EIGHT – Deepening Understanding of the New Knowledge

Excellent Learning Proficient Developing Limited Learning Environment

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Critical Thinking Skills	• I regularly and purposefully provide opportunities for all students to expand their understanding of the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals through tasks which require the use of "higher order" critical thinking skills (experimenting, problem solving, investigation, hypothesis building).	• I provide opportunities for all students to expand their understanding of the outcome(s)/goals through tasks which require the use of "higher order" critical thinking skills (experimenting, problem solving, investigation, hypothesis building).	• I sometimes provide opportunities for all students to expand their understanding of the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals through tasks which requires the use of "higher order" critical thinking skills (experimenting, problem solving, investigation, hypothesis building).	I rarely provide opportunities for all students to expand their understanding of the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals through tasks which require the use of higher order critical thinking skills.
Real World Context	I regularly and purposefully provide opportunities for all students to connect the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals to relevant real world context(s).	I provide opportunities for all students to connect the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals to relevant real world context(s).	I sometimes provide opportunities for all students to connect the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals to relevant real world context(s).	Limited attempt to connect the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals to relevant or real world context(s).
Differentiation	Learning activities are regularly and purposefully designed and differentiated for high engagement. Learning tasks consider ability levels, interests and learning styles.	 Learning activities are designed and differentiated for high engagement. Learning tasks consider ability levels, interests and learning styles. 	 Learning activities are sometimes designed and differentiated for high engagement. Learning tasks sometimes consider ability levels, interests and learning styles. 	Limited differentiation is planned for and learning activities are primarily standardized for all students
Homework	I assign homework when it effectively and purposefully reinforces the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals.	I assign homework when it reinforces the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals.	I sometimes assign homework when it reinforces the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals.	I rarely assign homework when it reinforces the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals.
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Real World Context	Students regularly and purposefully connect the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals to relevant real-world context(s).	Students connect the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals to relevant real-world context(s).	Students sometimes connect the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals to relevant real-world context(s).	Students rarely connect the outcome(s)/ individual learning goals to relevant realworld context(s).

Collaboration	• Students are regularly and purposefully involved with others (physically or virtually) as they deepen their understanding of the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals.	Students are involved with others (physically or virtually) as they deepen their understanding of the outcome(s)/individual learning goals.	Students are sometimes involved with others (physically or virtually) deepen their understanding of the outcome(s)/individ ual learning goals.	Students are rarely involved with others (physically or virtually).	
Engagement	• Students are regularly engaged in purposeful opportunities to collaborate, debate, experiment, problem solve, investigate, hypothesize, and defend their understanding of the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals.	Students are engaged in opportunities to collaborate, debate, experiment, problem solve, investigate, hypothesize, and defend their understanding of the outcome(s)/individual learning goals.	Students are sometimes engaging in collaboration, debate, experimenting, problem solving, investigation, hypothesizing, and defending their understanding of the outcome(s)/individual learning goals.	Students are rarely engaging in demonstrating understanding of the outcome(s) or individual learning goals.	
Differentiation	Students regularly and purposefully interact with the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals based on their interests, levels of abilities, and/or learning styles.	Students' interaction with the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals is based on their interests, levels of abilities, and/or learning styles.	• Students' interaction with the outcome(s)/individu al learning goals is sometimes based on their interests, levels of abilities, and/or learning styles.	Students' interaction with the outcome(s)/individua I learning goals has little or no differentiation.	
Critical Thinking	 Students regularly and purposefully interact with the new understanding(s) through "higher order" thinking. 	Students interact with the new understanding(s) through "higher order" thinking.	• Students sometimes interact with the new understanding(s) through "higher order" thinking.	• Students' interaction with the new understanding(s) has little or no connection to "higher order" thinking.	