activity that includes the transfer of knowledge and skills from one content area to another.  Effective: All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the teacher shows evidence that the learning activity purposefully engages learners in application of content knowledge.  Highly Effective: All the requirements of effective, and the teacher shows evidence of collaboration with colleagues to influence cross-disciplinary teaching practices.	Not Effective: Focuses on one discipline at a time  Minimally Effective: Introduces cross-disciplinary concepts Provides opportunities for students to use knowledge in various ways  The teacher presents a learning activity that provides examples such as:  • learning about symmetry in science  • reading about science or social studies content in language arts  • the use of fractions in cooking  Effective: Engages learners in application of content knowledge  The teacher presents a learning activity that applies content knowledge across disciplines such as:  • utilizing primary source documents to teach reading skills  • integrating health concepts to develop a personal fitness plan  • using a reader's theatre in learning about a math concept  • creating and performing songs/rap about westward expansion  • writing about the water cycle from the perspective of a raindrop  Highly Effective: Collaborates with colleagues  The teacher shows evidence of collaboration such as:  • PLC notes describing plans for multi-department learning experience  • plans for a school-wide, multi-disciplinary activity  • a collaboratively planned activity that establishes links between disciplines

REFERENCES: UETS and UMIE

Not Effective   The teacher allows students individual learner differences and cultural and linguistic diversity.   Minimally Effective   The teacher allows students different requirements have been used, and an activity has been changed from the activity of the majority of students to accommodate for learner differences or cultural and linguistic diversity.   Minimally Effective   The teacher allows students different ways to demostrate learning sensitive to diverse experiences, while holding high expectations for all. (LIMIE 2.1)   Not Effective   Highly Effective   Salution of the control of	INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
cultural diversity such as:	56. Learning Differences  The teacher understands individual learner differences and cultural and linguistic diversity. (UETS 2)  The teacher allows students different ways to demonstrate learning sensitive to diverse experiences, while holding high expectations for all. (UMIE 2.1)  Not Effective  Hinimally Effective Effective	Not Effective: The teacher does not acknowledge individual learner differences or cultural and linguistic diversity.  Minimally Effective: The teacher applies understanding of learner diversity to encourage all learners to reach their full potential and is able to present documentation that different requirements have been used, and an activity has been changed from the activity of the majority of students to accommodate for learner differences or cultural and linguistic diversity.  Effective: All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the teacher maintains high expectations and shows techniques, strategies, or cultural responsiveness for a range of learners' developmental, cultural, or linguistic needs.  Highly Effective: All the requirements of effective, and the teacher contributes to a school-wide culture that is sensitive to learner differences and cultural and linguistic	Not Effective: No evidence of differentiation for individuals, groups, or adjustments to plans Not accepting of differences or unaware of personal biases Inappropriate strategies  Minimally Effective: Identifies diverse learning strengths and needs Uses limited instructional strategies Adjusts instruction in response to learner needs  Shows varied requirements (same assignments, same work, adjusted amounts assigned):  • a roll book showing differences in amount of work or points required for students to complete a course or assignment • a contract adjusting work requirements for a student's performance • copies of graded assignments where different assessment benchmarks were used • an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP)  Shows modified activities (change of assignment, different from what is assigned for all): • a list of projects that shows varying degrees of difficulty, that can be accessed by various language proficiency levels, from which the students can choose • a list of cooperative learning groups specifying how group organization accommodates students with different ability levels, language proficiency levels or cultures • a lesson plan specifying modifications in activities for some students • an example of a handout modified for student learning differences or language proficiency levels an example of materials supplied to students based on their particular abilities  Effective:  Allows multiple ways for students to demonstrate learning, including non-verbal and minimal-linguistic assessment for non- and limited-English proficient students  Chooses appropriate accommodations, resources, materials, and uses a variety of instructional strategies  The teacher shows evidence, techniques, strategies, and cultural responsiveness for a range of learners' needs such as:  • sensitivity to cultural differences in planning instruction  • regular use of posted content and language objectives  • scaffolding of activities to address developmental, cultural and linguistic needs of students  • classroom materials
<ul> <li>resources shared with other staff members to address cultural differences throughout the school</li> <li>a school-wide program that promotes understanding of cultural/learner differences</li> </ul>			Highly Effective: The teacher shows evidence of contributing to a school-wide culture that is sensitive to learner differences and cultural diversity such as:  • resources shared with other staff members to address cultural differences throughout the school

REFERENCES: To maximize learning time, teachers should differentiate their curriculum to meet the varied needs of students (Berliner 1984). Differentiated curriculum engages more students in more personally meaningful activities. Mackenzie (1983) notes that effective schooling provides appropriate levels of difficulty for learning tasks, opportunities for individualized work, and a wide variety of opportunities to learn. More effective teachers stimulate the pursuit of higher aspirations and promote the development of independence and self-direction in learning (McLeod and Cropley, 1989). One of three major factors influencing achievement is the degree to which instruction is appropriate to the needs of the learner (Bloom, 1976). Effective teachers adapt and develop appropriately matched curricula for all learners (Curry and Samara, 1992).

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# 57. Student-directed Learning

**INDICATOR** 

The teacher understands cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas of student development. (UETS 1) The teacher works with learners to create environments that support individual and collaborative learning, positive social interactions, active engagement in learning, and selfmotivation. (UETS 3)

(UMIE 1.1, 3.1, 3.2, 3.3, 7.1)

- ☐ Not Effective
- ☐ Minimally Effective
- ☐ Effective
- ☐ Highly Effective

#### **Not Effective:**

The teacher is unable to show evidence of learning experiences based on individual student's strengths, interests, and needs.

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## **Minimally Effective:**

The teacher shows evidence of a whole-class learning experience in which <u>students have done</u> one of the following:

- planned the goals, timelines, or priorities in completing an activity specified by the teacher
- determined the materials to use in reaching an objective presented by the teacher
- identified the process needed to accomplish the task described by the teacher
- produced a product unique to themselves given the materials or resources presented to them by the teacher

#### **Effective:**

All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the teacher shows evidence of individualizing the learning experiences based on developmental levels of individual learners.

## **Highly Effective:**

All the requirements of effective, and the teacher shows evidence of the data used to determine individualized learning experiences.

#### **Not Effective:**

Not learner focused

Activity has no student choice element

The teacher shows lesson plan/activity that does not show consideration for individual student's strengths, interests, and needs.

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#### **Minimally Effective:**

Creates whole-class learning experiences

The teacher presents a whole-class lesson plan/activity that is based on students' strengths, interests, and needs.

#### **Effective**:

Identifies appropriate developmental levels of individual learners Appropriately differentiates learning experiences

**Differentiation:** The practice of making lessons different to accommodate the different students in a single classroom. Altering lessons so that all students in the classroom will benefit regardless of academic level.

The teacher presents evidence of individualizing learning experiences such as:

- differentiated, self-selected centers/lab activities
- differentiated report expectations
- differentiated problem-solving tools (templates, graphic organizers, strategies)
- differentiated, flexible groupings to complete a project
- differentiated reading selections used in the learning experience

#### **Highly Effective:**

Uses data to create appropriate learning experiences

The teacher is able to show data used to determine individualized learning experiences such as:

- reading/writing levels
- English language proficiency levels
- IEP goals
- summative and/or formative assessment data

REFERENCES: Student engagement increases when they determine what they will learn and how. Students must learn how to learn as well as memorize facts. Student-directed learning teaches students how to set goals, prioritize activities, and identify and solve real problems. When students direct their own learning, they develop planning and management skills that are vital to success in the work force; successful workers are able to plan and manage tasks. "Learning and doing must become a single activity" if students are to gain skills important in the work place (SCANS, 1992). Marshall and Tucker (1992) found that the most valuable employees in the current economic environment were those who were self-governing and able to manage their own work without extensive supervision. Students who are allowed to participate in designing their own learning activities also perceive a greater role in the educational process. By bringing their own experiences and concerns into the activities, students can learn content while solving real problems (SCANS, 1992).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
59. Plans for Substitutes  a) Shows planned activities  yes  no  b) Shows management information  yes  no	Planned activities: Yes is marked if the teacher presents a written substitute plan of what should be done and shows activities prepared for a substitute for an unplanned day of absence.  Management information: Yes is marked if the teacher presents at least two pieces of information that help the substitute manage a class over the school day.  Plans, activities, and management information shown must be for the current academic year.	Yes (Shows planned activities): The teacher presents a written plan that directs a substitute as to appropriate learning activities or where to find activities for one emergency day absence.  Yes (Shows management information): The teacher presents a plan or list that explains to a substitute two or more of the following:  • classroom management procedures and policies • students in the class who can help the substitute • seating charts • names of teachers who can help the substitute • additional or alternative activities to do • emergency evacuation procedures  NOTE: Plans should be for future use for an unplanned absence.  The examples for Plans for substitutes may be for activities that build upon the content currently being covered by the teacher or for activities that can be carried out by a substitute at any time.
DEPENDANCE : :		via & Thomas 1000); therefore time alletted to instructional metanicle related to outcome measures

REFERENCES: Academic learning time is positively correlated to student achievement (Berliner, 1984; Davis & Thomas, 1989); therefore, time allotted to instructional materials related to outcome measures should be maximized to increase student achievement. Maximizing academic learning time requires advance planning by administration and teachers (Block, 1980). Effective teachers prepare to maximize academic learning time when special activities shorten class periods, the teacher is called out of the room, or the teacher is ill. Effective teachers provide clear guidance to substitutes so that academic learning time may be maximized when the teacher is absent.

The teacher participates in professional development activities and fulfills duties outside of the classroom

- 60. Reflection and continuous growth UETS 8
- 61. Communication UETS 1
- 62. Collaboration UETS 9
- 63. Administrative requests UETS 10
- 64. Compliance UETS 10

**Enhancing Skills** 

INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	<b>EXAMPLES &amp; INSTRUCTIONS</b>
60. Reflection and Continuous Growth  The teacher is a reflective practitioner who uses evidence to continually evaluate and adapt practice to meet the needs of each learner.  (UETS 8)  The teacher adapts and improves practice based on reflection and new learning. (UMIE 8.1)  (Also supports UMIE 4.1, 4.2)  Not Effective  Not Effective	t Effective:  te teacher does not show participation in a offessional learning activity during the past year.  nimally Effective:  te teacher shows participation in a professional raning activity during the past year and has plemented new instructional techniques, methods, materials that are based on the knowledge gained the professional learning activity.  fective:  the requirements of minimally effective, plus the cher shows evidence of data collection measuring effectiveness of new strategies.  ghly Effective:  the requirements of effective, and the teacher ows evidence of collaboration with colleagues to only and evaluate new instructional practices.	Not Effective: No participation in professional learning  Minimally Effective: Participates in professional learning Considers new ideas to improve teaching – using current education practices  Shows professional learning activity: The teacher presents evidence of a learning activity such as:  a record of conference or convention attendance a degree earned a book or article read a formal or informal professional development activity (an example of informal is one team member instructing other team members in a new technique, etc. during a team or department meeting) an enrollment record for a university class a record of attendance at a district workshop a document of membership in a professional group  Application of professional learning: The teacher presents evidence of application of professional learning in instruction such as:  a copy of new materials a lesson plan selected for student needs a new teaching strategy selected for student needs a student project  Effective:  Evidence of data: The teacher presents evidence of data collection measuring the effectiveness of new strategies such as:  pre- and post-testing benchmarks student assignment/project survey quiz  Highly Effective:  Evidence of Collaboration: The teacher presents evidence of collaboration on new instructional practices such as:  PLC minutes about new instructional practices lesson plans created common assessments

REFERENCES: Students benefit when their teachers expand their job-relevant knowledge. It is also important for teachers to continually enhance their abilities by keeping up-to-date with current research findings. They must be able to learn all of the time as the knowledge required to do their work changes with new challenges and new technology (A Nation Prepared, 1986). Effective teachers implement new ideas, methods and materials in their curriculum based on their research findings. New techniques and materials must be evaluated to determine how they are influencing student learning.

# DOMAIN V: PROFESSIONAL GROWTH AND RESPONSIBILITIES Maintaining Relationships

Not Effective   The teacher does not show evidence of a communication about a student's positive performance or a communication about a student's positive performance or a communication about a student is positive performance or a communication about a possible problem with a student.	INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWERS	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
other professionals to promote student growth and development. (UMIE 1.2)  Not Effective  Effective:  Minimally Effective  Effective  Highly Effective  Highly Effective:  All the requirements of effective, plus the teacher collaborates with district personnel or community resources to address the unique needs of students.  **Highly Effective:*  All the requirements of effective, and the teacher collaborates with district personnel or community resources to address the unique needs of students.  **Accommunication may be for one or more students regarding academics or behavior and must be for the current academic year.  **Accommunication may be for one or more students regarding academics or behavior and must be for the current academic year.  **All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the teacher collaborates with families or colleagues, focusing on individual learner growth and development and the teacher works effectively to solve concerns with stakeholders to promote student learning.  **Highly Effective:*  All the requirements of effective, and the teacher collaborates with district personnel or community resources to address the unique needs of students.  **Accommunication may be for one or more students a record for at least one student of a telephone call or log which designates the reason for the call, who was contacted, and when the call was made a nemail to a parent/guardin Effective:  The teacher presents evidence of collaboration to address students' growth and development such as:  **Dignity-created plan between special education and regular education to meet student needs  **Dignity-created plan between special education and regular education to meet student needs  **Dignity-created plan between special education and regular education to meet student needs  **Dignity-created plan between special education and regular education to meet student needs  **Dignity-created plan between special education and regular education and regular education and regular education and regular education and r	61. Communication  The teacher understands cognitive, linguistic, social, emotional, and physical areas of student development. (UETS 1)  The teacher collaborates with	Not Effective: The teacher does not show evidence of a communication about a student's positive performance or a communication about a possible problem with a student.  Minimally Effective: The teacher interacts with families, related to learner growth and development. The teacher shows evidence of a communication about a student's positive performance. The teacher also shows a communication about a possible	Not Effective: Does not show communication for a positive performance or a possible problem.  Minimally Effective: Specific documentation of communication Responds to learner, family, and community concerns  Shows contact about positive performance: The teacher presents evidence of a positive communication such as:  a copy of a postcard, certificate, or letter sent home for at least one student an email to a parent/guardian a record for at least one student of a telephone call or log which designates the reason for the call, who was contacted, and when the call was made  Shows contact about possible problems: The teacher presents evidence of communication about a
	other professionals to promote student growth and development. (UMIE 1.2)  Not Effective  Minimally Effective  Effective	NOTE: Communication may be for one or more students regarding academics or behavior and must be for the current academic year.  Effective: All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the teacher collaborates with families or colleagues, focusing on individual learner growth and development and the teacher works effectively to solve concerns with stakeholders to promote student learning.  Highly Effective: All the requirements of effective, and the teacher collaborates with district personnel or community resources	<ul> <li>a copy of a deficiency notice or letter sent home to at least one student</li> <li>a record for at least one student of a telephone call or log which designates the reason for the call, who was contacted, and when the call was made</li> <li>an email to a parent/guardian</li> <li>Effective:         The teacher presents evidence of collaboration to address students' growth and development such as:         <ul> <li>jointly-created plan between special education and regular education to meet student needs</li> <li>a plan developed between teacher and school administration or counselors</li> <li>PLC minutes and notes concerning learner growth and development</li> <li>a series of emails corresponding with a parent to address an individual student's needs</li> <li>a copy of a behavioral contract for one student that has been signed by the parent</li> </ul> </li> <li>The teacher consistently responds to feedback from stakeholders to promote student learning</li> <li>Results from the most current stakeholder survey</li> <li>Highly Effective:</li> <li>Engages families and colleagues in supporting student's individual growth and development</li> <li>The teacher shows evidence such as:         <ul> <li>documentation of collaboration with district personnel/community resources</li> <li>proof of completion of a course relating to unique student needs</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

REFERENCES: Effective classroom managers involve parents in improving the behavior of certain students. Parental involvement should supplement rather than replace the teacher's management of student behavior. Teachers who effectively monitor attendance and other behavioral indicators have higher average class attendance leading to increased academic learning time; effective monitoring includes communicating behavioral problems to school administration and parents. Parental involvement also helps children learn more effectively. Parents can become involved by being made aware of their child's progress and the content of their learning (Mackenzie, 1983). Effective teachers also support each other and gain cooperation from parents and students regarding the school's norms for student behavior (USOE, 1984). Effective schooling also recognizes and rewards outstanding academic effort and achievement. Effective teachers inform parents about their child's educational progress including information about what learning objectives should be met and where the child is in relation to those objectives. (USOE, 1984).

**Enhancing Skills** 

Not Effective:   The teacher is a leader who engages collaboratively with learners, families, colleagues, and colleagues, and supportive professional supportive professional culture focused on engaged on the teacher is a leader who engages and supportive focused on the teacher of the teacher of the teacher of collaborative efforts carried out with colleagues to help students.    Not Effective: Does not participate in decision making	
learners, families, colleagues, and community members to build a shared vision and supportive professional supportive professional  The teacher shows evidence of cooperation and professional relationships with colleagues to fulfill required duties.  **Effective: All the requirements of minimally effective, plus the teachers  **In the teacher shows evidence of cooperation and professional of the schedule of recess duty assignments  **a schedule	,
student growth and making and accepting responsibility for the success of all with students	ວ work
learners.    Success (UETS 9)	
<ul> <li>■ a copy of a behavior management plan developed collaboratively</li> <li>■ Minimally Effective</li> <li>■ copy of a behavior management plan developed collaboratively</li> <li>■ common formative assessments</li> </ul>	
Effective: Assumes a leadership role in developing a shared productive educational culture	
Highly Effective  The teacher presents evidence of leadership within the school such as:  a presentation prepared and presented to build school culture  an initiative/special program/project benefiting the school  an assignment to implement school-wide goals	

REFERENCES: Students benefit academically when their teachers share ideas, cooperate in activities, and assist one another's intellectual growth. Good instruction flourishes when teachers collaborate in developing goals that emphasize student achievement. Effective schools have a climate of staff collegiality and use mutual support as a means of improving pupil achievement. School leaders in such schools set aside time for faculty interaction and provide specific opportunities for teachers and administrators to work together on such tasks as setting school policies, improving instructional practice, selecting textbooks, and strengthening discipline (Bennett, 1987). When teachers work together strong collegiality and professional relations develop, along with higher enthusiasm for teaching. School attitudes and student achievement are also positively impacted. High staff interaction also improves innovation rates and curriculum complexity and variety (Davis & Thomas, 1989). Cooperation, as stated, includes the sharing of ideas, materials, and methods; staff involvement in school-wide problem solving; and the coordination of school and department goals (USOE, 1984).

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INDICATOR	DECISION RULES FOR INTERVIEWER	EXAMPLES & INSTRUCTIONS
63. Administrative	NOTE: This indicator requires administrative documentation	<b>DEFINITIONS</b> : Complaints refers to a written
Requests  The teacher demonstrates the highest standard of legal, moral, and ethical conduct as specified in the Utah State Board Rule R277- 515. (UETS 10)  Responds to complaints  yes  no  no written complaints in past year	Responds to complaints:  Yes is marked if the teacher has responded to all written administrative requests to resolve complaints over the past calendar year and the teacher works effectively to solve concerns with stakeholders to promote student learning.  No is marked if the administrator presents a record of the teacher not responding to written administrative requests to respond to complaints within the past calendar year or the teacher has not worked effectively to solve concerns with stakeholders to promote student learning.  No written complaints in past year is marked if the teacher has received no written administrative requests to respond to complaints within the past year and has no record of stakeholder concerns.	communication <b>from an administrator</b> to a teacher about a concern from a parent, colleague, student, etc., requesting a response from the educator. Complaints may also include administrative documentation that a teacher has not submitted written information in accordance with deadlines. Written information refers to information on grades, surveys, attendance records, test materials, inventory records, etc.  Yes: According to administrative records the teacher has responded to all written requests to resolve complaints.  OR  Administrative records note that a written request to respond to a complaint was given to the teacher. The teacher presents a copy of a letter, certificate, or a telephone log (designating who was called, the date of the call, and what was discussed) for each written request to respond to a complaint.  No: The administrator presents a copy of a note or memo describing a meeting where a request to resolve a complaint was made, AND there is no record of a response from the teacher.

REFERENCES: The smooth flow of information helps students, parents, teachers, administrators, and policy makers identify strengths and weaknesses in instruction and student learning (What Works, 1987). Effective teachers resolve problems in a cooperative manner (Mackenzie, 1983). Student development requires unity and coordination; positive relationships between teachers, parents, and administrators must be maintained. Teachers who humiliate, embarrass, or treat students unfairly have a strong negative impact on student development. College students identified interactions with teachers as the primary source of growth-inhibiting experiences (Branan, 1972).

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REFERENCES: Effective teachers recognize their role as members of an integrated, interdependent education system; they accept and perform duties outside of the classroom; they help establish a safe environment for student development. They help create a positive schooling environment for the growing number of students whose environment outside of school does not support intellectual growth and responsibility (A Nation Prepared, 1986). Effective teachers extend their influence beyond the classroom (SCANS, 1992), meaning that they are cooperative partners involved in school-wide planning and problem-solving. Effective teachers contribute to effective schooling that requires total staff involvement in school improvement, goal-focused activities to provide educational unity, and shared consensus on values and goals (Mackenzie, 1983).

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# **APPENDIX**

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# A Comparison of Nonacademic Time and Non-observable Time

### Nonacademic Time

Nonacademic time is recorded on Indicator 13 – **Minutes of nonacademic time.** It is never subtracted from anything. Nonacademic time occurs when the <u>teacher chooses</u> to spend time on tasks, which are not related to the goals of the class. Examples include: allowing the majority of the students to socialize, using lengthy management routines, disciplining for a lengthy amount of time, allowing transitions to take too long, or spending class time talking about something unrelated to the class goals.

## Non-observable Time

Non-observable time must be kept track of in the Notes area of the UETS-based JPAS Observation and Interview form. Non-observable time is when the teacher uses an activity, which is related to the goals of the class, but during the activity no instruction from the teacher can occur. Examples include: a test, a video the teacher does not stop, sustained silent reading, journal writing, or dressing for Physical Education classes. Non-observable time may also occur when something outside of the control of the teacher stops instruction. Examples include: school emergency drills or lengthy announcements over the intercom.

Minutes of non-observable time <u>are subtracted</u> from **Time in Class** on the front of the UETS-based JPAS Observation and Interview form to determine **Minutes of Observable Time.** 

Both nonacademic and non-observable time are counted as Total Class minutes in the Organization of Students Section.

#### **EXAMPLE**

During a 45 minute observation you mark Indicator 13 – **Minutes of nonacademic time** as shown below. You also note that a ten-minute test was given.

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## Guidelines to Follow if Part of an Evaluation is Lost

If, during an evaluation cycle, a portion of an evaluation is lost, it is the intent of the Administration that the person being evaluated be held harmless. Immediate supervisors are directed to adhere to the guidelines outlined below.

- If a portion of an evaluation for a provisional employee who is in the first or second year of employment is lost, then a nonrenewal decision, based on UETS-based JPAS, cannot take place. The immediate supervisor will be required to administer two complete evaluation cycles the following year.
- If part of an evaluation for a provisional employee who is in the third year of employment is lost, a nonrenewal decision, based on UETS-based JPAS, cannot take place. The employee will become a career educator and will then be entitled to rely upon continued employment under policies of the district, providing the employee met standard on the previous evaluation.
- If part of an evaluation for a career educator is lost, the educator will be entitled to continued employment under the policies of the district.

Both the immediate supervisor and the employee will sign a letter that is to be placed in the employee's personnel file at the District Office, explaining the part of the evaluation information that is missing.