VOLUSIA COUNTY TEACHER ASSESSMENT SYSTEM HANDBOOK



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DISCLAIMER

This handbook is to be used as a reference guide for assessment of employees represented by the Volusia Teachers Organization (VTO) bargaining unit serving the School District of Volusia County. Changes to these procedures may be recommended by the VCTAS Steering Committee at any time. Such changes will be recommended to the Superintendent for approval by the School Board. Neither the handbook, nor its contents, in any way creates an express or implied contract of employment.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Evaluation is a continuous, cooperative process designed to improve instruction and the performance of students. It is intended to be positive and growth-oriented and based on fundamental principles of effective evaluation and contemporary research in assessment practices. The assessment system shall be applied equitably and shall conform to legally sound evaluation procedures.

GENERAL GUIDELINES

- 1. Administrators are responsible for training teachers as it relates to their evaluations.
- 2. Evaluations shall identify strengths as well as weaknesses.
- 3. Components of the Volusia County Teacher Assessment System (VCTAS) are designed to reflect the performance of teachers and increased student achievement.
- 4. Evaluations shall be based on observable data or records pertaining to job performance.
- 5. The principal or administrative designee shall evaluate teachers. All other members of the bargaining unit shall be evaluated by their immediate supervisor.
- 6. District personnel may be involved in the evaluation process of teachers to provide technical assistance but shall not have primary responsibility for the final evaluation instrument.
- 7. Modifications or changes in the evaluation system shall be reviewed by the VCTAS Steering Committee and approved by the School Board.
- 8. VCTAS folders are to follow the teacher and be stored on site for three (3) years. VCTAS folders, older than three years, should be handled per Records Destruction Guide. (See www.volusia.k12.fl.us/fpwebs/armweb.)

DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to the Volusia County Teacher Assessment System.

(Administrative) Designee – A school (assistant principal) or district-based administrator who observes, conferences with, and evaluates instructional staff (not Teachers on Assignment (TOAs))

Annual Contract Teacher – A teacher who has not attained tenure under the Volusia County Teacher Tenure Law, and whose contract of employment, therefore, is a duration of one year.

Attachments – For annual contract teachers, all documents, signed by the teacher that impact the evaluation, are to be attached to the final evaluation instrument. For tenured teachers, documents are to be attached to the final evaluation in support of "B" or "U" ratings. Other documentation, including awards and citations, may be attached based on the discretion of the administrator. Any document attached to the final evaluation must be signed and dated by the teacher or signed and dated by a witness that the teacher received a copy.

Base school – The base school is the school responsible for payroll.

Exemplars – Indicators used to describe distinguished performance

Evaluation Report – The instrument used to report data collection from classroom observations and teacher support duties during post-conference sessions

Final Evaluation - An evaluation which is completed by April 30 of each school year.

Holiday - Holiday shall be defined as Spring Break, Thanksgiving Break, and Winter Break.

Holistic Evaluation - A method of evaluating performance for its overall quality

Instructional Performance – Behaviors observed during an observation

Instructional Support Performance – Behaviors not necessarily observed during an observation but which can be documented

Instructional Support Teachers – Certified teachers whose primary responsibility is working with other teachers rather than directly with students on a routine basis, example – reading coach

Itinerant Teacher – An itinerant teacher is a teacher who serves more than one location and who will be evaluated by the building-level administrator of the base school (where the paycheck is received). Observations may be conducted by both administrators who will confer on one final evaluation.

Parent Input Form – A form available to parents at each school location for parent input regarding teacher evaluations

Performance of Students - Will be measured by use of data, not evaluation of student performance

Performance Indicator – Describes the overall performance in high impact areas rather than discrete, isolated descriptors

Phase - The various components and timelines for the evaluation process of annual contract teachers

Pre-Observation Conference – A conference that occurs prior to a scheduled observation

Pre-Observation Form – The form used during a conference held prior to the scheduled observation

Professional Performance Final Evaluation Form – Provides the teacher's final evaluation status and becomes part of the personnel records

Rating – Shows the degree to which the teacher's performance aligns with performance indicators

Rubric – Provides the holistic evaluation guidelines to determine the rating for each of the nine performance indicators

Scheduled Observation - The observation by the evaluator which typically follows a pre-observation conference

Success Plan – A form which indicates the need to improve performance

Teachers - All instructional personnel included in the bargaining unit

Technical Assistance - Assistance provided to identified teachers by school and/or district-level personnel

Technical Assistance Observation and Conference Report – A form which may be used by technical assistance specialists during post-conferences

Tenured Teachers - Teachers who have earned tenure under the Volusia County Tenure Law

Transfer – A change in position from one school to another or to a district-level position

Unscheduled Observation – A formal observation by the evaluator that occurs without notice

VCTAS PROCEDURES

Only administrators, not TOAs, may evaluate teachers. TOAs are to be evaluated as teachers.

Regarding contract status codes, four (4) indicates tenure; any other digit indicates annual contract.

- 1- First-year annual contract teacher
- 2- Second-year annual contract teacher
- 3- Third-year annual contract teacher
- 4- Tenured teacher
- 5- Returned to annual contract status 1
- 6- Returned to annual contract status 3 for fourth year of employment
- 8 Annual contract DROP teacher
- 9 Ineliaible for tenure

Teachers new to the district who are participants of the **Empowering Educators for Excellence Program (E³)**, both those in the full-year and the modified program, must be evaluated according to all VCTAS procedures for any other annual contract teacher, in addition to meeting the **Empowering Educators for Excellence** Program requirements. **This means that these teachers must complete phases I, II, and III as outlined below for annual contract teachers.**

Annual Contract Teachers must be observed **at least twice** during the school year in accordance with VCTAS guidelines which are described below.

Phase I – Completion by the 80th day, December 7, 2011.

- Pre-Observation Form meeting
- Scheduled VCTAS Observation
- Post-Observation Conference (review of Evaluation Report within 10 working days of observation)
- Unscheduled VCTAS Observations (optional if conducted, must be followed by review of the Evaluation Report within 10 working days of the observation)

Note: Development of a Record of Counseling or Success Plan, if needed

Note: Phase I may be extended for a teacher who is employed or transferred after the 30th day, **September 26, 2011.**

Phase II - Completion by the 121st day, February 20, 2012.

Since February 20 is a paid holiday for teachers, the Phase II deadline will be **Friday**, **February 17**, **2012**.

- Unscheduled VCTAS Observation(s)
- Post-Observation Conference (review of Evaluation Report within 10 working days of observation)
- > Development and/or Review of a Record of Counseling or Success Plan, if needed

Phase III – Completion by ***April 30, 2012

Review of all data pertinent to the evaluation process for the school year

- Final evaluation conference by April 30, 2012
- > Development and/or Review of a Record of Counseling or Success Plan, if needed

Tenured Teachers are required to be evaluated in accordance with VCTAS guidelines which are described below.

- > One unscheduled VCTAS observation
- → Post-observation conference to review the Evaluation Report within 10 working days of the observation
- Conference to review and to complete the final evaluation form
- Development and/or review of a Record of Counseling or Success Plan, if needed
- All of the above completed by April 30, 2012***

*** When a teacher is subject to an on-going investigation by the Professional Standards Department or school-based administration, or when a disciplinary action is being processed through the grievance procedure (levels 1, 2 or 3), completion of the final evaluation may be extended beyond April 30, but not beyond June 30.

Note: Additional VCTAS observations of annual contract and tenured teachers may occur when deemed necessary by the administrator.

Electronic Final Evaluations

After April 30, 2012, submit one signed original final evaluation form per teacher to the Office of Employee Performance Assessment, Human Resources, to be received by Friday, May 4, 2012 (address on back cover).

OTHER THAN FULL-YEAR TEACHERS

- A. Phase I may be extended for an annual contract teacher who is **employed or transferred after the 30**th **day**, September 26, 2011.
- B. Teachers who transfer to another school during August or September will be evaluated by the receiving principal.
- C. **Teachers who transfer after September** will require one collaborative final evaluation between the sending and receiving principals.
- D. When a teacher terminates employment or takes a Leave of Absence before the 121st day, February 9, 2012, a letter (generated from the electronic final evaluation site) indicating that the teacher has terminated employment or is on a Leave of Absence must be printed and sent to the Office of Employee Performance Assessment by May 4, 2012 (address on back cover).

 Note: The administrator may execute a final evaluation if he/she deems it appropriate.
- E. An annual contract teacher who is employed up until the 121st working day, February 20, 2012, must complete Phase I and Phase II and the final evaluation.
- F. All teachers terminating employment or taking a Leave of Absence after the 121st working day, February 20, 2012, must abide by Phase I and II for annual contract teachers or procedures for tenured teacher and have a completed and signed final evaluation on file before the final date of employment.
- G. If the final evaluation is not completed prior to the teacher's final date of instruction, or if the teacher is unavailable for signature, but there is sufficient basis for an evaluation, complete and send two copies of the final evaluation along with a self-addressed, postage paid envelope, by certified mail to the teacher. Send the signed returned copy or the school copy with the signed acceptance receipt to the Office of Employee Performance Assessment by May 4, 2012 (address on back cover).
- H. **Teachers employed after the 121st working day, February 20, 2012,** require a Pre-Observation Form conference (annual contract teachers only), observation and Evaluation Report completed and on file in the school. A signed final evaluation must be completed with a note in the comments section that the evaluation of this teacher is based on "X" number of days of instruction and must be submitted to the Office of Employee Performance Assessment by May 4, 2012 (address on back cover).
- I. **Teachers employed after April 30, 2012**, require a Pre-Observation Form Conference (annual contract teachers only), observation and post-conference to review the evaluation report at least one time prior to the conclusion of the school year. In this case, a letter will replace the final evaluation.

ITINERANT TEACHERS

Itinerant teachers (teachers who serve more than one location) will be evaluated by the building-level administrator of the base school (the school/site responsible for payroll). Observations may be conducted by both administrators who will confer on one final evaluation to be submitted by April 30, 2012.

The following teachers are evaluated by their district-level supervisors with input from the site-based administrator(s):

Vision Teachers

Speech/Language Clinicians

Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teachers

VAATT Teachers

Pre-K Instructional Support Teachers

School Social Workers

PLUS Case Workers

School Psychologists

ESE Placement Specialists

ESE Program Specialists

ESE Instructional Support Teachers

Transition Specialists

IEP Facilitators

TEACHERS WITH MORE THAN ONE JOB FUNCTION

Teachers with more than one job function, on the same site or shared between sites, should be evaluated as one teacher, not per job function.

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS

- A. Teachers shall receive copies of all documents upon which their signatures are required.
- B. Forms and reports shall not be forwarded for placement in the teacher's official personnel file unless the teacher is given an opportunity for a conference to discuss such report with his/her evaluator and receives a signed copy.
- C. After such discussions, the teacher shall sign the form/report. The teacher has the right to submit a written response, which he/she is to sign and date, which shall become a part of the evaluation record.
- D. Folders to be used for storing VCTAS paperwork are available from the warehouse, green for annual contract teachers, red for tenured teachers.

OBSERVATIONS

Under routine circumstances, the length of a scheduled or unscheduled VCTAS observation should be a minimum of **30 minutes**.

Scheduled and unscheduled VCTAS observations shall not occur:

- On the first or last five days of the school year
- On the first or last day of a course
- On the day before or after a holiday (Holiday shall be defined as Spring Break, Thanksgiving Break, and Winter Break.)
- On an FCAT or other standardized testing date (This does not refer to the test window.) This refers to all teachers, including those who do not administer FCAT or other standardized tests. A formal VCTAS observation may occur during a test make-up day, if circumstances are conducive to a formal observation. However, it would probably be wise to avoid these days, if possible.
- A second scheduled observation may be performed by a qualified observer upon written request of the teacher.

Note: The above exceptions may not be waived by the teacher.

RATING GUIDELINES/RUBRIC FOR FINAL EVALUATION

The following rating guidelines are to be used by administrators when assessing teacher performance.

Distinguished

- > Performance is aligned with exemplars for each performance indicator.
- > Performance is consistent, exemplary, and represents a model for teachers.
- Performance exceeds expectation.
 - An overall rating of "D" may include some "P" ratings.
 - An overall rating of "D" will not include "B" or "U" ratings.

Note: An overall rating of "Distinguished" must include a "D" in Performance of Students.

Proficient

- Performance is aligned with exemplars for each performance indicator.
- > Performance meets expectations.
 - An overall rating of "P" indicates that the areas of performance are being met in a competent manner. The evaluatee is meeting expectations.
 - An overall rating of "P" may reflect an occasional "D" or "B" rating.
 - An overall rating of "P" may not reflect "U" ratings.

Note: An overall rating of "Proficient" must include a "P" or better in Performance of Students.

Basic

- > Performance is minimally aligned with exemplars for one or more performance indicators.
- > Performance on one or more of the performance indicators is inconsistent or not evident.
- Performance does not adequately meet expectations.
 - An overall rating of "B" indicates that improvement is necessary. The areas of performance are failing to meet the district's standards.
 - In order to avoid a "U" rating, improvement is required.
 - Improvement must be demonstrated in order for employment not to be in jeopardy.

Note: An overall rating of "Basic" may not include "Unsatisfactory" in Performance of Students.

Unsatisfactory

- > Performance is poorly aligned with exemplars for one or more performance indicators.
- Performance is ineffective and unacceptable.
 - An overall rating of "U" reflects a serious negative impact on continued employment.
 - Performance has been consistently below that which is required.
 - A rating of "U" indicates a persistent inability to fulfill performance areas in an acceptable manner. The prognosis for correcting the deficiencies is not promising.
 Specific evidence must justify the "U" rating.
- The superintendent shall notify the Florida Department of Education of any instructional personnel who receives two consecutive unsatisfactory annual evaluations and who has been given written notice by the district that his/her employment is being terminated or is not being renewed or that the school board intends to terminate, or not renew, his/her employment.

Note: Fifty percent of the final evaluation will be based on student achievement per state statute.

Volusia County Teacher Assessment System PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE FINAL EVALUATION FORM

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SCHOOL			DATE				
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- 1. Record of Counseling (MIS# 2008-051)
- 2. Pre-Observation Form Annual Contract Instructional Personnel (MIS# 2008-052)
- 3. Evaluation Report (MIS# 2008-054)
- 4. Stage I Success Plan (MIS# 2008-055) (Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for template and assistance.)
- 5. Stage II Success Plan (MIS# 2008-056) (Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for template and assistance.)
- 6. Stage III Success Plan (MIS# 2008-056) (Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for template and assistance.)
- 7. Professional Performance Final Evaluation Form access this document via:
- 8. Letter of Caution
- 9. Letter of Reprimand

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Pre-Observation Form Annual Contract Instructional Personnel

School
Observer
Date of Conference
nference with the teacher. The teacher is to aught and observed. It is to be returned to the ne pre-observation conference.
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evaluate that student learning has occurred.
ents will use during the lesson. Materials to be used by the students
ents will engage in during the lesson and the activities in the order in which they will STUDENT ACTIVITIES
Date
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Evaluation Report (This is not an observation instrument.)

Teacher's NameObs	ervation Date
Social Security # Site	
Subject/Area/Grade Level	
Check one Annual Contract Teacher	Tenured Teacher
This evaluation report is to be used by the observer during the post correport may be used during other conferences to provide informa regarding performance of instructional and instructional support duties.	tion to the instructional staff member
Instructional Performance Assessment Criteria Comments are required for each area below. Checks are to be placed ONLY in areas of concern. Checked areas of concern require Records of Counseling or Success Pror teachers with no student contact, "Ability to Maintain Appropriate In Performance of Students	
☐ Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline	
☐ Knowledge of Subject Matter	
☐ Ability to Plan and Deliver Instruction, and Use of Technology	
☐ Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs	
☐ Ability to Establish and Maintain Positive Relationships with St	udents, Families, and Colleagues
☐ Professional Development	
☐ Ethics/Judgment	
☐ Policies and Procedures	
Teacher's Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this form	Date
Evaluator's Signature	Date
Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Evaluation Report but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Evaluation Report.) Original: VCTAS Folder at the School/Site	Date Copy: Teacher

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RECORD OF COUNSELING

In evaluating the performance of instructional personnel, issues may occasionally arise for which a Success Plan is not the appropriate vehicle for comment. These performance issues may require immediate change and may not fall within the VCTAS descriptors. A Record of Counseling is designed to provide the employee with a description of these issues or concerns **that were** previously discussed during a conference with the teacher.

The Record of Counseling should be signed and dated by the evaluator and the teacher. A copy is given to the teacher, and the original is retained in the teacher's VCTAS file at the worksite. For annual contract teachers, a third copy of the Record of Counseling should be attached to the final evaluation. The Record of Counseling will be confidential in the year it was prepared and the following year.

Note: For annual contract teachers, all documents, signed by the teacher that impact the evaluation, should be attached to the final evaluation. For tenured teachers, documents signed by the teacher that impact the evaluation should be attached to the final evaluation in support of "B" or "U" ratings. Other documentation may be attached based on the discretion of the administrator.

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RECORD OF COUNSELING

Teacher's Name	_ School/Site
Social Security Number	
This form constitutes a Record of Counseling based	
to discuss the following area(s) of concern.	date
	Proper procedures must be followed, meaning two conferences will be required; one to provide the employee with an opportunity to discuss the administrator's concerns, and a second to sign any paperwork, if deemed necessary, resulting from the first conference.
My expectations are that you will	
I am confident, through your commitment, this will	lead to successful performance.
Teacher's Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Record of Counseling	Date
Administrator's Signature	Date
Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Record of Counseling but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Record of Counseling.)	Date
Note: The teacher has the right to submit a written response (must this document.	t be signed and dated) which shall become a part of
Original – Teacher's VCTAS file at the School/Site Copies – Teacher and, for annual contract teachers, all documents are to be For tenured teachers, documents are to be attached to the final ev Other documentation may be attached based on the discretion of	valuation in support of "B" or "U" ratings.
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SUCCESS PLANS/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

Success plans and technical assistance are indicators to the teacher that improvement is expected.

STAGE I

Following a classroom observation and/or the discussion of classroom support duties, and/or the completion of an Evaluation Report, the principal/site administrator or designee may have concerns. These concerns should be discussed with the teacher during a conference and may lead to the completion of a Stage I Success Plan with 4 – 6 weeks provided for improvement. While this is school/site-based technical assistance, the Office of Employee Performance Assessment is available to assist and should be consulted to assure that procedures are followed and that language is clear. (See back cover for contact information.)

STAGE II

Stage II technical assistance is delivered when an area of concern as evidenced by a Stage I Success Plan shows insufficient improvement. The principal/site administrator or designee informs the teacher that he/she is moving to Stage II technical assistance with 4 - 6 weeks to meet expectations. At this stage, it is recommended that the principal/site administrator become involved (if he/she is not already involved) with support from the Office of Employee Performance Assessment. (See back cover for contact information.)

STAGE III

When performance continues to be deficient as evidenced by Stage I and Stage II Success Plans, *the principal/site administrator places the teacher into Stage III Technical Assistance. The principal will review Stage I and Stage II documentation, prior to writing a Stage III Success Plan, addressing the area(s) of performance failing to meet satisfactory expectations. Timeline for improvement is 90 calendar days. If sufficient improvement has not been demonstrated by the teacher while in Stage III Technical Assistance, termination of the teacher's employment will be recommended to the school board. The principal/site administrator, who serves as the evaluator during Stage III, is to work closely with the Office of Employee Performance Assessment at this level of technical assistance. (See back cover for contact information.)

*Stage III requires a Support Team which is coordinated with the Office of Employee Performance Assessment. The Stage III cannot be implemented until the Support Team is in place.

Volusia County Teacher Assessment System STAGE 1 SUCCESS PLAN

Teacher's Name			
cial Security Number Administrator			
Note: Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessnassistance.	nent for Stage I	Success Plan template and	
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Instructional Performance	e Assessr	ment Criteria	,
Check areas of concern.			(√)
Performance of Students			
Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline			
Knowledge of Subject Matter	ala en c		
Ability to Plan and Deliver Instruction, and Use of Technological Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs	ology		
Ability to Establish and Maintain Positive Relationships w	rith Students. Fo	amilies, and Colleggues	
Professional Development		and demonstration	
Ethics/Judgment			
Policies and Procedures			
First Area of Concern is			
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Details of Concern			
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Recommendations for Improvement			
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Note: Initials of teacher and administrator are rec	uired on each	page not containing signatures	i.
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Stage I performance assessed on or after	daic	.(4-6 weeks)).
	date		,.
Teacher's Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this	Date		
Success Plan			
Evaluator's Signature	Date		
Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received	Date		
a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it			

Original: VCTAS File at the School/Site Copies: Teacher and Attached to Final Evaluation

RESULTS OF STAGE I SUCCESS PLAN Check one box for each area. Area 1 is ___ Area 1 - Performance meets expectations. Area 1 - Additional improvement is required. Area 1 will be re-addressed on another Stage I Success Plan with an additional 3-4 weeks provided for assistance, or the current Stage I Success Plan will be extended until (date). Area 1 continues to fall below expectations. A Stage II Success Plan will be written. Note: Do not re-use a Results page. If you are in need of a clean Results page due to extending a plan, contact the Office of Employee Performance Assessment. Teacher's Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Date Success Plan Evaluator's Signature Date Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received Date a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it

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Copies: Teacher and Attached to the Final Evaluation

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to sign this Success Plan.)

(Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses

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School/Site	
Administrator	
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paper, only one area of	
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Date	
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RESULTS OF STAGE II SUCCESS PLAN Check one box for each area. Area 1 is _____ Area 1 - Performance meets expectations. Area 1 - Additional improvement is required. Area 1 will be re-addressed on another Stage II Success Plan with an additional 3-4 weeks provided for assistance, or the current Stage II Success Plan will be extended until _ (date). П Area 1 continues to fall below expectations. A Stage III Success Plan will be written. Note: Do not re-use a Results page. If you are in need of a clean Results page due to extending a plan, contact the Office of Employee Performance Assessment. Teacher's Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Date Success Plan

Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Success Plan.)

Date

Date

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Evaluator's Signature

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STAGE III SUCCESS PLAN

Teacher's Name	School/Site	
Assignment School Year		
Social Security Number		
Principal/Site Administrator's Name		
Support Team Members' Names		
Note: Contact Office of Employee Performance Assess	sment for Stage III Success Plan template and	
Instructional Performance	a Assassment Critoria	
Check areas of concern.	e Assessment Chieffa	(√)
Performance of Students		
Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline		
Knowledge of Subject Matter		
Ability to Plan and Deliver Instruction, and Use of Tech	nology	
Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs		
Ability to Establish and Maintain Positive Relationships	with Students, Families, and Colleagues	
Professional Development		
Ethics/Judgment		
Policies and Procedures		
	In the interest of saving paper, only one area of concern is shown	
First Area of Concern is		
Details of Concern		
Improvement Expected		
Recommendations for Improvement		
Note: Initials of teacher and administrator are require	nd on each nage not containing signatures	

Original: VCTAS File at the School/Site Copies: Teacher and Attached to Final Evaluation

Stage III Success Plan developed on	·
Stage III improvement assessed on or after	date
(90 calendar days)	date
Teacher's Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Success Plan	Date
Evaluator's Signature	Date
Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Success Plan.)	Date
RESULTS OF STAGE III So for Check one box for each area.	
Area 1 is	
☐ Area 1 - Performance meets expectations.	
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Evaluator's Signature	Date
Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Success Plan.)	Date

Original: VCTAS File at the School/Site
Copies: Teacher and Attached to Final Evaluation

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VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS PARENT INPUT FORM

This form is to be used by parents, teachers, or other interested parties to provide input towards the assessment of teachers.

TEACHER'S NAME:

TEACHER'S POSITION: SITE: Comments: Signature: Date: _____

This signed form will be placed in the Principal's correspondence file for a period of one year following the current school year.

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FLORIDA EDUCATOR ACCOMPLISHED PRACTICES

Rule 6A-5.065 is substantially rewritten to read (see Florida Administrative Code for present text): 6A-5.065 The Educator Accomplished Practices.

- (1) Purpose and Foundational Principles.
 - (a) Purpose. The Educator Accomplished Practices are set forth in rule as Florida's core standards for effective educators. The Accomplished Practices form the foundation for the state's teacher preparation programs, educator certification requirements and school district instructional personnel appraisal systems.
 - (b) Foundational Principles. The Accomplished Practices are based upon and further describe three essential principles:
 - 1. The effective educator creates a culture of high expectations for all students by promoting the importance of education and each student's capacity for academic achievement.
 - 2. The effective educator demonstrates deep and comprehensive knowledge of the subject taught.
 - 3. The effective educator exemplifies the standards of the profession.
- (2) The Educator Accomplished Practices. Each effective educator applies the foundational principles through six (6) Educator Accomplished Practices. Each of the practices is clearly defined to promote a common language and statewide understanding of the expectations for the quality of instruction and professional responsibility.
 - (a) Quality of Instruction.
 - 1. Instructional Design and Lesson Planning. Applying concepts from human development and learning theories, the effective educator consistently:
 - a. Aligns instruction with state-adopted standards at the appropriate level of rigor;
 - b. Sequences lessons and concepts to ensure coherence and required prior knowledge.
 - c. Designs instruction for students to achieve mastery;
 - d. Selects appropriate formative assessments to monitor learning;
 - e. Uses a variety of data, independently, and in collaboration with colleagues, to evaluate learning outcomes, adjust planning and continuously improve the effectiveness of the lessons; and
 - f. Develops learning experiences that require students to demonstrate a variety of applicable skills and competencies.
 - 2. The Learning Environment. To maintain a student-centered learning environment that is safe, organized, equitable, flexible, inclusive, and collaborative, the effective educator consistently:
 - a. Organizes, allocates, and manages the resources of time, space, and attention;
 - b. Manages individual and class behaviors through a well-planned management system;
 - c. Conveys high expectations to all students;
 - d. Respects students' cultural, linguistic and family background;
 - e. Models clear, acceptable oral and written communication skills;
 - f. Maintains a climate of openness, inquiry, fairness and support;
 - g. Integrates current information and communication technologies;
 - h. Adapts the learning environment to accommodate the differing needs and diversity of students; and
 - i. Utilizes current and emerging assistive technologies that enable students to participate in high-quality communication interactions and achieve their educational goals.
 - 3. Instructional Delivery and Facilitation. The effective educator consistently utilizes a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the subject taught to:
 - a. Deliver engaging and challenging lessons;
 - b. Deepen and enrich students' understanding through content area literacy strategies, verbalization of thought, and application of the subject matter;
 - c. Identify gaps in students' subject matter knowledge;
 - d. Modify instruction to respond to preconceptions or misconceptions;

- e. Relate and integrate the subject matter with other disciplines and life experiences;
- f. Employ higher-order questioning techniques;
- g. Apply varied instructional strategies and resources, including appropriate technology, to provide comprehensible instruction, and to teach for student understanding;
- h. Differentiate instruction based on an assessment of student learning needs and recognition of individual differences in students;
- i. Support, encourage, and provide immediate and specific feedback to students to promote student achievement; and
- j. Utilize student feedback to monitor instructional needs and to adjust instruction.
- 4. Assessment. The effective educator consistently:
 - Analyzes and applies data from multiple assessments and measures to diagnose students' learning needs, informs instruction based on those needs, and drives the learning process;
 - b. Designs and aligns formative and summative assessments that match learning objectives and lead to mastery;
 - c. Uses a variety of assessment tools to monitor student progress, achievement and learning gains;
 - d. Modifies assessments and testing conditions to accommodate learning styles and varying levels of knowledge:
 - e. Shares the importance and outcomes of student assessment data with the student and the student's parent/caregiver(s); and
 - f. Applies technology to organize and integrate assessment information.
- (b) Continuous Improvement, Responsibility and Ethics.
 - 1. Continuous Professional Improvement. The effective educator consistently:
 - a. Designs purposeful professional goals to strengthen the effectiveness of instruction based on students' needs;
 - b. Examines and uses data-informed research to improve instruction and student achievement;
 - c. Collaborates with the home, school and larger communities to foster communication and to support student learning and continuous improvement;
 - d. Engages in targeted professional growth opportunities and reflective practices, both independently and in collaboration with colleagues; and
 - e. Implements knowledge and skills learned in professional development in the teaching and learning process.
 - 2. Professional Responsibility and Ethical Conduct. Understanding that educators are held to a high moral standard in a community, the effective educator adheres to the Code of Ethics and the Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession of Florida, pursuant to State Board of Education Rules 6B-1.001 and 6B1.006, F.A.C, and fulfills the expected obligations to students, the public and the education profession.

Rulemaking Authority 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.225, 1012.34, 1012.56 FS. Law Implemented 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.225, 1012.34, 1012.56 FS. History–New 7-2-98; Amended 12-17-10.

Crosswalk of VCTAS – FEAPS - Danielson Framework for Teaching

Volusia County	Florida Educator	Danielson Framework
Teacher Assessment	Accomplished Practices	for Teaching
Performance of Students	2c. Conveys high expectations to all students.	Designing student assessment Using assessment in instruction
	 4a. Analyzes and applies data from multiple assessments and measures to diagnose students' learning needs, informs instruction based on those needs, and drives the learning process 4b. Designs and aligns formative and summative assessments that match learning objectives and lead to 	4b. Maintaining accurate records
	mastery. 4c. Uses a variety of assessment tools to monitor student progress,	
	 achievement and learning gains. 4d. Modifies assessments and testing conditions to accommodate learning styles and varying levels of knowledge. 	
	4e. Shares the importance of outcomes of student assessment data with the student and the students' parent/caregiver(s).	
Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline	2a. Organizes, allocates, and manages the resources of time, space, and attention.	Creating an environment of respect and rapport Establishing a culture for learning
	2b. Manages individual and class behaviors through a well-planned management system.	2c. Managing classroom procedures 2d. Managing student behavior 2e. Organizing physical space
Knowledge of Subject Matter	3b. Deepen and enrich students' understanding through content area literacy strategies, verbalization of thought, and application of the subject matter.	Demonstrating knowledge of content and pedagogy
	3c. Identify gaps in students' subject matter knowledge.	
	3d. Modify instruction to respond to preconceptions and misconceptions3e. Relate and integrate the subject matter with other disciplines and life	
	experiences. 3f. Employ high-order questioning techniques.	
Ability to Plan and Deliver Instruction, and Use of Technology	 1a Aligns instruction with state-adopted standards at the appropriate level of rigor. 1b. Sequences les sons and concepts to ensure coherence and required 	Setting instructional outcomes Demonstrating knowledge of resources Designing coherent instruction Sb. Using questioning and discussion
	prior knowledge. 1c. Designs instruction for students to achieve mastery.	techniques 3c. Engaging students in learning 3d. Using assessment in instruction
	Develops learning experiences that require students to demonstrate a variety of applicable skills and competencies.	3e. Demonstrating flexibility and responsiveness
	2g. Integrates current information and communication technologies.2i. Utilizes current and emerging	
	assistive technologies that enable students to participate in high-quality communication interactions and achieve their educational	

	goals. 3a. Deliver engaging and challenging lessons. 4f. Applies technology to organize and integrate assessment information.
Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs	Id. Selects appropriate formative assessments to monitor learning Ie. Uses a variety of data, independently, and in collaboration with colleagues, to evaluate learning outcomes, adjust planning and continuously improve the effectiveness of the lessons. 2g Adapts the learning environment to accommodate the differing needs and diversity of students. 3g. Apply varied instructional strategies and resources, including appropriate technology, to provide comprehensible instruction, and to teach for student understanding. 3h. Differentiate instruction based on an assessment of student learning needs and recognition of individual differences in students. 3i. Support, encourage, and provide immediate and specific feedback to students to promote student achievement. 3j. Utilize student feedback to monitor instructional needs and to adjust instruction.
Ability to Establish and Maintain Positive Relationships with Students,	 2d. Respects students' cultural, linguistic, and family background. 2e. Models clear, acceptable oral and 3a. Communicating with students 4c. Communicating with families
Families, and Colleagues	written communication skills. 2f. Maintains a climate of openness, inquiry, fairness, and support. 1c. Collaborates with the home, school and larger communities to foster communication and to support student learning and continuous improvement.
Professional Development	 1a. Designs purposeful professional goals to strengthen the effectiveness of instruction based on students' needs. 1b. Examines and uses data-informed research to improve instruction and student achievement. 1d. Engages in targeted professional growth opportunities and reflective practices. 1e. Implements knowledge and skills learned in professional development in the teaching and learning process. 4a. Reflecting on teaching 4d. Participating in a professional community 4e. Growing and developing professionally
Ethics/Judgment	 Professional responsibility and ethical conduct. 4f. Showing professionalism
Policies and Procedures	Professional responsibility and ethical conduct. 4f. Showing professionalism

INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA			INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
The following exemplars are based on requirements of state statute and Accomplished Practices (found on pages 24-32) adopted by the Florida Department of Education and have been provided to assist administrators when rating teacher performance.	and are provided to administrators for their use, as needed, during conferencing	descriptors are taken from Accomplished Practices and Sunshine State Standards and are provided to administrators to	The following exemplars are based on requirements of state statute and Accomplished Practices (found on pages 24-32) adopted by the Florida Department of Education and have been provided to assist administrators when rating teacher performance.
EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS Uses a variety of assessment and evaluation instruments to support Uses a variety of assessment and evaluation instruments to monitor and report student performance student performance Ability to analyze student achievement Ability to analyze student achievement data data Ability to provide effective feedback Ability to provide effective feedback and instructional support based on data analysis and instructional support based on data analysis Uses a variety of assessment and Use of a variety of assessment and Uses a variety of assessment and evaluation ☐ Uses performance-based assessment evaluation instruments to monitor and evaluation instruments to monitor and approaches to determine the instruments to support student performance report progress focuses on the use of a focuses on the use of appropriate assessment report progress student's performance of specified variety of archival records, formative I. Does the teacher utilize a variety of outcomes. data that may include a variety of archival data to identify student and class assessments and summative instruments to ☐ Constructs or assembles classroom records. formative and monitor and support student progress. A strengths and needs prior to planning instruments, and survey data to identify tests and tasks to measure student variety of archival records and assessment instruction? student/school/district priorities and needs. achievement of objectives. 2. Is the teacher aware of students with instruments will be used and may include, The distinguished instructional support ☐ Determines entry level knowledge teacher tightly aligns services with assessment but not be limited to, pre-tests, special needs and does the teacher and/or skills of students for a given data results. A variety of archival records standardized tests, portfolios, anecdotal make appropriate accommodations for set of instructional objectives using records, case studies, subject area ESE, LEP and 504 students based on diagnostic tests, observation, and and assessment instruments will be used and their individual plan requirements? may include but not be limited to inventories, cumulative records. student records. 3. Is the teacher knowledgeable about the observations, pretests, standardized tests, student services information. ☐ Communicates individual student distinguished teacher uses on-going benefits of, and effective uses of, portfolios, performance-based assessments, progress knowledgeably and formative assessment practices to monitor. anecdotal records, case studies, subject area assessment practices to increase responsibly, based on appropriate. (Continued) (Continued) (Continued) (Continued)

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EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
individual student and whole class progress on essential skills and knowledge. Summative assessments are aligned with district/state benchmarks and lesson plan objectives, and the teacher provides multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate learning goals. Student grades represent the degree to which students have mastered expected learning benchmarks and students, regardless of background, demonstrate academic gains. Teachers will be assessed by the degree to which they used the data to impact student learning.	student achievement? 4. Does the teacher use formative assessment tools to (I) assess the level of knowledge prior to instruction; (2) guide instruction prior to summative assessments; (3) provide multiple opportunities for students to demonstrate learning goals? 5. Do teacher assessments reflect appropriate grade level content, level of complexity in alignment with curriculum maps/state standards? 6. Are the teacher's grades an accurate measure of the degree to which students learned the instructional benchmarks? Note: Lowering a grade based on non-academic behaviors or raising a grade based on behaviors not aligned with essential learning objectives would diminish the validity of a grade. (accuracy)	indicators, to the student, parent, and colleagues using terms that students and parents understand. Uses multiple perspectives to diagnose students' learning or behavior problems, devises solutions. Encourages self-assessment by students and assists them in devising personal plans for enhancing performance. Establishes an environment in which students can validly demonstrate their knowledge and skills. Reviews assessment data about students to determine entry level skills, deficiencies, academic progress, and personal strengths. Prepares and uses reports of students' assessment results.	inventories, program-related inventories, cumulative records, and student services information.
Ability to analyze student achievement data focuses on the teacher's use of data to determine entry level skills, academic deficiencies and strengths, and progress toward learning benchmarks. The distinguished teacher uses data findings to gain insight into problem areas and to modify instruction both for the class as a whole and for individual students. The distinguished teacher makes use of the district data warehouse and other (Continued)	Ability to analyze student achievement data 1. Does the teacher effectively analyze a variety of assessments throughout the school year to identify individual student's entry level skills, deficiencies, strengths and to monitor progress? 2. Does the teacher analyze current and historic data to gain insight into teaching effectiveness and to improve their personal instructional effectiveness?		Ability to analyze student achievement data focuses on the instructional support teacher's use of data to determine student/class/school/district-level performance. The distinguished instructional support teacher is an expert in analyzing appropriate data and uses data findings to gain insight into relevant focus areas and to support classroom teachers and other stakeholders to modify instructional plans both for the class as a whole and for individual students. The (Continued)

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	DESCRIPTORS	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT
			EXEMPLARS
assessment data to identify student and			distinguished instructional support teacher
class needs and to monitor student			makes use of the district data warehouse
progress.			and other assessment data to guide
			decisions regarding instruction, program
			offerings, program design, resource needs,
			and other support services.
Ability to provide effective feedback and	Ability to provide effective feedback and		Ability to provide effective feedback and
instructional support based on data	instructional support based on data		instructional support based on data
analysis focuses on timely communication	analysis		analysis focuses on the ability to
with students and parents regarding	I. Does the teacher consistently use		communicate data findings to appropriate
student progress. The distinguished	formative as well as summative		audiences. The distinguished instructional
teacher provides students with frequent	assessment data to communicate		support teacher offers concrete, research-
feedback regarding their progress toward	student progress to both students and		based and specific suggestions for
benchmarks, offers concrete and specific	parents?		improvement based on data findings, and
suggestions for improvement, and provides	2. Does the teacher use formative		provides support to students, teachers
immediate intervention when problems	assessment data to identify student		and/or appropriate stakeholders. The
arise. The distinguished teacher provides	goals and strategies for improvement?		distinguished support teacher is an integral
accurate and timely feedback and	3. Does the teacher use formative		member of the academic support team(s)
suggestions to support improvement to	assessment data to provide concrete		to which they are assigned. When
parents whenever the student is not	suggestions for parent support prior to		appropriate, the distinguished instructional
making adequate academic progress.	summative evaluation?		support teacher provides feedback,
	4. Does the teacher communicate		services, and support to parents.
	effectively with students and parents		,
	whenever students are not making		
	adequate progress?		
	adequate progress:		

INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

ABILITY TO MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE

- Establishes and reinforces expectations for classroom behavior
- Uses effective behavioral strategies
- Establishes a consistent classroom management system

- Supports high expectations for classroom behavior
- Uses effective behavioral strategies
- Supports the development and implementation of a consistent classroom management system

EXEMPLARS

Establishes and reinforces expectations for classroom behavior focuses on establishment of clearly defined classroom rules and consistent responses when students misbehave. The distinguished teacher educates students at the beginning of the school year and continues to reinforce class rules. procedures, expectations, and consequences for failure to exhibit appropriate behavior throughout the year. The distinguished teacher is non-threatening effective and maintaining classroom control. When students misbehave, teacher response is immediate, consistent, and reinforces positive behavior without harsh reprimands. The teacher meets with disruptive students, other professionals and parents to develop a plan to improve behavior.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Establishes and reinforces expectations for classroom behavior

- I. Does the teacher establish a clear and reasonable set of expectations at the beginning of the year/course?
- 2. Does the teacher consistently review the rules throughout the year, and reinforce the rules when students misbehave?
- 3. Is the teacher effective and nonthreatening without harsh reprimands in handling disruptive behavior?
- 4. Is the teacher able to contain misbehavior quickly with a positive outcome?
- 5. Is the teacher proactive and consistent in working with other professionals and parents to develop a behavioral improvement plan when warranted?

DESCRIPTORS

- ☐ Deals with misconduct, interruptions, and digressions in ways that promote instructional momentum.
- ☐ Formulates a standard for student behavior in the classroom.
- Treats all students equitably.
 Uses effective student behavior management techniques.
- Assists in the enforcement of school rules, administrative regulations and board policies.
- ☐ Recognizes students exhibiting potentially disruptive behavior and offers alternative strategies.
- ☐ Maintains standards of mutually respectful interaction during individual work, cooperative learning, and whole group activities.
- ☐ Applies rules and standards consistently and equitably.
- Designs appropriate instructional activities in individual, small and large group settings to meet cognitive, linguistic and affective needs.

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

Supports high expectations for classroom behavior focuses on the instructional support teacher's role to assist in establishing high expectations for individual/classroom, school-wide behavior. The distinguished instructional support teacher collaborates, as appropriate, with classroom teachers and other colleagues to identify and consistently articulate rules and procedures. When providing direct classroom assistance, the distinguished instructional support teacher models high expectations for behavior.

<u>EXEMPLARS</u>	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
Uses effective behavior strategies focuses on the use of effective strategies that minimize the opportunity for disruptive behavior and that promote student learning. The distinguished teacher demonstrates awareness of all students' behavior and uses a variety of strategies to prevent misbehavior including but not limited to the use of humor, non-verbal gestures, proximity-control for off-task behavior, lesson variety that includes active student involvement, eye contact, and frequent circulation throughout the classroom. When disruptions occur, the distinguished teacher attends to the problem and quickly returns to the lesson with minimal loss of momentum.	Uses effective behavior strategies I. Does the teacher effectively organize the classroom and lesson delivery model to minimize the opportunity for disruption and off-task behavior? 2. Is the teacher aware of student attentiveness or off-task behavior in all parts of the classroom? 3. Is the teacher knowledgeable about, and effective in, the use of research-based behavioral strategies? 4. Does the teacher deal with behavioral issues quickly without a loss of instructional momentum?	 □ Uses smooth and efficient transitions to maintain instructional momentum. □ Maintains academic focus of students by use of varied motivational devices. □ Plans activities that engage students in learning activities and employs strategies to re-engage students who are off task. 	Uses effective behavioral strategies focuses on the use of effective strategies that minimize the opportunity for disruptive behavior and that promote student learning. The distinguished instructional support teacher supports efforts to identify and implement a variety of strategies to prevent misbehavior and to teach appropriate alternatives. The distinguished instructional support teacher demonstrates expertise in aligning strategies with specific needs and that result in improved behavior. When providing direct classroom assistance, the distinguished instructional support teacher models best practices related to behavior management.
Establishes a classroom management system focuses on the implementation of a classroom management system that includes daily processes for housekeeping tasks, effective transitions between activities, and efficient handling of materials, technology tools, and resources. The distinguished teacher choreographs the daily routine to maximize academically-engaged time and to minimize opportunities for off-task behavior and breaks in the flow of the lesson.	Establishes a classroom management system 1. Does the teacher establish a classroom management system for all daily activities? 2. Is the management system achieving the goal? 3. Can students explain classroom rules and daily procedures? 4. Do students spend most of their time engaged in academic learning tasks with minimal loss of focus?		Supports the development and implementation of a consistent classroom management system focuses on the support provided in developing and implementing a consistent management systems. The distinguished instructional support teacher provides non-judgmental feedback related to behavioral management needs and provides recommendations for improvement. Recommendations are and reflect research-based best practice relevant to the situation.

INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPOR T

KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT MATTER

- Ability to communicate complex subject matter to a diverse student population.
- Currency of content knowledge and educational best practices

- Supports high expectations for classroom behavior
- Uses effective behavioral strategies
- Supports the development and implementation of a consistent classroom management system

EXEMPLARS

matter to a diverse student population

focuses on the teacher's ability to articulate

subject matter in a manner that enables

students to learn. Explanations are

complete, accurate, include the specialized

vocabulary and language of the content

area, and include material beyond what is

found in the text. The distinguished

teacher uses his/her breadth and depth of

knowledge to interrelate topics from a

variety of perspectives, interests, and

points of view within the subject area. The

distinguished teacher's repertoire of

teaching skills includes a variety of means

to assist student acquisition of new

knowledge. The teacher draws from a

variety of examples, references, materials,

and technologies of the subject field in

developing learning activities for students

and is able to adjust the lesson based on

levels of individual abilities.

Ability to communicate complex subject Ability to communicate complex subject matter to a diverse student population

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- I. Does the teacher demonstrate command of the subject matter?
- 2. Is the teacher able to vary explanations, vocabulary, and examples accommodate differences instructional level and learning style without academic lowering expectations?
- 3. Does the teacher effectively use his/her depth of knowledge to expand on the topic by including interesting examples, anecdotes, and perspectives?
- 4. Does the teacher draw from a wide variety of quality subject-related resources to develop interesting, high quality lessons?

DESCRIPTORS

- ☐ Demonstrates distinguished knowledge and understanding of the subject matter.
- ☐ Communicates accurate knowledge of subject matter in a language and style appropriate to the learner.
- ☐ Presents forms of knowledge such as concepts, laws, and law-like principles, academic rules, and value knowledge.
- ☐ Demonstrates a breadth of subject matter knowledge that enables students to approach and to interrelate topics from a variety of perspectives, interests, and points of view.
- Reviews and evaluates materials, technology and resources to determine its appropriateness for
- ☐ Exhibits competence and enthusiasm for the subject area(s) being taught.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

Ability to communicate research-based best practices in the field to appropriate stakeholder audiences focuses on the instructional support teacher's ability to articulate clearly recommendations and pertinent information in a manner that enables the target audience to improve performance. Explanations are complete, accurate, and include the specialized vocabulary and language of the field as appropriate for the stakeholder audience. The distinguished instructional support teacher uses his/her breadth and depth of knowledge to develop cohesive, comprehensive support services and demonstrates a repertoire of skills that includes effective coaching strategies, the ability to provide useful feedback and the ability to vary the support services as needed. The distinguished support teacher is an expert in the field and draws from a variety of resources to develop support services, recommendations and activities and is able to adapt recommendations and responses as needed.

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	DESCRIPTORS	INSTRUCTIONAL
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
Currency of content knowledge and	Currency of content knowledge and	☐ Keeps abreast of developments in	Currency of content knowledge and
educational best practice focuses on the		instructional methodology, learning	educational best practice focuses on the
teacher's commitment to expand his/her	,	theories, second language	instructional support teacher's
knowledge and to keep abreast of	,	acquisition theories, psychological	commitment to expand his/her
strategies and resources which will	2. Does the teacher seek a variety of	and sociological trends, and subject	knowledge and to keep abreast of
enhance teaching. The distinguished	venues to stay current in his/her	matter in order to facilitate learning.	strategies and resources which will
teacher continually updates knowledge of	subject area (may include, but not	☐ Uses data from his/her own learning	enhance student performance. The
his/her subject field including both	limited to, professional development	environments, e.g. classroom	distinguished instructional support
content and instructional practices. The	workshops, professional journals,	observations, audio/video	teacher continually updates knowledge of
distinguished teacher participates in	conferences, participation in	recordings, student results and	his/her field. The distinguished teacher
curriculum development activities and	professional organizations)?	feedback, and research as a basis for	participates in professional activities and
collaborates with other colleagues to share	3. Does the teacher serve as a mentor or	reflecting upon subject matter and	collaborates with other colleagues to share
content expertise and to expand subject	leader in sharing content expertise with	experimenting with personal	expertise and to expand and improve
knowledge and interdisciplinary connections.	peers?	teaching practices.	professional practice.
connections.		П С .:	
		Continues to expand his/her own	
		repertoire of knowledge and professional experiences, e.g.	
		publishing, conducting in-service	
		activities, mentoring colleagues, and	
		utilizing research appropriately	
		demanig research appropriately	

INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

ABILITY TO PLAN AND DELIVER INSTRUCTION AND USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

■ Ability to Plan Ability to plan. Ability to deliver instructional Ability to deliver instruction support services ■ Use of technology to support Use of technology in the classroom increased student performance **DESCRIPTORS INSTRUCTIONAL EXEMPLARS GUIDING QUESTIONS** SUPPORT EXEMPLARS Ability to plan focuses on the quality of Ability to Plan ☐ Establishes short-and long-range goals Ability to plan focuses on the teacher preparation with regards to the I. Do the teacher's lesson plans provide a instructional support teacher's ability to based on student needs and district alignment of instruction with state clear and coherent plan to deliver high cohesive, comprehensive and state curriculum. develop standards, clarity of learning objectives quality instruction aligned with ☐ Plans and prepares lessons and based services and desired outcomes, incorporation of a challenging state/district standards? strategies which support the School student/school/district needs and 2. Do lesson plans reflect activities and variety of instructional strategies and research-based best practices. Improvement Plan. strategies to meet the needs of all distinguished instructional support resources that provide for both ☐ Plans and prepares lessons which are high quality, meaningful, and engaging. students through a variety of activities teacher plans individually and with reinforcement and enrichment other educators to design support opportunities for students and that including enrichment ☐ Plans and prepares high-quality include interdisciplinary connections. The reinforcement opportunities? instructional activities that contribute services that promote high standards distinguished teacher plans individually 3. Are selected activities directly and and aligns with research-based best to a climate where students are actively and with other teachers to design specifically aligned with the learning practices that meet student/class/ engaged in meaningful learning differentiated learning experiences that objectives? school/district The needs. experiences. promote high standards, meet student 4. Are lessons designed to promote distinguished instructional support ☐ Identifies, selects, and modifies creativity, innovation, critical reading teacher actively seeks input and needs and interests and that demonstrate a instructional materials to meet the and problem solving skills? feedback from multiple stakeholders clear connection between goals, learning needs of students with varying and revises and refines support services activities, and assessments. Lesson plan backgrounds, learning styles, and as needs arise. Support services are activities utilize a variety of support and special needs. enrichment activities and materials as well focused on specific, clearly defined (Continued) goals with timelines and accountability (Continued)

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
as open-ended projects and other activities that are rigorous, creative and innovative. and analyze information, The distinguished teacher develops lesson activities that require students to gather and analyze information, solve problems, and draw conclusions.		□ Diagnoses the entry level knowledge of students and/or skills of students for a given set of instructional objectives by using diagnostic tests, teacher observation and student records. □ Recognizes patterns of physical, social, and academic development in all students and assists these students in their areas of needs.	
Ability to deliver instruction focuses on the quality of classroom performance with regards to clarity of directions, presentation of the lesson, levels of student engagement, and effective use of time. The distinguished teacher provides clear, understandable directions for instructional activities and routines. Students are made aware of the desired learning outcomes. The distinguished teacher presents content using multiple methods and strategies to reinforce key concepts. Activities are differentiated and include a variety of small and whole group settings that promote high levels of student engagement and involvement. The teacher varies his/her role in the instructional process (instructor, coach, mentor, facilitator, audience, critic) in relation to the purposes of instruction and the students' needs. Throughout the lesson, the teacher monitors student work and provides instructive feedback and assistance. The teacher incorporates higher order	 Does the teacher consistently provide clear, complete directions for all activities and routines without losing instructional momentum? Are students aware of the expected learning outcomes? Does the teacher consistently select a variety of methods and strategies (include small and whole group instruction) to ensure that all students learn key concepts? Are all students actively and consistently engaged in the lesson? Does the teacher demonstrate a comfort level for assuming a variety of roles (lecturer, instructor, coach, mentor, facilitator, audience, critic) as needed to facilitate learning? Is the teacher skillful at asking and supporting students to respond to challenging higher order questions and challenging problems and situations? Does the teacher consistently reinforce 	 □ Plans fit time schedule and have additional enrichment activities available. □ Spends more time on instruction than procedures. □ Follows efficient method/schedule for attendance and materials distribution. □ Alerts students to critical/essential information. □ Provides effective pacing and smooth transitions during the lesson. □ Assists students in effective time management and does not overdwell on topics. □ Presents appropriate directions for carrying out instructional activities. □ Stimulates and directs student thinking during lessons. □ Continuously checks for student comprehension by using appropriate questioning techniques. □ Provides for practice to promote student learning and retention, responds to student talk in ways that 	Ability to deliver instructional support services focuses on the quality of performance with regards to the delivery of services. The distinguished instructional support teacher provides clear, understandable recommendations and information and presents content using multiple methods and strategies to reinforce key concepts. The instructional support teacher varies his/her role in the support process (instructor, coach, mentor, facilitator, audience, critic, expert consultant) in relation to the stakeholder needs. For those instructional support teachers that provide instructional delivery support, classroom demonstrations represent best practice models for teachers. Classroom demonstrations include a variety of strategies designed to meet diverse learner needs. Throughout the support process, the instructional support teacher monitors progress and provides instructive feedback and
questioning techniques to assess student (Continued)	essential learning objectives throughout (Continued)	(Continued)	assistance to appropriate stakeholder groups.

<u>EXEMPLARS</u>	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL CLIPPOPT EVEN (F) A P.C.
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
learning and is able to vary the lesson plan	the lesson?	☐ encourage and engage student	
as the need arises.	8. Does the teacher consistently assess the	participation while maintaining	
	degree to which students are	academic focus.	
	demonstrating mastery of key learning	☐ Provides feedback to students on the	
	objectives?	appropriateness of their responses.	
	9. Does the teacher consistently provide	☐ Uses verbal and nonverbal	
	positive, supportive, and accurate	communication that promotes student	
	feedback during the lesson delivery?	learning.	
Use of technology in the classroom	Use of Technology in the Classroom	☐ Uses a variety of instructional	Use of technology to support increased
focuses on the use of technology tools to	I. Does the teacher incorporate a variety	techniques, instructional materials,	student performance focuses on the use
plan and deliver instruction and to	of appropriate technology tools to	computer applications and other	of technology tools to plan and deliver
monitor and improve student learning.	deliver instruction?	_ technology to promote student learning.	support services and to monitor and
The distinguished teacher uses a variety of	2. Is the teacher knowledgeable about	☐ Teaches students to use available	improve student learning. The
appropriate learning media, computer	and comfortable with the use of	technology appropriate to facilitate	distinguished instructional support
applications, and other technology to	technology tools to deliver instruction?	learning.	teacher uses a variety of appropriate
develop instructional materials, to address	3. Are technology tools used effectively	Uses available high quality technology in	technology tools, learning media, and
student needs, and to enhance instruction.	to provide support to special needs	the classroom to promote increased learning.	computer applications, to construct
Adaptive technologies are used to	students when needed?	☐ Presents rules, laws, and concepts at	support materials and to improve
accommodate special needs as appropriate.	4. Does the teacher use district-provided	different levels of complexity so they are	support services. Adaptive technologies
Lessons incorporate a range of	technology tools (data warehouse,	meaningful to students at varying levels	are used to accommodate special needs
instructional technologies including but	SCANTRON assessment system,	of development.	as appropriate. The distinguished
not limited to the Internet, CD-ROM,	PowerPoint, EXCEL, and Word	☐ Uses FCAT preparation activities.	instructional support teacher makes use
interactive video, videotaping, calculators,	processing tools) to improve planning	☐ Provides for individualized study.	of the district data warehouse and other
PowerPoint presentations, and electronic	and instruction?	☐ Uses manipulatives and other hands-on	available technology tools to identify
libraries as appropriate. Technology tools		materials that encourage increased	student/class/school/district needs
are used to construct teaching materials, as	5. Does the teacher provide opportunities	learning.	and to monitor student progress.
well as to provide students with	for students to use technology tools to gather information and to share	☐ Uses the internet as a resource.	
opportunities to collect, gather, and share	information?	☐ Uses technology and software programs	
information with others. The	information;	in the classroom appropriately.	
distinguished teacher makes use of the		☐ Uses strategies and techniques to	
district data warehouse and other available		enhance critical thinking skills in	
technology tools to identify student and		students.	
class needs and to monitor student		☐ Uses available technology to construct	
progress.		lessons and assessment materials.	

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

ABILITY TO EVALUATE INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS

- Ability to evaluate instructional needs
- Ability to differentiate instruction to meet diverse student needs.
- Ability to vary classroom arrangement, materials, and equipment based on student needs.

- Ability to evaluate instructional needs
- Ability to differentiate support services to meet diverse needs
- Ability to model or recommend a variety of classroom arrangements, materials and equipment that maximize student learning

EXEMPLARS

Ability to evaluate instructional needs

focuses on the use of assessment tools to

identify student needs. The distinguished

teacher uses a variety of assessment data

and anecdotal records to identify

individual student needs. When learning

distinguished teacher uses diagnostic tools

to determine the problem area and

collaborates with other professionals and

support staff to gather further information

and to develop a support plan. The

distinguished teacher uses ongoing

formative assessments to monitor student

progress and varies instruction based on

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Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs

I. Does the teacher check archival records to determine specific student needs?

GUIDING QUESTIONS

- 2. When learning deficiencies are detected, does the teacher use diagnostic tools to identify the problem area?
- 3. Does the teacher actively collaborate with other professionals to develop a support plan for students who are consistently not making adequate progress?
- 4. Is the teacher knowledgeable about and effective in the use of formative assessment to monitor student progress?
- 5. When students are not making adequate progress, does the teacher use the data to modify the instructional plan?

DESCRIPTORS

- ☐ Develops effective assessment strategies to assist the continuous development of students.
- ☐ Assists in interpreting data for diagnostic purposes to be used for planning and program evaluation.
- ☐ Establishes appropriate testing environments and testing securities.
- ☐ Manages materials and equipment effectively.
- ☐ Maintains neat and orderly classroom.
- ☐ Arranges classroom so as to see all students, at all times.
- ☐ Creates a positive learning environment through effective use of bulletin boards, displays, learning centers, and other methods. Keeps these tools updated and fresh.

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

Ability to evaluate instructional needs focuses on the use of assessment tools to identify student/class/school/district needs. The distinguished instructional support teacher analyzes a variety of assessment data and anecdotal records to identify priorities. The distinguished instructional support teacher possesses expert-level knowledge regarding the needs and characteristics of the student population(s) to which they are assigned. When priorities are identified, the distinguished instructional support teacher collaborates with other professionals and support staff to gather additional information and to identify appropriate services. The distinguished instructional teacher continually assesses progress, seeks feedback, and varies support services based The distinguished on the results. instructional support teacher identifies distinguished educators whose practices result in increased performance and that serve as models for other teachers

EXEMPLARS

Ability to differentiate instruction to meet diverse student needs focuses on the teacher's ability to implement learning opportunities appropriate to the student learning style, linguistic and cultural heritage, experiential background and developmental level. The distinguished teacher makes provision for these differences in his/her lessons and assessment practices. The distinguished teacher collaborates with other professionals, family, and support staff to ensure appropriate services and to build a comprehensive learning plan. distinguished teacher recognizes when students have difficulty with the reading process and includes appropriate measures to improve reading comprehension in the content area.

Ability to vary classroom arrangement, materials, and equipment based on student needs focuses on the physical arrangement of the classroom and on the selection of appropriate materials and equipment to accommodate diverse student needs. The distinguished teacher maintains a safe, orderly, attractive classroom and utilizes classroom space to maximize student learning. The classroom arrangement allows for teacher interaction with all students. The physical arrangement of the room is altered to accommodate large and small group activities. Displays of student work, bulletin boards, word walls, learning (Continued)

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Ability to Differentiate Instruction to meet Diverse Student Needs

- Does the teacher recognize differences in learning styles, linguistic and cultural backgrounds and developmental level among his/her students?
- 2. Does the teacher effectively and consistently provide provisions for student differences in lesson activities, assignments, and assessment practices?
- 3. Does the teacher proactively work with a team of professionals, family and support staff to build a comprehensive learning plan for students who need extra attention (both remedial and enrichment support)?
- 4. Does the teacher incorporate effective content area reading strategies to improve content area vocabulary and comprehension?

Ability to Vary Classroom Arrangement, Materials, and Equipment Based on Student Needs

- Is the teacher's classroom arranged to provide a safe, orderly, and attractive classroom?
- 2. Does the classroom arrangement promote student interaction, and effective use of equipment and materials?
- 3. Does the teacher vary classroom space to accommodate small and whole group instruction as needed?

Does the classroom arrangement allow for consistent student-teacher interaction

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DESCRIPTORS

- ☐ Properly stores teaching materials, textbooks and other classroom equipment in a safe and secure manner.
- ☐ Organizes room space to promote learning opportunities.
- ☐ Maintains academic focus of students by use of a variety of motivational devices.
- ☐ Takes precautions to protect students, equipment, materials, and facilities.
- ☐ Establishes a set of classroom routines and procedures for utilization and care of materials.
- ☐ Maintains physical arrangement that permits movement and learning activities.
- ☐ Documents student progress through a variety of methods: Student Data warehouse, anecdotal records, classroom tests, observational checklists, performance demonstrations, portfolio assessment, product assessment, standardized assessments, student assessment records, etc.
- ☐ Accurately reflects student progress on interim progress reports and report card grades.
- ☐ Relates evaluation and student work to lesson objectives.
- ☐ Uses appropriate assessment techniques to meet the individual needs of all students by diagnosing strengths and weaknesses in order to direct

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<u>INSTRUCTIONAL</u> SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

Ability to differentiate instruction to meet diverse needs focuses on the instructional support teacher's ability to provide support services appropriate to the situation. The distinguished instructional support teacher makes provision for student/class/school differences in his/her support services and practices. The distinguished instructional support teacher collaborates with other stakeholders as appropriate to ensure quality services and to build a comprehensive support system.

Ability to model or recommend a variety of classroom arrangements, materials and equipment that maximize student learning focuses on the ability to support classroom environments that increase teacher effectiveness. The distinguished instructional support teacher effectively analyzes the classroom setting, identifies needs, and makes recommendations that promote an optimum learning environment. (Note: In a limited number of cases, instructional support teachers have a minimal, indirect role with regards to classroom environments and should not be penalized on the evaluation rating.)

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
centers, and appropriate educational	student-teacher interaction?	instruction.	
posters pertinent to classroom instruction	4. Are student work samples, relevant	☐ Constructs or assembles classroom	
are evident. (Roving teachers should not	instructional posters, and word walls,	assessments to measure student	
be penalized when they do not have the	evident throughout the year?	performance based on district	
opportunity to meet this criterion). The	5. Does the teacher select and use a variety	curriculum outcomes and Sunshine	
distinguished teacher carefully selects	of instructional materials to meet the	State Standards.	
materials and equipment that reinforce the	needs of a diverse student population?	☐ Selects or develops appropriate	
learning objective, that assist all students		assessment instruments related to	
in the learning process and that reflect the	developmental level, cultural and	specific learning objectives.	
developmental levels, linguistic and	linguistic background, and	☐ Evaluates student progress based on	
cultural heritage, and experiential	experiential background of the	ongoing formal and informal	
background of the class members.	class.	assessment techniques and provides	
Materials such as manipulatives, maps, lab	Are appropriate manipulatives, maps and	timely and appropriate feedback to	
equipment and other hands-on materials		students.	
appropriate to the lesson are utilized by	other hands-on materials utilized by	☐ Utilizes assessment data to diagnose	
students on an on-going basis. Materials	students on an ongoing basis? Are they	strengths and weaknesses in order to	
and equipment are well organized for easy	well organized for easy access and use?	direct instruction.	
access and use.			

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

ABILITY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES

- Ability to establish a classroom environment conducive to learning
- Ability to establish positive personal relationships
- Collaborates with colleagues to provide for student needs

- Ability to establish environments conducive to collaboration
- Ability to establish positive personal relationships
- Collaborates with colleagues to provide for support services

EXEMPLARS Establishes a classroom environment conducive to learning focuses on the teacher's ability to create a safe, positive, professional classroom climate that is accepting, on task, and produces results. The distinguished teacher communicates to all students high expectations for learning. The teacher encourages risk-taking and gives positive and fair feedback about student performance. teacher models good communication skills and creates an atmosphere in the classroom that encourages mutual respect and appreciation of different cultures, linguistic backgrounds, learning styles and abilities. Students are actively engaged in classroom activities and the teacher works

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GUIDING QUESTIONS

Establishes a Classroom Environment Conducive to Learning

- I. Does the classroom environment consistently support a positive, supportive learning experience for all students?
- 2. Are students comfortable to ask questions, respond to teacher questions, and to engage in academic dialogue?
- 3. Are all students treated with respect?
- 4. Are all students given equal opportunity to participate in class discussion and activities?
- 5. Does the teacher encourage academic risk-taking with positive, accurate and honest feedback?
- 6. Is teacher interaction professional, free of sarcasm, disparaging personal remarks, and personal criticism
- 7. Is teacher interaction free of cultural, linguistic, or personal bias?
- 8. Does the teacher encourage and support student engagement in all classroom activities?
- 9. Does the teacher actively collaborate with student groups and with individual students to facilitate learning?

DESCRIPTORS

- ☐ Uses effective communication techniques with students, families, and colleagues.
- ☐ Collaborates with peers to enhance the instructional environment.
- ☐ Uses teaching and learning strategies that reflect each student's culture, learning style, special needs, and socio-economic background.
- ☐ Works with various education professionals, parents, and other stakeholders in the continuous improvement of educational experiences of students.
- ☐ Proposes ways in which families can support and reinforce classroom goals, objectives and standards.

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

Ability to establish environments conducive to collaboration focuses on the instructional support teacher's ability to create a safe, positive, professional climate that is accepting, on task, and produces results. The distinguished instructional support teacher communicates in a nonjudgmental manner support recommendations based on best The distinguished practice. instructional support teacher encourages risk-taking, and provides positive, fair feedback about performance. The distinguished instructional support teacher models good communication skills and an atmosphere that creates encourages mutual respect and appreciation of different cultures,

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EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL SUDDORT EYEMDLARS
Ability to establish positive personal relationships focuses on the teacher's ability to communicate and work with students, parents and other colleagues to promote student success. Communication with students is positive, professional and supportive. The distinguished teacher consistently shares ideas and materials with colleagues, communicates effectively and positively to find solutions as issues arise. The distinguished teacher is actively involved in the school improvement process and other school activities. The distinguished teacher creates and models alternative strategies for establishing and maintaining relationships with family members to increase student achievement.	 Does the teacher consistently and effectively communicate with parents and other colleagues to promote student success? Does the teacher provide specific details regarding student progress as well as concrete and positive suggestions for improvement strategies for parents and other professionals? Does the teacher consistently offer to share materials and strategies with peers? Is the teacher actively involved in school-wide school improvement activities or other professional learning 	guiding students in academic and personal growth. Confers with students and their families to provide explicit feedback on student progress and assists families in guiding students in academic and personal growth. Serves as a student advocate. Works cooperatively with colleagues and other adults in informal settings and formal team structures to meet students' educational, social, linguistic, cultural, and emotional needs Uses knowledge of continuous quality improvement to assist the school community in managing its own school improvement efforts. Communicates with families including those of culturally and linguistically diverse students to become familiar with the students' home situation and background. Communicates with colleagues, school, specialists, administrators, and families consistently and appropriately. Encourages students desire to receive and accept constructive feedback on individual work and behavior. Provides students with opportunities to learn from each other.	learning styles and abilities. The distinguished instructional support teacher works collaboratively with groups and individuals to promote increased student performance. Ability to establish positive personal relationships focuses on the instructional support teacher's ability to communicate and work collaboratively with appropriate stakeholders to promote student success. Communication is positive, professional and supportive. The distinguished instructional support teacher consistently shares ideas and materials with colleagues, communicates effectively and positively to work out solutions as issues arise. The distinguished instructional support teacher creates and models alternative strategies for establishing and maintaining relationships with appropriate stakeholders to increase student achievement.

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
Collaborates with colleagues to provide for student needs focuses on the teacher's interaction with other professionals to provide student support services as needed. The distinguished teacher works collaboratively with a wide range of personnel to ensure appropriate intervention for behavioral and learning problems and enrichment opportunities for acceleration as needs arise	resources available? 3. Does the teacher initiate discussion when needs arise rather than waiting for the system to respond?	 □ Communicates high expectations to all students. □ Uses incentives and consequences to promote excellence. □ Uses smooth and efficient transitions. □ Responds to student talk in ways that encourage student participation and maintains academic focus. □ Uses feedback procedures that give information to the student about the appropriateness of his/her response. □ Works harmoniously with others. □ Refers students for proper screening. i.e. psychological, speech clinician, visual, hearing, etc. □ Contacts social workers and parents when excessive absentees or tardies occur. □ Acts as a classroom facilitator helping students obtain knowledge, skills, and values. □ Works with groups and individuals using techniques and strategies to enhance learning experiences. i.e. student presentations, class discussions, cooperative learning groups and pairs, manipulatives, technology, and other activities. □ Uses procedures and practices which exemplify sensitivity to students' needs and feelings. □ Maintains poise and self-control essential for effective performances. □ Initiates and participates with colleagues to assist and provide (Continued) 	Collaborates with colleagues to provide for support services focuses on the instructional support teacher's interaction with other professionals to provide support services as needed. The distinguished teacher initiates contact with appropriate colleagues when needs arise and works collaboratively with a wide range of personnel to ensure appropriate intervention for behavioral and learning problems and enrichment opportunities for acceleration as needs arise.

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	DESCRIPTORS	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL</u>
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
		☐ Works with colleagues when it is	
		necessary to schedule students	
		outside the regular classroom for	
		activities.	
		☐ Maintains confidentiality in using	
		school communications and	
		information.	
		Relates and interacts well with all	
		staff members, students, parents	
		and others	

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Updates content knowledge and current educational practice
- Shares knowledge with colleagues
- Supports the professional growth of other educators

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EXEMPLARS

Updates content knowledge and current educational practice focuses on the commitment to ongoing professional development to update content knowledge, educational practice and to be a lifelong learner. The distinguished teacher's continued professional improvement is characterized by participation in a variety of professional development opportunities. These opportunities may include but are not limited to workshops and conferences, National Board Certification process, professional organizations and meetings, endorsement programs, professional advanced coursework, action research and school/community projects, committees. The distinguished teacher designs, implements and achieves the goals of his/her individual professional development plan based on student achievement data needs.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Updates Content Knowledge and Current Educational Practice

- I. Is the teacher continually seeking opportunities to update content knowledge and instructional practice?
- 2. Does the teacher's professional development plan go beyond the minimum requirements for certification?
- 3. If the teacher is required to hold reading or ESOL endorsement, is the teacher on track to complete the endorsement by the mandated deadline?
- 4. If the teacher holds a temporary certificate, is the teacher on track to complete all requirements?
- 5. Does the teacher participate in a variety of professional development beyond local workshops such as professional meetings and conferences, participation on professional organizations, National

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DESCRIPTORS

- ☐ Assists others in acquiring skills and knowledge in a specific area of responsibility, if applicable.
- ☐ Initiates and engages in continuing professional growth through in-service classes, study, completing the individual professional development plan, and keeping abreast of recent developments in education.
- ☐ Conducts a personal assessment periodically to determine professional development needs with reference to specific instructional assignment.
- ☐ Engages in continuous professional quality improvement for self, students, and school.
- ☐ Provides information, in-service, or training for other faculty members.
- ☐ Shares relevant information about teacher's area of responsibility
- ☐ Serves on teams for the orientation and induction of teachers new to the

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INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

Updates content knowledge and current educational practice focuses on the instructional support teacher's commitment to ongoing professional development to update content knowledge, educational practice, and to be a lifelong learner. The distinguished support instructional teacher's continued professional improvement is characterized by participation in a variety of professional development opportunities. These opportunities may include but are not limited to workshops and conferences, professional organizations and meetings, professional endorsement programs, advanced coursework, action research school/community and projects, committees. The distinguished instructional support teacher designs, implements and achieves the goals of his/her individual professional development plan based on data.

<u>EXEMPLARS</u>	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
	Board certification, advanced course work and other related activities? 6. Does the teacher effectively implement the strategies and practices gained for professional development opportunities.?	school. Participates in in-service meetings, conferences, or workshops to update knowledge and skills. Reads professional literature and uses new information.	
	7. Does the teacher align his/her individual professional development plan with student achievement needs?8. Is the plan effective in increasing student achievement?	☐ Keeps abreast of developments in instructional methodology, learning theory, curriculum trends, and teaching strategies and techniques.	
Shares knowledge with colleagues focuses on the teacher's collaboration with other	Shares Knowledge with Colleagues I. Is the teacher called upon to provide	☐ Participates in professional	Shares knowledge with colleagues focuses on the instructional support teacher's
teachers to share content knowledge, current research, and instructional best practices. The distinguished teacher is a recognized expert who participates in school, district, and/or state level	professional development or instructional support for other teachers? 2. Does the teacher hold a trainer of trainer status to support school,	organizations. ☐ Continues education through formal course work. ☐ Assesses professional development needs with reference to specific instructional assignment or classroom	collaboration with other colleagues to share content knowledge, current research, and instructional best practices. The distinguished instructional support teacher is a recognized expert who
curriculum committees, presents at seminars/conferences, serves as a workshop leader or contributes to professional publications.	district, state or national initiatives? 3. Does the teacher consistently share content knowledge, current research, and/or instructional best practices with others?	needs. Shows evidence of improvement in his/her performance in teaching/learning activities and in an increased capacity to facilitate learning for all students.	participates in relevant school, district, and/or state level committees, presents at seminars/conferences, serves as a workshop leader or contributes to professional publications.
Supports the professional growth of other educators focuses on the teacher's active support of other educators. The distinguished teacher provides on-going support as a curriculum contact or chair, teacher mentor, peer teacher, intern supervisor, educational coach or adjunct college instructor.	Supports the professional development of other educators 1. Does the teacher serve as mentor, coach or intern supervisor for other teachers? 2. Does the teacher consistently serve in a school instructional leadership role (coach, subject area contact or department chair)? 3. Does the teacher consistently seek opportunities to provide support to other teachers beyond the local school?		Supports the professional growth of other educators focuses on the instructional support teacher's active support of other educators. The distinguished instructional support teacher provides ongoing support that may include but is not limited to intern supervisor, teacher mentor, peer teacher, instructional coach or adjunct college instructor. The distinguished instructional support teacher identifies and recognizes distinguished teacher practices that serve as models for other educators.

<u>EXEMPLARS</u>	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTIONAL</u>
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
		objectives with time lines for	
		accomplishment.	
		☐ Participates in professional meetings.	
		☐ Utilizes support services	
		☐ Presents at seminars, school workshops,	
		and/or conferences.	
		☐ Completes the professional status	
		recertification process in a timely	
		manner.	

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

ETHICS/JUDGMENT

 Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education of the Education Profession in Profession in Florida Florida Uses good judgment in all dealings Uses good judgment in all dealings with students and colleagues. with students and colleagues **GUIDING QUESTIONS INSTRUCTIONAL EXEMPLARS DESCRIPTORS** SUPPORT EXEMPLARS Adheres to the Code of Ethics and ☐ Models professional and ethical Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Principles of Professional Conduct of the Principles of Professional Conduct of standards consistent with the Code of Education Profession in Florida focuses Education Profession in Florida Ethics and Principles of Professional the Education Profession in Florida on the degree to which the teacher's I. Does the teacher's conduct focuses on the degree to which the Conduct of Education Professionals in conduct consistently reflects the behaviors consistently reflect all indicators Florida when dealing with students, teacher's conduct consistently reflects the behaviors described in the Code of described in the Code of Ethics. peers, parents, community, and other Ethics. (See Instructional Exemplars.) Key indicators are: stakeholders. ☐ Performs and fulfills all professional • The teacher makes reasonable effort to protect students from conditions that responsibilities. ☐ Prepares and maintains all required are harmful to learning, or to the student's mental and/or physical reports and records. ☐ Supports school improvement health. initiatives by active participation in The teacher does not unreasonably school activities, services and programs. restrain a student from pursuit of ☐ Performs other incidental tasks learning. consistent with the goals and objectives The teacher does not unreasonably of the position. deny a student access to diverse ☐ Maintains a personal appearance points of view. appropriate to assignment The teacher does not intentionally (Continued) distort or misrepresent facts (Continued)

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
concerning an educational matter in direct or indirect public expression. The teacher does not interfere with a colleague's right to exercise political or civil rights and responsibilities The teacher does not use institutional privileges for personal gain or advantage. The teacher maintains honesty in all professional dealings. The teacher shall not on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, marital status, handicapping condition if otherwise qualified, or social and family background deny a colleague professional benefits or advantages or participation in any professional organization. The teacher takes reasonable precautions to distinguish between personal views and those of any educational institution or organization with which the individual is affiliated.		 □ Reports to work on time and is regular with attendance except when on authorized leave. □ Attends and participates in required meetings. □ Defers discipline to a time when the student is not emotionally upset. □ Never criticizes another teacher in the presence of students or professionals. □ Does not leave students unattended in the classroom or on campus. □ Does not belittle a student in front of others. □ Follows procedures when a student is injured, knows who to notify and how to follow up. □ Does not show prejudice towards students based on previous knowledge of, or experience with, siblings. □ Does not use physical means to stop a bad behavior. □ Does not expose students to unsafe situations. □ Does not expose students to equipment without proper instruction. □ Knows the rights and responsibilities pertaining to the needs of a child who is suffering abuse and neglect and acts accordingly. □ Recognizes the signs of alcohol and drug abuse and works with students appropriately and seeks assistance to prevent future abuse. 	

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
Uses good judgment in all dealings with students and colleagues focuses on the teacher's ability to make sound, professional decisions. When dealing with students, the distinguished teacher recognizes the difference between disciplinary and guidance issues, and maintains a calm, professional manner when dealing with discipline issues without the use of physical means. The teacher acts professionally in all dealings with students, does not belittle a student, and is not prejudiced against a student based on prior knowledge. The teacher recognizes signs of alcohol and drug abuse and works appropriately with the student and other professionals to seek assistance and acts according to state requirements when child neglect or abuse is suspected. Students are never left unattended nor are they asked to participate in an unsafe activity or to use equipment without proper instruction. If injury occurs, the teacher acts immediately to notify appropriate personnel. Relationships with colleagues are positive and professional. The teacher does not criticize other colleagues in the presence of others.	Uses Good Judgment in all Dealings with Students and Colleagues 1. Does the teacher consistently make and apply sound, professional judgment in dealings with students and adults? 2. Does the teacher consistently distinguish between disciplinary and guidance issues? 3. Does the teacher maintain professionalism in dealings with students and adults? 4. In dealings with students and adults, is the teacher's behavior free of bias, prejudice, and pre-conceived attitudes based on rumor or hearsay? 5. Does the teacher respond immediately, appropriately and effectively to issues that negatively impact a student's health or welfare? 6. Does the teacher maintain confidentiality in dealing with students and adults? 7. Does the teacher avoid criticism of students or other professionals in the presence of others?		Uses good judgment in all dealings with students and colleagues focuses on the instructional support teacher's ability to make sound, professional decisions. Relationships with colleagues are positive and professional. The instructional support teacher does not criticize other colleagues in the presence of others. For those instructional support teachers that work directly with students, the distinguished instructional support teacher recognizes the difference between disciplinary and guidance issues, and maintains a calm, professional manner when dealing with difficult situations. The instructional support teacher acts professionally in all dealings with students, does not belittle a student, and is not prejudiced against a student based on prior knowledge. The instructional support teacher recognizes signs of alcohol and drug abuse and works (when appropriate) with the student and other professionals to seek assistance and acts according to state requirements when child neglect or abuse is suspected. Students are never left unattended nor are they asked to participate in an unsafe activity or to use equipment without proper instruction. If injury occurs, the instructional support teacher acts immediately to notify appropriate personnel.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Adheres to policies and procedures as defined by the district.
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EXEMPLARS

Adheres to policies and procedures as defined by the district focuses on the teacher's adherence to district and school policies and procedures. distinguished teacher is knowledgeable about district and school policies and procedures and follows all school and district requirements. The distinguished teacher follows the contractual agreement, is punctual, maintains good attendance, follows school policies including but not limited to attendance at faculty meetings parent conferences, parking requirements, disciplinary referrals, dress code, bell schedule, sign in/out procedures, and lesson plan requirements.

GUIDING QUESTIONS

Adheres to Policies and Procedures as defined by the district

- I. Is the teacher knowledgeable about district and school policies and procedures?
- 2. Does the teacher fully comply with policies and procedures in a timely and accurate manner?
- 3. Does the teacher completely fulfill the contract agreement?
- 4. Does the teacher set a strong example for other adults and students with regards to attendance, punctuality, participation in faculty meetings, and all other school and district policies?
- 5. If the teacher questions the benefit of an adopted policy or procedure, does the teacher continue to follow the guidelines?
- 6. If the teacher questions the benefit of an adopted policy or procedure, does the teacher follow appropriate channels to discuss the issue and recommend an alternative?

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DESCRIPTORS

- ☐ Performs all teaching duties and responsibilities professionally, complying with applicable laws, rules, policies, and regulations.
- ☐ Follows requirements established for the school.
- ☐ Models professional and ethical standards consistent with Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of Education Professionals in Florida when dealing with students, peers, parents, and community.
- ☐ Performs and fulfills all professional responsibilities.
- ☐ Supports school improvement initiatives by active participation in school activities, services, and programs.
- ☐ Keeps accurate records of class and individual student progress.
- ☐ Maintains and promptly submits accurate, complete, and correct records and reports as required by law, district policy, and administrative regulations.

INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

Adheres to policies and procedures as **defined by the district** focuses on the instructional support teacher's adherence to district and school policies and procedures. The distinguished instructional support teacher is knowledgeable about district/department/school policies and procedures and follows all requirements. The distinguished teacher follows the contractual agreement, is punctual, maintains good attendance, and as appropriate, follows school and district policies including but not limited to attendance at faculty/staff meetings and parent conferences, parking requirements, disciplinary referrals, dress code, bell/work schedule, sign in/out procedures, and time log requirements, as appropriate.

EXEMPLARS	GUIDING QUESTIONS	<u>DESCRIPTORS</u>	INSTRUCTIONAL
			SUPPORT EXEMPLARS
Completes all record keeping tasks as	Completes All Record Keeping Tasks as	☐ Evaluates classroom assignments	Completes all record keeping tasks as
prescribed by the district focuses on	Prescribed by the District	promptly and returns them to students	prescribed by the district focuses on
completion and maintenance of required	I. Does the teacher complete all required	in a timely manner.	completion and maintenance of required
reports and record keeping tasks. The	reports and tasks on time?	☐ Arrives at work and meets assigned	reports and record keeping tasks. The
distinguished teacher completes required	2. Are teacher reports accurate and	classes on time.	distinguished instructional support teacher
reports and tasks on time. Reports are	complete?	☐ Is punctual in meeting responsibilities.	completes required reports and tasks on
accurate, neat and prepared in accordance	3. Does the teacher follow district or	☐ Is regular in attendance except when on	time. Reports are accurate, neat and
with school or district guidelines.	school guidelines and protocols when	authorized leave.	prepared in accordance with school,
	completing reports and tasks?	☐ Upholds school rules, administrative	department or district guidelines.
	4. Does the teacher work professionally	regulations, and board policies.	
	and positively with school or district	☐ Attends and participates in faculty	
	staff assigned to support the identified	meetings.	
	report or task requirement?	☐ Follows contractual agreement.	
		☐ Follows parking requirements.	
		☐ Follows procedures for student	
		discipline problems (reporting tardies,	
		calling parents, scheduling parent	
		meetings, writing referrals, writing	
		discipline contracts, etc.).	
		☐ Attends parental conferences.	
		☐ Attends team meetings.	
		☐ Follows bell schedule in requiring	
		students to remain in class.	
		☐ Dresses appropriately.	
		☐ Participates in school improvement	
		processes	
		☐ Follows sign in/sign out procedures.	
		☐ Submits lesson plans in on time	
		☐ Follows curriculum and SSS	
		requirements.	
		☐ Submits attendance on time.	
		☐ Supports school improvement	
		initiatives by active participation in	
		school activities, services, and	
		programs.	
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	Performs other incidental tasks consistent with the goals and objectives	
	of the position. Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in Florida.	

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Through the individual commitment of all, our students will graduate with the knowledge, skills, and values necessary to be successful contributors to our democratic society.

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