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Planning Standards-Based Lessons/Units

Focus Statement: Using established content standards, the teacher plans rigorous units with learning targets embedded within a performance scale that demonstrates a progression of learning.

Desired Effect: Teacher provides evidence of implementing lesson/unit plans aligned to grade level standard(s) using learning targets embedded in a performance scale.

Planning Evidence (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Plans exhibit a focus on the essential standards
- ☐ Plans include a scale that builds a progression of knowledge from simple to complex
- ☐ Plans identify learning targets aligned to the rigor of required standards
- ☐ Plans identify specific instructional strategies appropriate for the learning target
- ☐ Plans illustrate how learning will scaffold from an understanding of foundational content to application of information in authentic ways
- ☐ Lessons are planned with teachable chunks of content
- ☐ When appropriate, lessons/units are integrated with other content areas
- ☐ When appropriate, learning targets and unit plans include district scope and sequence
- ☐ Plans illustrate how equity is addressed in the classroom
- ☐ When appropriate, plans illustrate how Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)/personal learning plans are addressed in the classroom
- ☐ When appropriate, plans illustrate how EL strategies are addressed in the classroom
- ☐ When appropriate, plans integrate cultural competencies and/or standards

Example Implementation Evidence (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Lesson plans align to grade level standard(s) with targets and use a performance scale
- ☐ Planned and completed student assignments/work demonstrate that lessons are aligned to grade level standards/targets at the appropriate taxonomy level
- ☐ Planned and completed student assignments/work require practice with complex text and its academic language
- ☐ Planned and completed student assignments/work demonstrate development of applicable mathematical practices
- ☐ Planned and completed student assignments/work demonstrate grounding in real-world application
- ☐ Planned and completed student assignments/work demonstrate how equity has been addressed in the lesson/unit
- ☐ Planned and completed student assignments/work demonstrate how Individualized Education Plans (IEPs)/personal learning plans have been addressed in the lesson/unit
- ☐ Planned and completed student assignments/work demonstrate how EL strategies have been addressed in the lesson/unit
- ☐ Planned and completed student assignments/work indicate opportunities for students to insert content specific to their cultures
- ☐ Artifacts demonstrate the teacher helps others by sharing evidence of planning and implementing lesson/unit plans aligned to grade level standards (e.g. PLC notes, emails, blogs, sample units, discussion group)

Not Using (0)	Beginning (1)	Developing (2)	Applying (3)	Innovating (4)
Makes no attempt to plan rigorous units with learning targets embedded within a performance scale that demonstrates a progression of learning.	Using established content standards, attempts to plan rigorous units with learning targets embedded within a performance scale that demonstrates a progression of learning.	Using established content standards, plans rigorous units with learning targets embedded within a performance scale that demonstrates a progression of learning.	Using established content standards, plans rigorous units with learning targets embedded within a performance scale that demonstrates a progression of learning *and* provides evidence of implementing lesson/unit plans aligned to grade level standard(s) using learning targets embedded in a performance scale.	Helps others by sharing evidence of implementing lesson/unit plans aligned to grade level standard(s) using learning targets embedded in a performance scale *and* the impacts on student learning.

Aligning Resources to Standard(s)

Focus Statement: Teacher plan includes traditional and/or digital resources for use in standards-based units and lessons.

Desired Effect: Teacher implements traditional and/or digital resources to support teaching standards-based units and lessons.

Planning Evidence (Check all that apply)
- ☐ Plans identify how to use traditional resources such as text books, manipulatives, primary source materials, etc. at the appropriate level of text complexity to implement the unit or lesson plan
- ☐ Plans integrate a variety of text types (structures)
- ☐ Plans incorporate nonfiction text
- ☐ Plans identify Standards for Mathematical Practice to be applied
- ☐ Plans identify how available technology will be used
  - Interactive whiteboards
  - Response systems
  - Voting technologies
  - One-to-one computers
  - Social networking sites
  - Blogs
  - Wikis
  - Discussion boards
- ☐ When appropriate, plans identify resources within the community that will be used to enhance students' understanding of the content (i.e. cultural and ethnic resources)
- ☐ When appropriate, plans identify how to use human resources, such as a co-teacher, paraprofessional, one-on-one tutor, mentor, etc. to implement the unit or lesson plan

Example Implementation Evidence (Check all that apply)
- ☐ Traditional resources are appropriately aligned to grade level standards
  - Text books
  - Manipulatives
  - Primary source materials
- ☐ Digital resources are appropriately aligned to grade level standards
  - Interactive whiteboards
  - Response systems
  - Voting technologies
  - One-to-one computers
  - Social networking sites
  - Blogs
  - Wikis
  - Discussion boards
- ☐ Planned student assignments/work incorporate the use of traditional and/or digital resources, and facilitate learning of the standards
- ☐ Planned student assignments/work incorporate the use of a variety of text types (including structures and nonfiction) and resources at the appropriate level of text complexity
- ☐ Planned student assignments/work require reasoning and explaining, modeling and using tools, seeing structure and generalizing of mathematics
- ☐ Planned resources include those specific to students' culture
- ☐ Artifacts demonstrate the teacher helps others by sharing evidence of planning and implementing supporting resources aligned to grade level standards (e.g. PLC notes, emails, blogs, sample units, discussion group)

Not Using (0)	Beginning (1)	Developing (2)	Applying (3)	Innovating (4)
Teacher plan does not include traditional and/or digital resources for use in standards-based units and lessons.	Teacher plan includes traditional and/or digital resources for use in standards-based units and lessons that do not support the lesson.	Teacher plan includes traditional and/or digital resources for use in standards-based units and lessons.	Teacher plan includes traditional and/or digital resources for use in standards-based units *and* lessons and provides evidence of implementing traditional and/or digital resources to support teaching standards-based units and lessons.	Helps others by sharing evidence of including and implementing traditional and/or digital resources to support teaching standards-based units and lessons.

Identifying Critical Content from the Standards (Required evidence in every lesson)

Focus Statement: Teacher uses the progression of standards-based learning targets (embedded within a performance scale) to identify accurate critical content during a lesson or part of a lesson.

Desired Effect: Evidence (formative data) demonstrates students know what content is important and what is not important as it relates to the learning target(s).

Example Teacher Instructional Techniques (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Identify a learning target aligned to the grade level standard(s)
- ☐ Begin and end the lesson with focus on the learning target to indicate the critical content of the lesson
- ☐ Provide a learning target embedded in a scale specifying critical content from the standard(s)
- ☐ Relate classroom activities to the target and/or scale throughout the lesson
- ☐ Identify differences between the critical content from the standard(s) and non-critical content
- ☐ Identify and accurately teach critical content
- ☐ Use a scaffolding process to identify critical content for each 'chunk' of the learning progression
- ☐ Use verbal/visual cueing
- ☐ Use storytelling and/or dramatic instruction
- ☐ Model how to identify meaning and purpose in a text
- ☐ Ensure text complexity aligns to the critical content
- ☐ When appropriate, use cultural examples to connect learning activities to the learning target/critical content

Example Teacher Techniques for Monitoring for Learning (Check all that apply)

- ☐ **Use a Group Activity** to monitor that students know what content is important
- ☐ **Use Student Work** (Recording and Representing) to monitor that students know what content is important
- ☐ **Use Response Methods** to monitor that students know what content is important
- ☐ **Use Questioning Sequences** to monitor that students know what content is important

Example Student Evidence of Desired Effect (Percent of students who demonstrate achievement of the desired effect that students know what content is important. Student evidence is obtained as the teacher uses a monitoring technique. Check all that apply.)

- ☐ Student conversation in groups focus on critical content
- ☐ Generate short written response (i.e. summary, entrance/exit ticket)
- ☐ Create nonlinguistic representations (i.e. diagram, model, scale)
- ☐ Student-generated notes focus on critical content
- ☐ Responses to questions focus on critical content
- ☐ Explain purpose and unique characteristics of key concepts/critical content
- ☐ Explain applicable mathematical practices in critical content
- ☐ When appropriate, responses involve explanatory content specific to their culture

Example Adaptations a teacher can make after monitoring student evidence and determining how many students demonstrate the desired learning (Check all that apply)

- ☐ Reteach or use a new teacher technique
- ☐ Reorganize groups
- ☐ Utilize peer resources
- ☐ Modify the task
- ☐ Provide additional resources

Not Using (0)	Beginning (1)	Developing (2)	Applying (3)	Innovating (4)
Strategy was called for but not exhibited.	Uses strategy incorrectly or with parts missing.	Uses the progression of standards-based learning targets embedded within a performance scale to identify accurate critical content during a lesson or part of a lesson, but less than the majority of students are displaying the desired effect in student evidence at the taxonomy level of the critical content.	Uses the progression of standards-based learning targets embedded within a performance scale to identify accurate critical content during a lesson or part of a lesson. The desired effect is displayed in the majority of student evidence at the taxonomy level of the critical content.	Based on student evidence, implements adaptations to achieve the desired effect in more than 90% of the student evidence at the taxonomy level of the critical content.