School Year:	School:
Educator Name:	Position:
Evaluator:	Position:

Current research indicates that to be prepared for the future, students cannot merely be passive recipients of information, but rather active users of information for problem solving. The competencies delineated in the Instructional Evaluation are those consistently identified in the research as being essential in effecting student achievement. The performance of the distinguished teacher reflects these competencies.

1st Semester				
Appraiser's Signature	Date	Teacher's Signature	Date	

	2nd Semester		
Appraiser's Signature	Date	Teacher's Signature	Date

DOMAIN I. CREATING A CULTURE FOR LEARNING

The NCI creates a culture for learning through building positive relationships with students and/or instructional staff. This organized safe learning environment encourages high expectations for all students and instructional staff and allows them to feel respected and valued.

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Establishing High	NCI communicates	NCI does not use praise	NCI communicates high	NCI establishes an
Expectations for	low expectations for	strategically to motivate	expectations for all	environment that best
Learning and Work	performance. There is	to the highest level of	work. NCI emphasizes	facilitates learning and
	no effort to celebrate	performance. NCI	accuracy, quality, and	development. Through
	or recognize success.	accepts completion of	encourages others to	strategic recognition of
	NCI makes excuses for	work regardless of	take pride in their work	high quality work, the
	poor performance of	quality.	and the work of others.	NCI creates a culture in
	others.			which students and
				instructional staff are
				empowered to strive
				for the highest
				standards.
Creating an	NCI interaction, with	NCI models but does not	NCI models tolerance	NCI utilizes resources
Environment of Respect	at least some students	hold students and/or	for all students and/or	and materials that reflect
and Rapport	and/or staff is	staff accountable for	staff and holds them	diversity in instruction
	negative, demeaning,	respectful behavior or an	responsible for	and program delivery.
	sarcastic and/or	appreciation of diversity.	respectful behavior.	Diversity is reflected and
	inappropriate. NCI		NCI honors the cultural	encouraged in other's
	tolerates student and/or		and developmental	work. The setting is a
	staff interactions		differences among	respectful, inclusive,
	characterized by		students, parents, and/or	and positive learning
	conflict, sarcasm, and		staff.	environment.
	put-downs.			

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Organizing the Physical	NCI makes poor use of	NCI arranges for the	NCI arranges the	NCI maintains a
Environment	the physical	physical environment to	physical environment to	welcoming and
	environment.	be safe and accessible.	support	professional
		However, the	learning/professional	environment which is
		arrangement does not	activities.	conducive to planned
		support the		activities. NCI adapts
		learning/professional		room arrangements
		activities (e.g. view of		based on
		instructional area		learning/professional
		obstructed).		activities and
				participants' needs.
Managing Procedures in	NCI has no	NCI establishes	NCI consistently	Participants adhere to
the Professional Setting	procedures.	procedures but enforces	enforces established	and value established
		them inconsistently.	procedures.	procedures by taking
				responsibility for
				managing groups,
				supplies, equipment, etc.
Managing Participant	Standards for conduct	NCI has established	NCI monitors behavior	Environment reflects
Behavior	do not exist.	rules and consequences;	based on standards for	positive interactions
	Participant behavior is	however, standards for	conduct. NCI is direct ,	among participants.
	not monitored and NCI	conduct are not	specific, and consistent	NCI empowers
	is unaware of what the	monitored and enforced	in communicating and	participants to monitor
	participants are doing.	through an established	enforcing high standards	discipline in self,
		behavior system.	while maintaining	students, and peers.
			positive relationships	
			with participants.	

DOMAIN II. PLANNING FOR SUCCESS

The NCI demonstrates a deep knowledge of professional practices, aligns professional objectives and learner outcomes with approved program, and uses data to meet individual needs. The NCI also plans appropriate assessments and uses time effectively.

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Demonstrating	NCI demonstrates little	NCI demonstrates basic	NCI demonstrates	NCI demonstrates
Knowledge of Current	understanding of	understanding of current	understanding of current	comprehensive and
Trends in Program Area	current trends and	trends and professional	trends and professional	thorough understanding
and Professional	professional practices.	practices.	practices and applies	of current trends and
Practice			them in their area of	professional practices.
			expertise.	
Planning the Support	NCI's program	NCI's plan has a guiding	NCI has developed a	NCI's plan is highly
Program that is	consists of a random	principle and includes a	plan that includes the	coherent, based on best
Integrated with the	selection of unrelated	number of worthwhile	important aspects of	practices, and supportive
Overall School/District	activities lacking	activities, but some of	professional objectives	of individual
Goals	coherence or an overall	them do not fit with the	that are aligned with the	achievement and the
	structure.	broader program goals.	overall school/district	broader educational
			goals.	program.



Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Using Data to Attend to Individual Needs	NCI does not base professional practice decisions on student learning data.	NCI uses data to adjust professional practices and goals. Professional decisions for addressing individual differences are not evident.	NCI continually analyzes data to adjust programs and practices. Assessment data is used in collaboration with colleagues in professional learning community meetings and is incorporated into the design of programs, professional practices, and goals. NCI uses technological tools to collect and analyze	NCI uses local, state and national data to make instructional/program decisions that ensure students/learners are performing at the highest level. Individual data is analyzed to determine performance goals. NCI discusses test results and/or goals with students/learners and teaches them to monitor progress.
Plans for Multiple Methods of Ongoing Assessment	NCI does not plan for assessment prior to program/services. Assessments do not measure progress toward goal.	NCI plans and uses one or two appropriate methods of assessment.	student/learner data. NCI plans and uses multiple appropriate methods of assessment on an ongoing basis to measure program/service effectiveness.	NCI constantly seeks out and implements the use of a variety of assessments to measure the effectiveness of programs/services. Shares resources regarding researched based measures and program outcomes with colleagues.

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Determining Strategies	NCI does not connect	NCI's planned activities	NCI plans learning	NCI plans and develops
for Meaningful/Coherent	learning activities with	do not support the	activities which build on	program goals/learning
Delivery of Services	prior knowledge,	program/service goals	prior learning and	tasks that focus on
	and/or learning	and objectives. The NCI	align with needs in a	application of skills
	activities are not at the	makes content and	coherent progression.	providing opportunities
	appropriate level.	expectations clear after	NCI gives additional	for critical thinking,
		learners express	time and attention to	problem solving and
		confusion.	those in need.	increased retention.
				Analyzes trends to
				establish priorities for
				program adjustments.
Using Time Effectively	NCI's routines and	NCI has established	NCI plans routines	NCI uses time optimally,
	procedures (e.g.	routines and procedures	which are well	adjusting the pacing of
	handling materials and	but does not consistently	organized and clearly	the activity as needed to
	scheduling) are either	follow them. (Does not	communicated so that	ensure the engagement
	non existent or	maximize use of time as	all participants	of all participants.
	inefficient, resulting in	evidenced by lack of	understand them.	Transitions are
	significant loss of	effective preparation.)	Activities provide for	seamless. NCI
	effectiveness.	Activities are often	smooth transitions and	encourages participants
		rushed or too long.	optimum use of time on	to be responsible for
			task.	efficient use of time.

DOMAIN III. INSTRUCTING AND ASSESSING FOR PARTICIPANT ACHIEVEMENT

The NCI uses a variety of strategies to engage participants in learning. The activity is varied by utilizing technology, quality questioning, and discussions. The NCI creates opportunities for learners to monitor their own performance while making adjustments in the activity in order to enhance achievement.

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Engaging Participants in	NCI does not pursue	NCI activities do not	NCI implements plans	NCI encourages
Learning	the active engagement	match the appropriate	for participants to	participants to work
	of all participants.	skill level of the	actively process	independently, lead
	NCI allows off-task	participants therefore	information, or	activities in small and
	behavior.	they are not engaged.	communicate	cooperative groups, and
		Participants are passive	information in ways	contribute to the
		learners.	that indicate they are on	discussion. Participants
			task and actively	initiate or adapt
			engaged. NCI uses	activities or strategies
			technology to engage	to enhance their own
			participants.	understanding.
Varying Content to Meet	NCI's pacing and level	NCI recognizes some	NCI recognizes group	NCI differentiates
Participant Needs	of the activity does not	individual needs but	and individual needs and	activities and
	allow for individual	does not develop	develops appropriate	interventions, multiple
	needs.	appropriate activities or	activities and varies	or tiered , so that each
		vary content effectively.	content effectively.	participant's needs are
				met. With guidance, the
				NCI allows participants
				to select their method of
				demonstrating goal
				achievement.

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Using Quality	NCI makes inadequate	NCI does not provide	NCI asks high and low	NCI encourages and expects
Questions and	use of questioning	wait time and allows	order questions. NCI	participant(s) to formulate relevant
Discussion	techniques. NCI asks few	non-specific response.	directs questions	questions and discussions that
	high level questions.	NCI does not ask	individually to the	foster creative problem solving,
	NCI does not provide	questions at the	appropriate participant.	critical thinking, and collaborative
	opportunities for	appropriate level aligned	NCI uses questions to help	planning.
	discussion.	to the objective(s). NCI	direct the activity and	
		provides for limited	check for understanding.	
		interaction or		
		discussion.		
Adjusting	NCI adheres rigorously	NCI does not plan	NCI adjusts	NCI adjusts grouping to ensure
and	to planned activities.	formative assessments	activity/program based	deeper conceptual
Monitoring	Does not adapt or revise	and therefore makes	on individual	understanding by all participants.
Activity to	activity based on needs.	adjustments	performance. NCI	NCI invites input from
Enhance		erroneously.	provides feedback to	participants in order to monitor
Achievement			learners so they can	and adjust activities/programs
			increase their skills. NCI	and pacing to respond to
			supports struggling	differences in needs.
			learners to reach	
			proficiency.	

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Developing	NCI does not plan	NCI plans	NCI plans a variety of	NCI develops comprehensive
Interventions	or mismatches	interventions/resources	effective	plans for students, finding ways
and/or Locating	interventions/fails	that are partially	interventions/resources that	to creatively meet student needs
Resources to	to locate resources	suitable or sporadically	are suitable and aligned	incorporating many related
Increase Student	indicated by the	aligned with identified	with identified needs.	elements OR is highly proactive
Achievement	findings of student	needs.		in locating a variety of
	assessment.			appropriate resources to meet
				the needs of
				teachers/staff/parents in regard
				to student achievement.
				Provides ongoing monitoring
				and support.
Using Technology	NCI uses	NCI infrequently uses	NCI's activity plans make	NCI uses technology as an
To Support	technology for	technology in the	use of district provided	integral part of
Learning	personal and	delivery of	technology resources.	practice/activities. Plans
	administrative	services/instruction.	Instruction/program	integrate technology to
	purposes only.	The NCI relies on	planning reflects	differentiate instruction and
		others (e.g. lab teacher,	innovative strategies	enhance learning. NCI
		technology coach) to	integrating technology.	identifies and locates
		get technology into the	The NCI uses technology	technology resources and
		hands of the	to access student data.	evaluates them for accuracy
		students/participants.		and suitability to improve
				professional practice and
				maximize progress. NCI uses
				technology resources to collect ,
				analyze, interpret and report
				data on individual performance
				and program effectiveness.

DOMAIN IV. COMMUNICATING PROFESSIONAL COMMITMENT

The NCI takes responsibility for his/her professional development in support of school and district initiatives/goals. The NCI works collaboratively with colleagues to enhance student performance and develops positive relationships with families and community.

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Developing Positive	NCI provides no	NCI responds to	NCI communicates with	NCI communicates about
Relationships with	information to families or	family initiated	parents about student	student progress or needs on
Families and	community members and	contact.	progress and/or	an individual basis and
Community	makes no attempt to		programs on a regular	informs parents of positive
	engage them in the		basis and is available as	student progress as well as
	instructional program.		needed to respond to	concerns. NCI successfully
	NCI handles		parent concerns. NCI	engages family and
	parent/family concerns		invites families and	community in the
	unprofessionally.		community into the	instructional process.
			school or department.	
Collaborating with	NCI works in isolation	NCI relationships are	NCI pursues collegial	NCI initiates collegial
Colleagues for	and only participates in	limited to grade level	relationships and attends	meetings. NCI brings
Student Progress	collegial activities when	and/or department.	professional learning	research, student data,
	required.		community meetings to	strategies, and interventions
			increase student	to the meeting. NCI
			achievement and	demonstrates leadership
			program effectiveness.	among staff. NCI actively
				engages in formal and
				informal mentoring and
				coaching relationships.

Taking	NCI does not attend	NCI attends only	NCI integrates	NCI pursues opportunities
Responsibility for	required staff	mandated staff	professional learning	for professional
Professional	development and/or does	development.	into professional practice	development to enhance
Development	not participate in		and program area. NCI	content knowledge,
	professional development		refines and assesses	professional and
	activities even when such		effectiveness of strategies	pedagogical skills. NCI uses
	activities are clearly		in terms of student	acquired knowledge and
	needed for development		achievement.	research to impact positive
	of professional skills.			change in his/her program
				area at the school or
				department.

Competency	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient	Distinguished
Supporting School	NCI does not participate	NCI attends required	NCI participates in the	NCI contributes to school
and District Goals	in or implement	School/Department	planning and	(department)/district
	School/Department	Improvement Plan	implementation of	initiatives, assuming
	Improvement Plan. NCI	activities. NCI is not	School/Department	leadership with colleagues.
	communicates to others	knowledgeable of	Improvement Plan	NCI contributes to
	negatively about	how to implement	activities. NCI works	decision-making processes
	school/district programs.	strategies in the	consistently as a team	and serves on sub-
		instructional setting.	member.	committees. NCI models
				school (department)/district
				initiatives.

Example sources of documentation: (This suggested list is designed to help generate ideas about how to document competencies and foster conversation about NCI performance as it relates to the rubric.)

- Classroom Observations/Visitations
- FPMS Summative Observation Form
- Lesson Plans
- Progress Monitoring
- Classroom Assessments
- District/State Assessments
- Common Assessments
- In-service Records/Certificates of Participation/CEU
- Individual Professional Development Plan
- Committee/Meeting Rosters and Notes
- Conferences/Interviews
- College Transcripts (current year)
- Portfolios (student and teacher)
- Family Contact Logs
- Membership in Professional Organizations
- Curriculum Maps
- CARE Outcomes and Recommendations
- MEASURE Plan
- RtI documentation
- Professional Reports
- Record of Parent Conferences
- In-service Presentation/Training Agendas
- Functional Behavior Assessments
- Behavior Intervention Plans
- Plan of Care
- Intervention Documentation