Framework for Evaluation & Professional Growth

Comprehensive Assessment

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FRAMEWORK FOR EVALUATION & PROFESSIONAL GROWTH

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COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT

Includes:

- Self-Assessment
  Discussion/Review of Previously Collected Information

- Unit Plan/Lesson Plan*

- Observation Process*
  Planning Information Record
  Classroom Notes
  Reflecting Information Record
  Appraisal Record

- Educator Information Record

- Summative Process
  Analysis of Data
  Identification of Performance Levels
  Sharing of Evaluation Results

- Future Growth Plan

*Reference local requirements
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- Data sources
- Planning Information Record
- Reflecting Information Record
- Educator Information Record
- Future Growth Plan

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- Clarification
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Instrument Section
SELF-ASSESSMENT
(Worksheet)

Educator’s Name: __________________________

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**Self-Assessment:**
Using the appropriate Performance Standards and corresponding Rubrics for your job assignment, reflect upon the level of competency you have exhibited in each of these areas.

Identify three areas of strength and three areas which you would like to strengthen [areas for growth] and be prepared to discuss your reasons for selecting.

Please use this worksheet to organize your information.
Areas to Strengthen (Areas for Growth)*

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*Use the appropriate Performance Standards to identify and list areas to strengthen.
ANALYSIS OF UNIT PLAN AND LESSON PLAN

EDUCATOR NAME: ____________     SCHOOL: ____________

UNIT PLAN

_____ The unit goal(s) is/are consistent with the curriculum.

_____ The goal(s) is/are appropriate for these students.

_____ Strategies contextualizing the unit goal(s) for these students are included.

_____ Ongoing learner understanding is assessed.

_____ The assessment of learner understanding relates to the stated goal(s) of the unit.

LESSON PLAN

_____ The goal(s)/objectives is/are clear in terms of student learning and behavior.

_____ The goal(s) objective(s) is/are appropriate for students at this point in their learning.

_____ The plan explains how student progress toward the achievement of the goal(s)/objectives will be measured.

_____ The lesson plan contains strategies for demonstrating the relevance and importance of the learning.

_____ The lesson plan provides for connections to past and future learning.

_____ The instructional procedures consider variety in the task structures.

_____ The instructional procedures provide the student practice/review which contains application of the learning and authentic practice.

_____ The instructional strategies provide the opportunity for thinking beyond recall.

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<td>_____ Alternative and/or supplemental activities for additional practice are included in the plan as appropriate.</td>
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<td>_____ An explanation is provided for how the material and media will be used.</td>
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<td>_____ The material and media are appropriate for the students and the learning.</td>
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<td>_____ The plan contains specific procedures to monitor the level of student understanding during the lesson.</td>
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<td>_____ The plan contains a description of the organization of student learning (classroom structure, facility arrangement, centers, etc.)</td>
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Educator/Date                                        Evaluator/Date

Educator’s signature acknowledges an opportunity to review the information from the above form. It does not necessarily indicate agreement with the comments.
**COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT**

**PLANNING INFORMATION RECORD**

| EDUCATOR’S NAME: _____________________ | OBSERVATION NO: ___________________
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Educator completes this form for each formal observation; however, the evaluator may need to discuss the contents of this form for clarification purposes. Educators retain the right to make instructional decisions/changes during the observation.

1. What state curriculum standard, performance indicator, or accomplishment is the objective for this lesson? In the event that students are working on individual objectives, choose 2 or 3 students and provide their objectives. **IA**

2. What specific data have you gathered about your students’ current abilities in relation to this objective/these objectives, and how have you used that information in the design of this lesson? **IB, IC**

3. What teaching strategies will you use to teach this lesson? **IB, IIA, IIB**

4. How will you assess student learning? Identify specific data. **IB, IC, IIIA**

5. How will you determine the students’ retention and ongoing application of learning from this lesson? **IIIA**

6. Explain any special situation(s) of which the evaluator might need to be aware?
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OBSERVATION NOTES

COVER SHEET

EDUCATOR NAME: ________________________

EVALUATOR/OBSERVER NAME: _______________________

OBSERVATION DATE: ___/____/____    Class/Session Start Time: __________

Class/Session End Time: ___________

Number of students ______________
**COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT**
**REFLECTING INFORMATION RECORD**

**EDUCATOR NAME:** ____________  **OBSERVATION NO:** ___________________

**DATE:** ____________________________

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<td>1.</td>
<td>As you reflect on the lesson, how did it actually unfold as compared to what you had anticipated happening as you did your planning. <strong>IIIC</strong></td>
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<td>Provide the data/information that you have used to determine your students’ progress toward this lesson’s goals. Include individual and group information. <strong>IIIA and IIIC</strong></td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>How will you use your students’ performance today as you envision the next step for these students in learning? <strong>IIIC and Planning domain.</strong></td>
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<td>If you were to teach this lesson again to these students, what changes would you make? <strong>IIIC</strong></td>
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<td>As you reflect over this lesson, what ideas or insights are you discovering about your teaching? <strong>IIIC</strong></td>
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**COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT**
**APPRAISAL RECORD**

| EDUCATOR NAME: _____________________ | PURPOSE: ____________________ |

This form is to be completed after each observation cycle (planning, observation, reflection). Feedback regarding areas not included in the observation process such as the Educator Information Record may be included.

**Feedback regarding Performance Standards**

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**Domain _____________**
| Indicator ___________ | Statement __________ |
| Evidence |

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Educator comments regarding the educator’s evaluation to this point:  (Attach additional sheets if necessary).

The signatures below indicate that the above information has been shared and discussed.

_____________________________________          __________________________________
Educator/Date                                                            Evaluator/Observer/Date
The purpose of this record is to gather a sampling of information regarding the Assessment and Evaluation and Professional Growth Domains. The evaluator may ask for further clarification of this information. You may record information on these pages or reproduce them exactly as they appear.

**Domain III**
Provide two examples of pre/post-instructional data for a class of students. If applicable, use state mandated tests as one example. Describe the amount of student progress exhibited and how your conclusions were used to make instructional decisions. (In analyzing TVAAS data, observable trends should be described. Classroom examples should be more specific. You may attach copies of the assessments). IIIA, IIIC.

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<th>Pre-Instructional Data</th>
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2. How do you communicate student achievement and progress to students, parents, and appropriate others? Describe and/or provide examples. IIIB

3. Domain V: Professional Growth

A collaboration is defined as an intellectual endeavor where two or more educators share with each other and gain professional knowledge from each other. Discuss two relevant examples of collaborative professional development you have participated in within the last five years. VA

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<th>Collaborative Activities and Date</th>
<th>Purpose of Collaboration</th>
<th>Results of the Collaboration</th>
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4. Use the chart provided below to provide information regarding 2 of your most useful professional growth opportunities. Include a description of your application of this professional growth in your classroom as well as information regarding any professional leadership with colleagues which might have resulted from your growth. VB

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## SCORING STANDARDS
### Comprehensive Assessment

An “unsatisfactory” rating in at least one indicator within a domain will result in that domain being identified as a “Required Area to Strengthen”.

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<td>First-Year/2\textsuperscript{nd} Year Educator</td>
<td>1 indicator in each domain above \textbf{Level A} in Domains I-IV. All indicators at \textbf{Level A} in Domains V &amp; VI</td>
<td>All indicator(s) at \textbf{Level A} or at indicator(s) below \textbf{Level A} in a domain within Domains I-VI. An indicator(s) below \textbf{Level A} in a domain within Domains V &amp; VI. Expectation: No more than 2 domains be identified as “Required Areas to Strengthen.”</td>
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*An educator using this evaluation for Highly Qualified status may use this evaluation as one of his/her required evaluation.
# COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT – SUMMATIVE REPORT

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**SCHOOL NAME:**

**SS#**

**Teacher #:**

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<td>B.</td>
<td>Plans instruction and student evaluation based on an in depth understanding of the content, student needs, curriculum standards, and the community.</td>
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<td>C.</td>
<td>Adapts instructional opportunities for diverse learners.</td>
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<td>Uses research-based classroom strategies that are grounded in higher order thinking, problem-solving, and real world connections for all students.</td>
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<th>Action Plan: Describe the action you plan to take to accomplish this goal, including timelines for completion of each action. (What will you do to increase your knowledge in accomplishing your professional growth goal(s)? (What resources or support do you anticipate needing from your building level and/or district supervisors to fulfill your Future Growth Plan?)</th>
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| The Professional Growth Plan stated above has been reviewed and is appropriate for implementation beginning ____________ and ending ___________________ |
| Month/Year | Month/Year |

| Educator/Date | Evaluator/Date |
Describe the impact on your instruction and student performance from the aforementioned action plan.

I verify that I personally engaged in these activities. I have reviewed the above plan.

________________________________________             _________________________________
Educator/Date                                                                    Evaluator/Date
Rating Scale

Advanced
The teacher has mastered the criteria and has become a highly effective teacher with respect to these skills.

Proficient
The teacher has mastered the rudiments of the criteria and is expected to improve considerably with experience or professional growth.

Developing
The teacher clearly has not mastered the basic requirements of the criterion and may not meet one or more of the criteria.

Unsatisfactory
The teacher exhibits unsatisfactory performance and does not show evidence of the capacity or motivation for improvement.
Bloom's Taxonomy*

Benjamin Bloom created this taxonomy for categorizing questions that occur frequently in educational settings. The taxonomy provides a useful structure for categorizing content standards and as items.

Knowledge: list, define, tell, describe, identify, show, label, collect, examine, tabulate, quote, narrate, when, where, etc.

- observation and recall of information
- knowledge of dates, events, places
- knowledge of major ideas
- mastery of subject matter

Comprehension: summarize, describe, interpret, contrast, predict, associate, distinguish, estimate, differentiate, discuss, extend

- understanding information
- grasp meaning
- translate knowledge into new context
- interpret facts, compare, contrast
- order, group, infer causes
- predict consequences

Application: apply, demonstrate, calculate, complete, illustrate, show, solve, examine, modify, relate, change, classify, experiment, discover

- use information
- use methods, concepts, theories in new situations
- solve problems using required skills or knowledge

Analyze, separate, order, explain, connect, classify, arrange, divide, compare—select, explain, infer

- seeing patterns
- organization of parts
- recognition of hidden meanings
- identification of components

Synthesis: combine, integrate, modify, rearrange, substitute, plan, create, design, invent, what if compose, formulate, prepare, generalize, rewrite

- use old ideas to create new ones
- generalize from given facts
- relate knowledge from several areas
- predict, draw conclusions

Evaluation: assess, decide, rank, grade, test, measure, recommend, convince, select, judge, explain, discriminate, support, conclude, compare, summarize

- compare and discriminate between ideas
- assess value of theories, presentations
- make choices based on reasoned argument
- verify value of evidence
- recognize subjectivity
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