Palm Beach Model of Instruction

Non-Classroom Instructional Support Personnel Teacher Protocols

Based on the work of Dr. Robert J. Marzano and Learning Sciences International, these observation instruments were reviewed and revised by the Joint Evaluation Negotiations Committee for the School District of Palm Beach County.

Scales and Evidences
Domain 1: Planning and Preparing to Support Instruction

### Establishing and Communicating Clear Goals for Supporting Services

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member establishes and communicates clearly stated goals, based on area of professional responsibility, to indicate the support and services provided to the school/district.

**Desired Effect:** School/district knows the supporting services provided by the instructional support member.

**Example Instructional Support Member Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Establishes a set of written goals or a defined work plan indicating the scope of services provided to the school
- Establishes a set of written goals or a defined work plan with timelines aligned with school and district goals
- Communicates goals to appropriate school or district personnel
- References and updates goals and plan for support throughout the year
- Goals confirm knowledge consistent with professional area of responsibility
- Supporting services demonstrate knowledge of human growth and development
- Data are used in the planning and goal setting process
- Elicits input from school regarding needed services and support
- Updates records (e.g. data bases, data notebook, etc.) to track progress towards implementation of goals and services

**Example Implementation Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Students, colleagues, and/or administrators can explain how the instructional support member goals support the school or district
- Explains how goals support and align with school and/or district goals.
- Explains how data were used to establish goals
- Explains how their actions and/or activities relate to the goals
- Artifacts support clear communication of goals

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## Helping the School/District Achieve Goals

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member uses expert knowledge of established standards and procedures from his/her area of expertise to support the school/district in achieving goals.

**Desired Effect:** Instructional support member helps the school/district achieve goals.

### Example Instructional Support Member Evidence (Check all that apply)

- Demonstrates knowledge of school/district goals
- Goals to provide services align with and support the school/district goals
- Activities confirm support of school/district goals consistent with professional area of responsibility (i.e. participating in committees, working with student groups, advising, etc.)
- Maintains accurate records of support provided that help the school/district achieve goals
- Provides accurate and relevant input to support the school/district

### Example Implementation Evidence (Check all that apply)

- Artifacts reveal the instructional support member helped individual or groups of students achieve goals
- Artifacts reveal the instructional support member achieved goals to provide supporting services
- Artifacts confirm the instructional support member helped the school/district achieve goals
- Feedback from school/district confirms the instructional support member demonstrates knowledge of processes and protocols associated with professional area of expertise that helped the school/district achieve goals

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### Using Available Resources

**Focused Statement:** Instructional support member identifies and uses available resources (to include traditional materials, technology, school, community, and district sources) to provide supporting services to the school/district.

**Desired Effect:** The use of available resources provides supporting services to the school/district.

**Example Instructional Support Member Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Resources are identified and reflected in planning documents
- Resources are used to enhance the implementation of goals for supporting services
- Technology resources are identified within plans, as appropriate, to support implementation of supporting services
- Plans reflect use of specific resources from the community and how they enhanced support of the school/district goals
- Data are used as a resource when planning support
- Resources are used appropriately to support the school/district
- Elicits input to determine if additional resources would enhance supporting services (e.g. surveys, checklist, notes, etc.)

**Example Implementation Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Identifies resources implemented within the school community that enhance supporting services
- Artifacts show the use of available resources provided support for the school
- Data substantiates the use of resources in implementing goals for support services and/or instructional activities
- Describes how use of resources within the school/community enhanced implementation of supporting services and/or instructional activities
- Artifacts demonstrate the use of technology enhanced supporting services

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Domain 2: Supporting Student Achievement

Demonstrating Knowledge of Students

Focus Statement: Instructional support member demonstrates knowledge of the unique needs of students in the school/district.

Desired Effect: Instructional support member provides appropriate services to support the unique needs of students in the school/district.

Example Instructional Support Member Evidence (Check all that apply)

- Identifies students with unique needs
- Communicates expectation for each student to be successful
- Advocates for students who need accommodations and/or modifications to the curriculum
- Seeks appropriate services to help students with unique needs
- Identifies families to assist with learning how to plan and advocate for their student
- Collaborates with other school personnel to help students with unique needs to meet achievement goals
- Behaviors indicate value and respect for students with unique needs, interests, and/or backgrounds
- Extinguishes negative comments about students with unique needs, interests, and/or backgrounds
- Demonstrates knowledge of human growth and development
- Recognizes and addresses student needs and interests during interactions
- Identifies equity issues for students (when appropriate)
- Helps students learn how to become self-advocates

Example Implementation Evidence (Check all that apply)

- Provides appropriate services to help students with unique needs
- Assists families in learning to plan and advocate for their student
- Provides plans and/or artifacts to support collaboration with other school personnel to help students with unique needs
- Artifacts support identification of students who need special assistance
- Explains how accommodations and/or modifications help address the unique needs of students
- Artifacts demonstrate support of individual students to meet achievement goals
- Artifacts reveal that students receive appropriate modifications or accommodations
- Actively addresses equity issues for students (when appropriate)
- Students identify the instructional support member as one who advocates for them
- Artifacts demonstrate students act as self-advocates
- Explains how knowledge of the unique needs of students helps support students in achievement of their goals

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### Helping Students Meet Achievement Goals

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member helps ensure equal access to critical curriculum by helping to remove barriers that impede student achievement.

**Desired Effect:** Barriers are removed to help students meet achievement goals.

**Example Instructional Support Member Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Identifies students who need help meeting achievement goals
- Advocates for students who need assistance gaining access to critical curriculum
- Provides plans and/or artifacts of helping remove barriers for the benefit of students
- Assists families in learning how to plan and advocate for their student
- Assists families in learning to identify the barriers
- Collaborates with other school personnel to help students meet achievement goals
- Behaviors indicate value and respect for students who may have barriers to achieving goals
- Extinguishes negative comments about students who have barriers to achieving goals
- Sets high expectations for each student
- Communicates with families about how to help their students remove barriers

**Example Implementation Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Provides plans and/or artifacts to document collaboration with other school personnel to help remove barriers
- Artifacts support identification of students who received help meeting their achievement goals
- Explains how removing barriers helped students meet achievement goals
- Explains how removing barriers helped individual students gain equal access to critical curriculum
- Artifacts reveal students have equal access to critical curriculum
- Students identify the instructional support member as one who advocates for them by helping remove barriers
- Students and/or colleagues confirm that the instructional support member helps students meet achievement goals

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If Applicable

### A. Planning Standards-Based Lessons/Units

**Focus Statement:** Using established content standards, the teacher plans rigorous units with learning targets that demonstrate a progression of learning.

**Desired Effect:** Teacher provides evidence of implementing lessons/units plans aligned to grade level standard(s) using learning targets that demonstrate a progression of learning.

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

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

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B. Identifying Critical Content from the Standards

**Focus Statement:** Teacher uses the progression of standards-based learning targets to identify accurate critical content during a lesson or part of a lesson.

**Desired Effect:** Formative evidence demonstrates students know what content is important and what is not important as it relates to the learning target(s).

**Example Instructional Support Member/Teacher Instructional Techniques** (Check all that apply)

- Begins the lesson or activity by explaining why upcoming content is important
- Accurately identifies critical content
- Identifies content or information critical to their area of responsibility (i.e. media, technology, guidance)
- Cues the importance of upcoming content in some direct and/or indirect fashion
  - Tone of voice
  - Body position
  - Level of excitement
  - Marker technique

**Example Student Evidence of Desired Effect** (Percent of students who demonstrate achievement of the desired effect that students can identify critical versus non-critical content. Student evidence is obtained as the instructional support member/teacher uses a monitoring technique. Check all that apply.)

- Describe the level of importance of the content addressed in the lesson or activity
- Explain why it is important to pay attention to the content
- Body language and other visible behaviors indicate students pay attention to the critical content

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## C. Using Questions to Help Students Elaborate on Content

**Focus Statement:** Teacher uses a sequence of increasingly complex questions that require students to critically think about the content.

**Desired Effect:** Formative evidence demonstrates students accurately elaborate on content.

### Example Instructional Support Member/Teacher Instructional Techniques

(Check all that apply)

- Uses a sequence of increasingly complex questions as it relates to the content (text) with appropriate wait time
- Asks detail questions
- Asks category questions
- Asks elaboration questions (e.g. inferences, predictions, projections, definitions, generalizations, etc.)
- Asks students to provide evidence (e.g. prior knowledge, textual evidence, etc.) for their elaborations
- Presents situations or problems that involve students analyzing how one idea relates to ideas that were not explicitly taught
- Models the process of using evidence to support elaboration
- Models processes and proficiencies to support mathematical elaboration
- Models implementation of appropriate wait time when questioning

### Example Student Evidence of Desired Effect

(Percent of students who demonstrate achievement of the desired effect that students accurately elaborate on content. Student evidence is obtained as the instructional support member/teacher uses a monitoring technique. Check all that apply.)

- Answer detail questions about the content
- Identify characteristics of content-related categories
- Make general elaborations about the content
- Provide evidence and support for elaborations
- Identify basic relationships between ideas and how one idea relates to another
- Artifacts/student work demonstrate students can make well-supported elaborative inferences
- Discussions demonstrate students can make well-supported elaborative inferences
- Discussions are grounded in evidence from text, both literary and informational
- Discussions and student work provide evidence of mathematical elaboration

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D. Organizing Students to Interact with Content

Focus Statement: Teacher organizes students into appropriate groups to facilitate the learning of content.

Desired Effect: Formative evidence demonstrates students process content (i.e. new, practicing and deepening, complex knowledge) as a result of group organization.

Example Instructional Support Member/Teacher Instructional Techniques (Check all that apply)

- Establishes routines for student grouping and interaction for the expressed purpose of processing content
- Provides guidance regarding group interactions and critiquing the reasoning of others
- Provides guidance on one or more cognitive skills appropriate for the lesson
- Utilizes assignments or tasks at the appropriate taxonomy level of content
- Provides guidance on one or more conative skills
  - Becoming aware of the power of interpretations
  - Avoiding negative thinking
  - Taking various perspectives
  - Interacting responsibly
  - Handling controversy and conflict resolution
- Organizes students into ad hoc groups during individual lessons (i.e. use techniques to ensure equity)
- Uses various group processes and activities to reflect the taxonomy level of the learning targets

Example Student Evidence of Desired Effect (Percent of students that demonstrate achievement of the desired effect that students process content as a result of group organization. Student evidence is obtained during group activities and/or student work. Check all that apply.)

- Work within groups with an organized purpose
- Exhibit awareness of the power of interpretations
- Avoid negative thinking
- Take various perspectives
- Interact responsibly and respectfully critique the reasoning of others
- Appear to know how to handle controversy and conflict resolution
- Actively ask and answer questions about the content (i.e. assignments or tasks)
- Add their perspectives to discussions
- Generate clarifying questions about the content
- Explain individual student and/or group thinking about the content
- Take responsibility for the learning of peers

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### E. Managing Student Behavior

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member/teacher establishes classroom rules and procedures that facilitate students working cooperatively and acknowledge students who adhere to rules and procedures.

**Desired Effect:** Students know and follow classroom rules and procedures (to facilitate learning) as a result of teacher acknowledgment.

### Example Instructional Support Member/Teacher Instructional Techniques (Check all that apply)

- [ ] Involves students in designing classroom routines and procedures to develop a culturally responsive classroom
- [ ] Actively teaches student self-regulation strategies
- [ ] Uses classroom meetings to review and process rules and procedures to ensure equity
- [ ] Reminds students of rules and procedures
- [ ] Asks students to restate or explain rules and procedures
- [ ] Provides cues or signals when a rule or procedure should be used
- [ ] Physically occupies all quadrants of the room
- [ ] Scans the entire room, making eye contact with each student
- [ ] Recognizes potential sources of disruption and deal with them immediately
- [ ] Proactively addresses inflammatory situations
- [ ] Consistently exhibits “withitness” behaviors
- [ ] Recognizes and/or acknowledge students or groups who follow rules and procedures
- [ ] Organizes physical layout of the classroom to facilitate work in groups and easy access to materials

### Example Student Evidence of Desired Effect (Percent of students that demonstrate achievement of the desired effect that students know and follow classroom rules and procedures. Student evidence is obtained during group activities and/or student work. Check all that apply.)

- [ ] Follow clear routines during class
- [ ] Explain classroom rules and procedures
- [ ] Describe the classroom as an orderly and safe environment
- [ ] Recognize cues and signals by the teacher
- [ ] Self-regulate behavior while working individually
- [ ] Self-regulate behavior while working in groups
- [ ] Recognize that the teacher is aware of their behavior
- [ ] Interact responsibly with teacher and other students
- [ ] Explain how the individuality of each student is honored in the classroom
- [ ] Describe the teacher as fair and responsive to individual students
- [ ] Describe the teacher as “aware of what is going on” or “has eyes on the back of his/her head”
- [ ] Respond appropriately to teacher direction and/or guidance regarding rules and procedures
- [ ] Move purposefully about the classroom and efficiently access materials

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### F. Using Engagement Strategies

**Focus Statement:** Teacher uses engagement strategies to engage or re-engage students with the content.

**Desired Effect:** Formative evidence demonstrates students engage or re-engage with the content as a result of teacher action.

#### Example Instructional Support Member/Teacher Instructional Techniques (Check all that apply)

- Takes action or uses specific strategies to re-engage students
- Uses academic games
- Manages response rates
- Uses physical movement
- Maintains a lively pace
- Uses crisp transitions from one activity to another
- Demonstrates intensity and enthusiasm for the content
- Uses friendly controversy
- Provides opportunities for students to talk about themselves as it relates to the content (i.e. incorporate cultural connections)
- Presents unusual or intriguing information about the content

#### Example Student Evidence of Desired Effect (Percent of students that demonstrate achievement of the desired effect that students engage or re-engage as a result of teacher action. Student evidence is obtained during group activities and/or student work. Check all that apply.)

- Behaviors show awareness that the teacher is noticing students' level of engagement
- Behaviors show the engagement strategy increases engagement
- Student-centered tasks and processes produce high levels of engagement
- Talk with groups or in response to questions is focused on critical content
- Engage in the critical content with enthusiasm
- Self-regulate engagement and engagement of peers
- Actions show students are motivated by the teacher
- Behaviors show students are inspired by the teacher
- Multiple students or the entire class respond to questions posed by the teacher
- Artifacts/student work indicate students are engaged in the critical content

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### Domain 3: Continuous Improvement of Professional Practice

#### Reflecting and Evaluating Personal Performance

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member reflects and evaluates the effectiveness of specific practices and behaviors.

**Desired Effect:** Instructional support member identifies specific practices and behaviors on which to improve.

**Example Instructional Support Member Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Uses a reflection process for analysis of specific strengths and weaknesses
- Keeps track of specifically identified focus areas for improvement
- Identifies and keeps track of specific areas identified based on individual interest
- Describes how specific areas for improvement are identified
- Collects and compiles evidence of the effects of specific practices and behaviors related to their area of responsibility
- Provides a written analysis of specific causes of success or difficulty
- Explains the differential effects of specific strategies and behaviors that yield results
- Exhibits characteristics of a growth mindset

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Using Data and Feedback to Support Changes to Professional Practice

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member uses data and feedback to develop and implement a professional growth plan with specific and measurable goals, action steps, and timelines for measuring progress.

**Desired Effect:** Instructional support member demonstrates professional growth.

**Example Instructional Support Member Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Develops a written growth plan that outlines measurable goals, action steps, manageable timelines, and appropriate resources
- Identifies the data and feedback used to develop a professional growth plan
- Describes the professional growth plan using specific and measurable goals, action steps, manageable timelines, and appropriate resources
- Constructs a plan that outlines a method for charting progress toward established goals supported by evidence (e.g. achievement data, artifacts, interviews or surveys from peers, participants, and observer feedback)
- Describes progress toward meeting the goals outlined in the plan as supported by evidence
- Charts progress toward professional growth plan goals and supports by evidence
- Seeks mentorship from experts in area of professional responsibility
- Seeks innovative ways to improve professional practice

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Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

### Demonstrating Knowledge of Professional Practice (Area of Expertise)

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member demonstrates knowledge of professional practice related to his/her area of expertise.

**Desired Effect:** Instructional support member is recognized by the school/district as an expert in their area of expertise.

**Example Instructional Support Member Evidence (Check all that apply)**

- Participates in professional development opportunities
- Demonstrates knowledge of processes and protocols associated with professional area of expertise
- Demonstrates knowledge of state and federal laws associated with professional area of expertise
- Keeps record of specific situations during which he/she mentored other instructional support members
- Contributes and shares expertise and new ideas with colleagues to enhance learning in formal and informal ways
- Serves as an appropriate role model (i.e. mentor, coach, presenter, researcher) regarding specific educational strategies and behaviors
- Leads or facilitates professional development activities
- Disseminates information in an accurate manner
- Provides accessibility for professional services to students and school
- Describes specific situations in which he/she has mentored colleagues to share expertise
- Artifacts/evidence confirm recognition as an expert (e.g. surveys, feedback notes, articles, publications, etc.)

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### Promoting Positive Interactions with Colleagues and the Community

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member interacts with colleagues and the school community in a positive manner to promote positive home/school relationships that support learning.

**Desired Effect:** Positive relationships result in support for learning.

#### Example Instructional Support Member Evidence (Check all that apply)

- Works cooperatively with appropriate colleagues to address issues that impact the school
- Establishes working relationships that demonstrate integrity, confidentiality, respect, flexibility, fairness, and trust
- Accesses available expertise and resources to support the school
- Describes situations in which he/she interacts positively with colleagues to promote and support learning
- Describes situations in which he/she helped extinguish negative conversations about other colleagues
- Fosters collaborative partnerships with parents to enhance participant success in a manner that demonstrates integrity, confidentiality, respect, flexibility, fairness, and trust
- Communicates with parents in a consistent and timely manner regarding student expectations, progress, and/or concerns
- Encourages parent involvement in classroom and school activities
- Demonstrates awareness and sensitivity to social, cultural, and language backgrounds of families
- Uses multiple means and modalities to communicate with families
- Responds to requests for support, and/or assistance promptly
- Respects and maintains confidentiality of student/family information
- Describes instances when he/she interacted positively with students, parents, and/or the community
- Describes instances in which he/she helped extinguish negative conversations about students, parents, and/or the community
- Participates as an active member of a Professional Learning Community
- Collaborates with the school community

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**Supporting and Participating in School and District Initiatives**

**Focus Statement:** Instructional support member supports and participates in school and district initiatives relevant to area of responsibility.

**Desired Effect:** Instructional support member actively supports and participates in school and district initiatives.

**Example Instructional Support Member Evidence** (Check all that apply)

- Participates in school activities and events as appropriate to support students and the school community
- Serves on school and district committees
- Participates in professional development opportunities
- Works to achieve school and district improvement goals
- Provides record of specific situations in which he/she has participated in school and/or district initiatives
- Describes or shows evidence of participation in school and/or district initiatives
- Exhibits characteristics of a growth mindset

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