

## Domain 1: Planning and Preparation

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<b>1a Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy</b>	In planning and practice, the teacher makes content errors or does not correct errors made by students. The teacher displays little understanding of prerequisite knowledge important to student learning of the content. The teacher displays little or no understanding of the range of pedagogical approaches suitable to study.	The teacher is familiar with the important concepts in the discipline but displays a lack of awareness of how these concepts relate to one another. The teacher indicates some awareness of prerequisite learning, although such knowledge may be inaccurate or incomplete. The teacher's plans and practice reflect a limited range of pedagogical approaches to the discipline or to the students.	The teacher displays solid knowledge of the important concepts in the discipline and how these relate to one another. The teacher demonstrates accurate understanding of prerequisite relationships among topics. The teacher's plans and practice reflect familiarity with a wide range of effective pedagogical approaches in the subject including culturally responsive pedagogy	The teacher displays extensive knowledge of the important concepts in the discipline and how these concepts relate both to one another and to other disciplines; and how each discipline had a dominant structure that may vary from different cultural perspectives. The teacher demonstrates understanding of prerequisite relationships among topics and concepts and understands the link to necessary cognitive structures that ensure student understanding. They are also aware of typical student misconceptions in the discipline and work to dispel them. But knowledge of the content is not sufficient; in advancing student understanding, teachers are familiar with pedagogical approaches including culturally responsive instruction. The teacher's plans and practice reflect familiarity with a wide range of effective pedagogical approaches in the discipline, particularly for students from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds.
<b>1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of Students</b>	Teacher demonstrates little or no understanding of how students learn, and little knowledge of students' backgrounds, cultures, skills, language proficiency, interests, and special needs, and does not seek such understanding.	Teacher indicates the importance of understanding how students learn and the students' backgrounds, cultures, skills, language proficiency, interests, and special needs, and attains this knowledge for the class as a whole.	Teacher understands the active nature of student learning, and attains information about levels of development for groups of students. The teacher also purposefully seeks knowledge from several sources about students' backgrounds, cultures, skills, language proficiency, interests, and special needs, and attains this knowledge for groups of students.	Teacher actively seeks and acquires information about students' levels of development and their racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds. Students have lives beyond the classroom, and teachers include students' families and community members in instructional planning. They also systematically acquire knowledge of students' English language proficiency and home dialects.
<b>1c: Setting Instructional Outcomes</b>	Outcomes represent low expectations for students and lack of rigor, nor do they all reflect important learning in the discipline. Outcomes are stated as activities, rather than as student learning. Outcomes reflect only one type of learning and only one discipline or strand, and are suitable for only some students.	Outcomes represent moderately high expectations and rigor. Some reflect important learning in the discipline, and consist of a combination of outcomes and activities. Outcomes reflect several types of learning, but teacher has made no attempt at coordination or integration. Most of the outcomes are suitable for most of the students in the class based on global assessments of student learning.	Most outcomes represent rigorous and important learning in the discipline. All the instructional outcomes are clear, written in the form of student learning, and suggest viable methods of assessment. Outcomes reflect several different types of learning and opportunities for coordination. Outcomes take into account the varying needs and cultural diversity of groups of students.	All outcomes represent rigorous and important learning in the discipline. The outcomes are clear, written in the form of student learning, and permit viable methods of assessment, including alternatives like performance assessments. Outcomes are appropriate for all students in the class and take into consideration that learning for students from different racial, ethnic, cultural and linguistic backgrounds is influenced by their unique experiences. Outcomes reflect several different types of learning and, where appropriate, represent opportunities for both coordination and integration. Outcomes are differentiated in whatever way is needed for individual students.
<b>1d: Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources</b>	Teacher is unaware of resources for classroom use, for expanding one's own knowledge, or for students available through the school or district.	Teacher displays basic awareness of resources available for classroom use, for expanding one's own knowledge, and for students through the school, but no knowledge of resources available more broadly.	Teacher displays awareness of educational, community, and cultural resources available for classroom use, for expanding one's own knowledge, and for students through the school or district and external to the school and on the Internet.	Teacher's knowledge of resources for classroom use and for extending one's professional skill is extensive, including those available through the school or district, the students' home and community, professional organizations and universities, and on the Internet. Teachers recognize the importance of selecting resources that align with the learning outcomes and are appropriate and challenging for all students including students from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds.
<b>1e: Designing Coherent Instruction</b>	The series of learning experiences is poorly aligned with the instructional outcomes and does not represent a coherent structure. The activities are not designed to engage students in active intellectual activity and have unrealistic time allocations. Instructional groups do not support the instructional outcomes and offer no variety.	Some of the learning activities and materials are suitable to the instructional outcomes, and represent a moderate cognitive challenge, but with no differentiation for different students. Instructional groups partially support the instructional outcomes, with an effort at providing some variety. The lesson or unit has a recognizable structure; the progression of activities is uneven, with most time allocations reasonable.	Teacher coordinates knowledge of content, of students, and of resources, to design a series of learning experiences aligned to instructional outcomes and suitable to groups of students. The learning activities have reasonable time allocations; they represent significant cognitive challenge, with some differentiation and tier one interventions for different groups of students. The lesson or unit has a clear structure with appropriate and varied use of instructional groups.	Plans represent the coordination of in-depth content knowledge, understanding of different students' needs and available resources (including technology), resulting in a series of learning activities designed to engage all students in high-level cognitive activity. These are differentiated for individual learners with particular attention to students from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds. The teacher plans engaging instruction that take into account the specific learning needs and cultural perspectives of students and solicits ideas from students on how best to structure the learning activity
<b>1f: Designing Student Assessments</b>	Assessment procedures are not congruent with instructional outcomes; the proposed approach contains no criteria or standards. Teacher has no plan to incorporate formative assessment in the lesson or unit, nor any plans to use assessment results in designing future instruction.	Some of the instructional outcomes are assessed through the proposed approach, but others are not. Assessment criteria and standards have been developed, but they are not clear. Approach to the use of formative assessment is rudimentary, including only some of the instructional outcomes. Teacher intends to use assessment results to plan for future instruction for the class as a whole.	Teacher's plan for student assessment is aligned with the instructional outcomes; assessment methodologies may have been adapted for groups of students. Assessment criteria and standards are clear. Teacher has a well-developed strategy for using formative assessment and has designed particular approaches to be used. Teacher intends to use assessment results to plan for future instruction to minimize the achievement gap for groups of students.	Teacher's plan for student assessment is fully aligned with the instructional outcomes, with clear criteria and standards that show evidence of a full range of student learning. Assessment methodologies have been adapted for individual students and attention is given to alternative assessments that address the learning outcomes for students from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds. The assessment is well designed and includes student as well as teacher use of the assessment information. Teacher uses assessment results to modify or adapt instruction as needed to ensure student understanding. Teacher plans future instruction and assessments that address achievement gap issues, particularly for students from diverse racial, ethnic, and ELL groups.

## Domain 2: The Classroom Environment

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<b>2a: Creating an environment of respect and rapport</b>	Patterns of classroom interactions, both between the teacher and students and among students, are mostly negative, inappropriate, or insensitive to students' ages, cultural backgrounds, and developmental levels. Interactions are characterized by sarcasm, putdowns, or conflict. Teacher does not deal with disrespectful behavior.	Patterns of classroom interactions, both between the teacher and students and among students, are generally appropriate but may reflect occasional inconsistencies, favoritism, and disregard for students' ages, cultures, and developmental levels. Students rarely demonstrate disrespect for one another. Teacher attempts to respond to disrespectful behavior, with uneven results. The net result of the interactions is neutral: conveying neither warmth nor conflict.	Teacher-student interactions are friendly and demonstrate general caring and respect. Such interactions are appropriate to the ages, cultural, and developmental levels of the students. Students exhibit respect for the teacher. Interactions among students are generally polite and respectful. Teacher takes into account the cultural and ethnic and linguistic diversity of the students and responds successfully to disrespectful behavior among students. The net result of the interactions is polite and respectful, <del>but</del> and affirming	Classroom interactions among the teacher and individual students are highly respectful, reflecting genuine warmth, caring, and cultural sensitivity to students as individuals and as members of racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic groups. Students exhibit respect for the teacher and contribute to high levels of civility among all members of the class. The net result of interactions is that all students feel valued, safe, and are comfortable taking intellectual risks.
<b>2b: Establishing a culture for Learning</b>	The classroom culture is characterized by a lack of teacher or student commitment to learning, and/or little or no investment of student energy into the task at hand. Hard work is not expected or valued. Medium to low expectations for student achievement are the norm with high expectations for earning reserved for only one or two students.	The classroom culture is characterized by little commitment to learning by teacher or students. The teacher appears to be only "going through the motions," and students indicate that they are interested in completion of a task, rather than quality. The teacher conveys that student success is the result of natural ability rather than hard work; high expectations for learning are reserved for those students thought to have a natural aptitude for the subject.	The classroom culture is a cognitively busy place where learning is valued by all with high expectations for learning the norm for most students. Students understand their role as learners and consistently expend effort to learn. Classroom interactions support learning and hard work.	The classroom culture is a cognitively vibrant place, characterized by a shared belief in the importance of learning. The teacher conveys high expectations for learning by all students. Teachers understand that students have different learning preferences and racial, ethnic, and cultural experiences are recognized and accepted in the classroom. Students assume responsibility for high quality work by initiating improvements, making revision adding detail and/or assisting peers in their precise use of language. Teachers are aware that ELL student may require more assistance in learning outcomes related to language use.
<b>2c: Managing classroom procedures</b>	Much instructional time is lost due to inefficient classroom routines and procedures. There is little or no evidence of the teacher managing instructional groups, transitions, and/or the handling of materials and supplies effectively. There is little evidence that students know or follow established routines.	Some instructional time is lost due to only partially effective classroom routines and procedures. The teacher's management of instructional groups, transitions, and/or the handling of materials and supplies are inconsistent, leading to some disruption of learning. With regular guidance and prompting, students follow established routines.	There is little loss of instructional time due to effective classroom routines and procedures. The teacher's management of instructional groups and/or the handling of materials and supplies are consistently successful. With minimal guidance and prompting, students follow established classroom routines.	Instructional time is maximized due to efficient classroom routines and procedures. Students contribute to the management of instructional groups, transitions, and/or the handling of materials and supplies. Routines are well understood and may be initiated by students.
<b>2d: Managing Student Behavior</b>	There appear to be no established standards of conduct, and little or no teacher monitoring of student behavior. Students challenge the standards of conduct. Response to students' misbehavior is repressive, or disrespectful of student dignity.	Standards of conduct appear to have been established, but their implementation is inconsistent. Teacher tries, with uneven results, to monitor student behavior and respond to student misbehavior. There is inconsistent implementation of the standards of conduct.	Student behavior is generally appropriate. The teacher monitors student behavior against established standards of conduct. Teacher takes into account the cultural background of the students and response to student misbehavior is consistent, proportionate and respectful to students and is effective.	Student behavior is entirely appropriate. When misbehavior occurs, the teacher investigates the causes to determine if it is related to content, cultural, or linguistic misunderstandings. Even when their behavior is being corrected, students feel respected and their dignity is not undermined. Students take an active role in monitoring their own behavior and that of other students against standards of conduct. Teachers' monitoring of student behavior is subtle and preventive.
<b>2e: Organizing physical space</b>	The physical environment is unsafe, or many students don't have access to learning. There is poor alignment between the arrangement of furniture and resources, including computer technology, and the lesson activities.	The classroom is safe, and essential learning is accessible to most students. The teacher's use of physical resources, including computer technology, is moderately effective. Teacher may attempt to modify the physical arrangement to suit learning activities, with partial success.	The classroom is safe, and learning is accessible to all students; teacher ensures that the physical arrangement is appropriate to the learning activities. Teacher makes effective use of physical resources, including computer technology.	The classroom is safe, and learning is accessible to all students including those with special needs. Teacher makes effective use of physical resources, including computer technology. The teacher ensures that the physical arrangement is appropriate to the learning activities. Students contribute to the use or adaptation of the physical environment to advance learning.

## Domain 3: Instruction

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<b>3a: Communicating with students</b>	The instructional purpose of the lesson is unclear to students and the directions and procedures are confusing. Teacher's explanation of the content contains major errors. The teacher's spoken or written language contains errors of grammar or syntax. Vocabulary is inappropriate, vague, or used incorrectly, leaving students confused.	Teacher's attempt to explain the instructional purpose has only limited success, and/or directions and procedures must be clarified after initial student confusion. Teacher's explanation of the content may contain minor errors; some portions are clear; other portions are difficult to follow. Teacher's explanation consists of a monologue, with no invitation to the students for intellectual engagement. Teacher's spoken language is correct; however, vocabulary is limited, or not fully appropriate to the students' ages or backgrounds.	The instructional purpose of the lesson is clearly communicated to students, including where it is situated within broader learning; directions and procedures are explained clearly. Teacher's explanation of content is well scaffolded, clear and accurate, and connects with students' knowledge, background, and cultural experience. During the explanation of content, the teacher invites student intellectual engagement. Teacher's spoken and written language is clear and correct. Vocabulary is appropriate to the students' ages and interests.	The teacher links the instructional purpose of the lesson to student interests; the directions and procedures are clear and anticipate possible student misunderstanding. Teacher's explanation of content is thorough and clear, developing conceptual understanding through artful scaffolding and connecting with students' interests including those from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds. Students from diverse racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic are encouraged to use their home and community knowledge to extend the content, by explaining concepts to their classmates and suggesting strategies that might be used. Teacher's spoken and written language is expressive, and the teacher finds opportunities to extend students' vocabularies. ELL students simultaneously engage with academic content while learning English, drawing on knowledge and language skills they already have in their dominant language
<b>3b: Using questioning / prompts and discussion</b>	Teacher's questions are of low cognitive challenge, single correct responses, and asked in rapid succession. Interaction between teacher and students is predominantly recitation style, with the teacher mediating all questions and answers. A few students dominate the discussion.	Teacher's questions lead students through a single path of inquiry, with answers seemingly determined in advance. Alternatively the teacher attempts to frame some questions designed to promote student thinking and understanding, but only a few students are involved. Teacher attempts to engage all students in the discussion and to encourage them to respond to one another, with uneven results.	While the teacher may use some low-level questions, he or she poses questions to students designed to promote student thinking and understanding. Teacher creates a genuine discussion among students, providing adequate time for students to respond, and stepping aside when appropriate. When a few students tend to dominate the discussion, the teacher uses a range of techniques to encourage students from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds to contribute to the discussion.	Teacher uses a variety or series of questions or prompts from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic perspectives to challenge students cognitively, advance high level thinking and discourse, and promote meta-cognition. Students formulate many questions, initiate topics, challenge one's thinking, and make unsolicited contributions. Students themselves ensure that all voices are heard and perspectives validated in the discussion.
<b>3c: Engaging students in learning</b>	The learning tasks and activities, materials, resources, instructional groups and technology are poorly aligned with the instructional outcomes, or require only rote responses. The pace of the lesson is too slow or rushed. Few students are intellectually engaged or interested.	The learning tasks or prompts are partially aligned with the instructional outcomes but require only minimal thinking by students, allowing most students to be passive or merely compliant. The pacing of the lesson may not provide students the time needed to be intellectually engaged.	The learning tasks and activities are aligned with the instructional outcomes and are designed to challenge student thinking, resulting in active intellectual engagement by most students with important and challenging content, and with teacher scaffolding to support that engagement. The pacing of the lesson is appropriate, providing most students the time needed to be intellectually engaged.	Virtually all students are intellectually engaged in challenging culturally relevant content, through well-designed learning tasks and activities that require complex thinking, and The teacher provides suitable scaffolding and challenges students to explain their thinking. There is evidence of some student initiation of inquiry, and student contributions leading to the exploration of important content and future learning; students serve as cultural resources for one another. The pacing of the lesson provides students the time needed to intellectually engage with and reflect upon their learning, and to consolidate their understanding. <i>Different and flexible grouping options are used for specific purposes and students of similar backgrounds and skills are not consistently grouped with the same classmates.</i>
<b>3d: Using Assessment in Instruction</b>	There is little or no assessment or monitoring of student learning; feedback is absent, or of poor quality. Students do not appear to be aware of the assessment criteria and do not engage in self-assessment.	Assessment is used sporadically to support instruction, through some monitoring of progress of learning by teacher and/or students. Feedback to students is general, and students appear to be only partially aware of the assessment criteria used to evaluate their work but few assess their own work. Questions/prompts/ assessments are rarely used to diagnose evidence of learning.	Assessment is regularly used during instruction, through monitoring of progress of learning by teacher and/or students, resulting in accurate, specific feedback that advances learning. Students appear to be aware of the assessment criteria; some of them engage in self-assessment. Questions/prompts/ assessments that include racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic referents are used to diagnose evidence of learning.	Assessment is fully integrated into instruction, through extensive use of formative assessment. Teachers make mid-course corrections when needed and enlist students' racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic interests to enrich an explanation. Students appear to be aware of, and there is evidence that students from all cultural and linguistic groups have contributed to the assessment criteria. Students self-assess and monitor their progress. A variety of forms of feedback, from both teacher and peers, is accurate, specific, culturally relevant, and advances learning. Questions/prompts/assessments are used regularly to diagnose evidence of learning by individual students. The teacher successfully differentiates instruction to address individual students' misunderstanding. Assessment strategies for ELL are evident.
<b>3e: Demonstrating flexibility and responsiveness</b>	Teacher adheres to the instruction plan in spite of evidence of poor student understanding or students' lack of interest. Teacher ignores student questions; when students experience difficulty, the teacher blames the students or their home environment.	Teacher attempts to modify the lesson when needed and to respond to student questions and interests, with moderate success. Teacher accepts responsibility for student success, but has only a limited repertoire of strategies to draw upon.	Teacher promotes the successful learning of all students, making minor adjustments as needed to instruction plans and accommodating student questions, needs and interests. The teacher persists in seeking approaches for students who have difficulty learning, drawing on a broad repertoire of strategies.	Teacher seizes an opportunity to enhance learning, building on spontaneous events that include the experiences and interests of students from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic groups. The teacher adjusts and differentiates instruction to address individual student misunderstandings and cultural experiences using an extensive repertoire of instructional strategies and soliciting additional resources from the school, home or community. When students from all racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic groups encounter difficulty in learning, the teacher seeks alternate approaches to help students be successful.

## Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

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<b>4a: Reflecting on Teaching</b>	Teacher does not know whether a lesson was effective or achieved its instructional outcomes, or teacher profoundly misjudges the success of a lesson. Teacher has no suggestions for how a lesson could be improved.	Teacher has a generally accurate impression of a lesson's effectiveness and the extent to which instructional outcomes were met. Teacher makes general suggestions about how a lesson could be improved.	Teacher makes an accurate assessment of a lesson's effectiveness and the extent to which it achieved its instructional outcomes and can cite general references to support the judgment. Teacher makes a few specific suggestions of what could be tried another time the lesson is taught.	Teacher makes a thoughtful and accurate assessment of a lesson's effectiveness and the extent to which it achieved its instructional outcomes, citing many specific examples from the lesson and weighing the relative strengths of each. Drawing on an extensive repertoire of skills, teacher offers specific alternative actions, complete with the probable success of different courses of action.
<b>4b: Maintaining Accurate Records</b>	Teacher's system for maintaining information on student completion of assignments and student progress in learning is nonexistent or in disarray. Teacher's records for non-instructional activities are in disarray, resulting in errors and confusion.	Teacher's system for maintaining information on student completion of assignments and student progress in learning is rudimentary and only partially effective. Teacher's records for non-instructional activities are adequate, but require frequent monitoring to avoid errors.	Teacher's system for maintaining information on student completion of assignments, student progress in learning, and non-instructional records, is fully effective.	Teacher's system for maintaining information on student completion of assignments, student progress in learning, and non-instructional records, is fully effective. Records are examined and tracked by racial, ethnic, and linguistic subgroups. Students contribute information and participate in maintaining the records.
<b>4c: Communicating with Families</b>	Teacher communication with families, about the instructional program, or about individual students, is sporadic or culturally inappropriate. Teacher makes no attempt to engage families in the instructional program.	Teacher makes sporadic attempts to communicate with families about the instructional program and about the progress of individual students but does not attempt to engage families in the instructional program. But communications are one-way and not always appropriate to the cultural norms of those families.	Teacher communicates frequently with families about the instructional program and conveys information about individual student progress. Teacher makes some attempts to engage families in the instructional program; as appropriate information to families is conveyed in a culturally appropriate manner. The teacher is available as needed to respond to family concerns.	Early in the school year, the teacher establishes positive relationships with families by communicating with them about the instructional program, conferring with them about individual students, and inviting them to be part of the educational process. The teacher responds to family concerns, including families that are racially, ethnically, culturally, and linguistically diverse with professionalism and cultural sensitivity. Teacher's efforts to engage families in the instructional program are frequent and successful. She learns from families how best to meet the need of their children and uses this knowledge to shape her teaching.
<b>4d: Participating in a Professional Community</b>	Teacher's relationships with colleagues are negative or self-serving. Teacher avoids participation in a professional culture of inquiry, resisting opportunities to become involved. Teacher avoids becoming involved in school events or	Teacher maintains cordial relationships with colleagues to fulfill duties that the school or district requires. Teacher becomes involved in the school's culture of professional inquiry when invited to do so. Teacher participates in school events and school and district projects when specifically asked.	Relationships with colleagues are characterized by mutual support and cooperation; teacher actively participates in a culture of professional inquiry. Teacher volunteers to participate in school events and in school and district projects, making a substantial contribution.	Relationships with colleagues are characterized by mutual support and cooperation, with the teacher taking initiative in assuming leadership among the faculty. Teacher takes a leadership role in promoting a culture of professional inquiry. Teacher volunteers to participate in school events and district projects, making a substantial contribution, and assuming a leadership role in at least one aspect of school or district life. The teacher participates in community educational initiatives, including those occurring in racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic communities.
<b>4e: Growing and Developing Professionally</b>	Teacher engages in no professional development activities to enhance knowledge or skill. Teacher resists feedback on teaching performance from either supervisors or more experienced colleagues. Teacher makes no effort to share knowledge with others or to assume professional responsibilities.	Teacher participates in professional activities to a limited extent when they are convenient. Teacher accepts, with some reluctance, feedback on teaching performance from both supervisors and professional colleagues. Teacher finds limited ways to contribute to the profession	Teacher seeks out opportunities for professional development to enhance content knowledge, pedagogical skill, and culturally responsive pedagogy and instruction. Teacher welcomes feedback from colleagues when made by supervisors or when opportunities arise through professional collaboration. Teacher participates actively in assisting other educators	Teacher seeks out opportunities for professional development sponsored by the school district, professional educational organizations, and culturally and ethnically diverse community organizations and makes a systematic effort to conduct action research. Teacher solicits feedback on teaching from both supervisors and colleagues. Teacher initiates important activities to contribute to the profession, particularly in the areas related to the achievement of students from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic communities.
<b>4f: Showing Professionalism</b>	Teacher displays dishonesty in interactions with colleagues, students, and the public. Teacher is not alert to students' needs and contributes to school practices that result in some students being ill served by the school. Teacher makes decisions and recommendations based on self-serving interests. Teacher does not comply with school and district regulations	Teacher is honest in interactions with colleagues, students, and the public. Teacher's attempt to serve students is inconsistent, and does not knowingly contribute to some students being ill served by the school. Teacher's decisions and recommendations are based on limited though genuinely professional considerations. Teacher complies minimally with school and district regulations, doing just enough to get by.	Teacher displays high standards of honesty, integrity, and confidentiality in interactions with colleagues, students, and the public. Teacher is active in serving students, working to ensure that all students receive a fair opportunity to succeed. Teacher maintains an open mind in team or departmental decision-making. Teacher complies fully with school and district regulations.	Teacher can be counted on to hold the highest standards of honesty, integrity, and confidentiality and takes a leadership role with colleagues. Teacher is highly proactive in serving and advocating for students, seeking out resources when needed. Teacher makes a concerted effort to challenge negative attitudes or practices to ensure that all students, particularly those traditionally underserved, such as Mexican-American and African-Americans, are honored in the school. Teacher takes a leadership role in team or departmental decision-making and helps ensure that such decisions are based on the highest professional standards. Teacher complies fully with school and district regulations but challenges long-held assumptions and practices that impede the academic progress of students, including students from different racial, ethnic, cultural, and linguistic backgrounds.