

## Component 3: Instruction

CRITERION	LEVEL OF PERFORMANCE			
	UNSATISFACTORY	BASIC	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
3a: Engaging Students in Learning	Students are not at all intellectually engaged in significant learning as a result of inappropriate activities or materials, poor representations of content, or lack of lesson structure.	Students are intellectually engaged only partially, resulting from activities or materials of uneven quality, inconsistent representations of content, or uneven structure or pacing.	Students are intellectually engaged throughout the lesson with appropriate activities and materials, instructive representations of content and suitable structure, and pacing of the lesson.	Students are highly engaged throughout the lesson and make material contributions to the representation of content, the activities, and the materials. The structure and pacing of the lesson allow for student reflection and closure.
3b: Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness	Teacher adheres to the instruction plan in spite of evidence of poor student understanding or of students' lack of interest and fails to respond to students' questions; teacher assumes no responsibility for students' failure to understand.	Teacher demonstrates moderate flexibility and responsiveness to students' needs and interests during a lesson and seeks to ensure the success of all students.	Teacher seeks ways to ensure successful learning for all students, making adjustments as needed to instruction plans and responding to student interests and questions.	Teacher is highly responsive to students' interests and questions, making major lesson adjustments if necessary, and persists in ensuring the success of all students.
3c: Communicating Clearly and Accurately	Teacher's oral and written communication contains errors or is unclear or inappropriate to students.	Teacher's oral and written communication contains no errors but may not be completely appropriate or may require further explanations to avoid confusion.	Teacher communicates clearly and accurately to students, both orally and in writing.	Teacher's oral and written communication is clear and expressive, anticipating possible student misconceptions.
3d: Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques	Teacher makes poor use of questioning and discussion techniques with low-level questions, limited student participation, and little true discussion.	Teacher's use of questioning and discussion techniques is uneven with some high-level questions, attempts at true discussion, and moderate student participation.	Teacher's use of questioning and discussion techniques reflects high-level questions, true discussion, and full participation by all students.	Students formulate many of the high-level questions and assume responsibility for the participation of all students in the discussion. Teacher employs cognitive coaching in questioning.
3e: Using Assessment in Instruction	Assessment is used for the purpose of grading rather than informing instruction. Students are not aware of the assessment criteria; the teacher does not monitor progress of students, nor provide feedback to them. Students are not engaged in self-assessment.	Assessment is occasionally used to support instruction through some monitoring of progress of learning by teacher and/or students. Feedback to students is uneven, and students are aware of only some of the assessment criteria used to evaluate their work. Assessment is primarily summative, although formative and informal assessments are used occasionally.	Assessment is regularly used during instruction through monitoring of progress of learning by teacher and/or students and through high quality feedback to students. Occasional formative assessment is used and students are aware of most summative assessment criteria.	Assessment is used in a sophisticated manner in instruction through student involvement in establishing the assessment criteria, self-assessment by students and monitoring of progress by both students and teachers, and high quality feedback to students from a variety of sources. Formative assessment is used regularly and students are aware of summative assessment criteria.

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