

Domain 2: Planning and Preparing (v2)

The teacher plans for clear goals and identifies them in the plan; he or she describes methods for tracking student progress and measuring success.

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Planning and Preparing for Lessons and Units

Effective Scaffolding of Information within Lessons

Within lessons, the teacher prepares and plans the organization of content in such a way that each new piece of information builds on the previous piece.

Evidence:

Planning Evidence:

- Content is organized to build upon previous information
- Presentation of content is logical and progresses from simple to complex
- Where appropriate, presentation of content is integrated with other content areas, other lessons and/or units
- The plan anticipates potential confusions that students may experience

Teacher Evidence:

- When asked, the teacher can describe the rationale for how the content is organized
- When asked, the teacher can describe the rationale for the sequence of instruction
- When asked, the teacher can describe how content is related to previous lessons, units or other content
- When asked, the teacher can describe possible confusions that may impact the lesson or unit

Resources:

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Lessons within Units

The teacher organizes lessons within units to progress toward a deep understanding of content.

Evidence:

Planning Evidence:

- Plans illustrate how learning will move from an understanding of foundational content to application of information in authentic ways
- Plans incorporate student choice and initiative
- Plans provide for extension of learning

Teacher Evidence:

- When asked, the teacher can describe how lessons within the unit progress toward deep understanding and transfer of content
- When asked, the teacher can describe how students will make choices and take initiative
- When asked, the teacher can describe how learning will be extended

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Attention to Established Content Standards

The teacher ensures that lesson and unit plans are aligned with established content standards identified by the district and the manner in which that content should be sequenced.

Evidence:

Planning Evidence:

- Lesson and unit plans include important content identified by the district (scope)
- Lesson and unit plans include the appropriate manner in which materials should be taught (sequence) as identified by the district

Teacher Evidence:

- When asked, the teacher can identify or reference the important content (scope) identified by the district
- When asked, the teacher can describe the sequence of the content to be taught as identified by the district

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Planning and Preparing for Use of Resources and Technology

Use of Available Traditional Resources

The teacher identifies the available traditional resources (materials and human) for upcoming units and lessons.

Evidence:

Planning Evidence:

- The plan outlines resources within the classroom that will be used to enhance students' understanding of the content
- The plan outlines resources within the school that will be used to enhance students' understanding of the content
- The plan outlines resources within the community that will be used to enhance students' understanding of the content

Teacher Evidence:

- When asked, the teacher can describe the resources within the classroom that will be used to enhance students' understanding of the content
- When asked, the teacher can describe resources within the school that will be used to enhance students' understanding of the content
- When asked, the teacher can describe resources within the community that will be used to enhance students' understanding of the content

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Use of Available Technology

The teacher identifies the use of available technology that can enhance students' understanding of content in a lesson or unit.

Evidence:

Planning Evidence:

- The plan identifies available technology that will be used:
 - Interactive whiteboards
 - Response systems
 - Voting technologies
 - One-to-one computers
 - Social networking sites
 - Blogs
 - Wikis
 - Discussion Boards

- The plan identifies how the technology will be used to enhance student learning

Teacher Evidence:

- When asked, the teacher can describe the technology that will be used

- When asked, the teacher can articulate how the technology will be used to enhance student learning

Resources:

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Planning and Preparing for Special Needs of Students

Needs of English Language Learners

The teacher provides for the needs of English Language Learners (ELL) by identifying the adaptations that must be made within a lesson or unit.

Evidence:

Planning Evidence:

- The plan identifies the accommodations that must be made for individual ELL students or groups within a lesson
- The plan identifies the adaptations that must be made for individual ELL students or groups within a unit of instruction

Teacher Evidence:

- When asked, the teacher can describe the accommodations that must be made for individual ELL students or groups of students within a lesson
- When asked, the teacher can describe the adaptations that must be made for individual ELL students or groups of students within a unit of instruction

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Needs of Special Education Students

The teacher identifies the needs of special education students by providing accommodations and modifications that must be made for specific special education students.

Evidence:

Planning Evidence:

- The plan describes accommodations and modifications that must be made for individual special education students or groups of students according to the Individualized Education Program (IEP) for a lesson

Teacher Evidence:

- When asked, the teacher can describe the specific accommodations that must be made for individual special education students or groups of students according to their IEP for a lesson

- The plan describes the accommodations and modifications that must be made for individual special education students or groups of students according to the IEP for a unit of instruction

- When asked, the teacher can describe the specific accommodations and modifications that must be made for individual special education students or groups of students according to their IEP for a unit of instruction

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Needs of Students Who Lack Support for Schooling

The teacher identifies the needs of students who come from home environments that offer little support for schooling.

Evidence:

Planning Evidence:

- The plan provides for the needs of students who come from home environments that offer little support for schooling
- When assigning homework, the teacher takes into consideration the students' family resources
- When communicating with the home, the teacher takes into consideration family and language resources

Teacher Evidence:

- When asked, the teacher can articulate how the needs of students who come from home environments that offer little support for schooling will be addressed
- When asked, the teacher can articulate the ways in which the students' family resources will be addressed when assigning homework
- When asked, the teacher can articulate the ways in which communication with the home will take into consideration family and language resources

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