

Continuum of Teaching Practice



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Introduction

Context and History

California Standards for the Teaching Profession

The ***California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP)*** are intended to provide common language and a vision of the scope and complexity of the profession. They define a vision of teaching as well as professional roles and responsibilities from pre-service teacher to experienced practitioner. The standards are not set forth as regulations to control the specific actions of teachers, but rather to guide teachers as they develop, refine, and extend their practice.

The current version of the ***CSTP*** (2009) has been developed to respond to changes in the context for teaching and learning in California over the past decade and to address the pressing needs of an increasingly diverse P–12 student population. Particular attention has been paid to revising language related to student learning, assessment practices, and equitable pedagogy designed to address English learners and students with diverse learning needs. This updated version of the ***CSTP*** also looks forward to the future of teaching and learning in the 21st century where traditional classrooms and contexts are likely to be transformed through innovative technologies and globalized connections. The ***CSTP*** continue to set forth a vision for the teaching profession—one that is sustainable, engaging, and fulfilling for teachers in all stages of their careers.

Continuum of Teaching Practice

California's ***Continuum of Teaching Practice*** is based on foundational work of the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing (CCTC), the California Department of Education (CDE) and the New Teacher Center (NTC) over the past 15 years. The 2010 ***Continuum of Teaching Practice*** is aligned with the ***CSTP***, builds on California's pre-service Teaching Performance Expectations and sets forth a description of teaching that respects the diverse ways teachers pursue excellence in teaching and learning.

The ***Continuum of Teaching Practice*** is a tool for self-reflection, goal setting, and inquiry into practice. It provides common language about teaching and learning and can be used to promote professional growth within an environment of collegial support. Self-assessment data can support teachers in making informed decisions about their ongoing development as professionals. District and induction program leaders can use teacher assessment data to guide, support and accelerate professional growth focused on student achievement.

Since 1992, Induction Programs in CA have been using formative assessment to support and inform teachers about their professional practice as they reflect and improve upon their teaching as part of a continuous improvement cycle. Formative assessment promotes and develops professional norms of inquiry, collaboration, data-driven dialogue, and reflection to improve student learning and is characterized by an inquiry cycle guiding teachers to Analyze Data and Reflect—Plan Instruction—Teach and Assess.

A formative assessment system has three essential components: standards, criteria and evidence of practice. Standards refer to the

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(CSTP) and are in alignment with the P–12 academic content standards. Criteria refer to indicators of teaching practice. Evidence of practice includes multiple sources such as lesson plans, observation data, and student work analyses and is used to make valid self-assessments on the ***Continuum of Teaching Practice***. The ***Continuum of Teaching Practice*** is one component of a comprehensive formative assessment system for teachers, based on the ***California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP)***.

The ***Continuum of Teaching Practice*** is aligned to the 2009 ***California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP)***:

- Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning
- Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning
- Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning
- Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for All Students
- Assessing Students for Learning
- Developing as a Professional Educator

The ***Continuum of Teaching Practice*** is appropriately used with data collected over time and is not appropriate for use with evidence collected on a single occasion. While the ***Continuum of Teaching Practice*** may be used to assist teachers in setting professional goals and/or launching a cycle of inquiry, the ***Continuum*** is not designed for use as a stand-alone observation or evaluation instrument.

Rationale and Use

The **Continuum of Teaching Practice** was developed to:

- Delineate the diversity of knowledge and skills needed to meet the varied and evolving needs of students
- Support the reflective practice and ongoing learning of teachers
- Support an ongoing process of formative assessment of a teacher's practice based on standards, criteria and evidence
- Set short or long-term goals for professional development over time
- Describe teaching practice and development throughout a teacher's career
- Support a vision of ongoing learning and teacher development
- Encourage collaboration between classroom teachers, resource personnel and families, to ensure that all students are successful

Structure and Organization

The **Continuum of Teaching Practice** is organized to describe five levels of development. Each level addresses what a teacher should know and be able to do in the six CSTP standards.

The levels do not represent a chronological sequence in a teacher's growth, but each row describes developmental levels of performance. The levels become increasingly complex and sophisticated and integrate the skills of previous levels. Teachers reflect and describe practice in terms of evidence prior to self-assessing in order to make valid and accurate assessments.

Reading and Self-Assessing

The process of assessing on the **Continuum of Teaching Practice** is done collaboratively between teacher and coach. Begin by reading the element and thinking of evidence of practice related to that element. Discuss and highlight the evidence that supports your placement. Based on your placement, review the next developmental level. Discuss and note actionable next steps in the space provided underneath the element. Date the self-assessment. Subsequent self-assessments can be in a different color highlight to show growth over time.

It is critical to begin on the left of the **Continuum** because any practice described to the left on the **Continuum** is carried across to those on the right **even if not explicitly stated**. A teacher may be at Level 1 or 2 in some elements of the **CSTP** and Levels 3 and 4 in others, no matter how many years she or he has been in the profession. Because a teacher's growth is developmental, one may return to an earlier level temporarily if there are changes in a teacher's career, such as new course content, grade level, school, or student demographics. In fact, it is not uncommon for teachers to self-assess and find they have moved from right to left on the **Continuum of Teaching Practice** in response to new teaching contexts, responsibilities, challenges, or even a deeper understanding of the work.

Developmental Levels

*Note: The descriptions in each of the Developmental Levels are aligned to the **CSTP** standards.*

Level 1: Emerging

Expands awareness of curriculum and instructional practices to support understanding and engage students in learning. Recognizes the importance of building a positive learning environment that is focused on achievement. Demonstrates knowledge of teaching as discrete skills as described in the **California Standards for the Teaching Professional (CSTP)**. Plans lessons using available curriculum and resources. Develops understanding of required assessments and uses of data to inform student progress. Works collaboratively with assigned colleagues to reflect on and improve teaching practice and student success.

Level 2: Exploring

Explores use of additional instructional practices to teach the curriculum and support student understanding and engagement. Guides the development of a respectful learning environment focused on achievement. Expands knowledge of related elements of effective instruction, learning goals, assessments, and content as informed by the **CSTP**. Plans lessons using expanded understanding of curriculum, related materials and resources, and assessments. Explores the use of different types of assessments to expand understanding of student learning needs and support planning. Seeks collaboration with colleagues, resource personnel, and families to reflect on ways to improve teaching practice and student success.

Level 3: Applying

Implements the curriculum using a variety of instructional practices and supplemental resources selected to improve student understanding and engagement. Maintains a respectful and supportive learning environment in which all students can achieve. Utilizes knowledge of **CSTP** to make connections between elements of effective instruction, learning goals, assessments, and content standards. Plans differentiated instruction using a variety of adjustments and adaptations in lessons. Utilizes a variety of assessments that provide targeted data on student learning to guide planning. Collaborates and reflects regularly with colleagues to improve teaching practice and student success.

Level 4: Integrating

Integrates extensive knowledge of curriculum, instructional practices, and supplemental resources to enhance and deepen student understanding and engagement. Provides a respectful and rigorous learning environment that supports and challenges all students to achieve. Articulates knowledge of the inter-relationships between elements of effective instruction, learning goals, assessments, and content across the **CSTP**. Plans lessons using a broad range of strategies to differentiate instruction as informed by multiple assessments. Develops, adapts, and integrates assessments into instruction that provide ongoing data to guide planning differentiated instruction matched to assessed needs of students. Analyzes and integrates information from a wide range of sources to expand skills of collaboration and reflection as a habit of practice and to impact teacher effectiveness and student learning.

Level 5: Innovating

Designs and implements comprehensive curriculum with multiple and varied instructional strategies and resources to support in depth studies of content and promote high levels of student understanding and engagement. Facilitates a learning environment that is respectful, rigorous, and responsive in advancing student achievement. Applies in depth knowledge of the **CSTP** to interconnect effective instruction, learning goals, and assessment within and across content areas. Plans instruction flexibly utilizing a repertoire of instructional practices to differentiate instruction as informed by ongoing assessments. Utilizes a wide range of assessments strategically, systematically, and flexibly throughout instruction to identify student learning needs and guide ongoing adjustments in instruction that maximize student learning. Engages in and facilitates collaborative learning communities focused on providing quality instruction and optimal learning for the full range of students.

Levels of Teacher Development Across the CSTP

CSTP	Emerging Level 1	Exploring Level 2	Applying Level 3	Integrating Level 4	Innovating Level 5
Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning	Expands awareness of curriculum and instructional practices to support understanding and engage students in learning.	Explores use of additional instructional practices to teach the curriculum and support student understanding and engagement.	Implements the curriculum using a variety of instructional practices and supplemental resources selected to improve student understanding and engagement.	Integrates extensive knowledge of curriculum, instructional practices, and supplemental resources to enhance and deepen student understanding and engagement.	Designs and implements comprehensive curriculum with multiple and varied instructional strategies and resources to support in depth studies of content and promote high levels of student understanding and engagement.
Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning	Recognizes the importance of building a positive learning environment that is focused on achievement.	Guides the development of a respectful learning environment focused on achievement.	Maintains a respectful and supportive learning environment in which all students can achieve.	Provides a respectful and rigorous learning environment that supports and challenges all students to achieve.	Facilitates a learning environment that is respectful, rigorous, and responsive in advancing student achievement.
Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning	Demonstrates knowledge of teaching as discrete skills as described in the California Standards for the Teaching Professional (CSTP) .	Expands knowledge of related elements of effective instruction, learning goals, assessments, and content as informed by the CSTP .	Utilizes knowledge of CSTP to makes connections between elements of effective instruction, learning goals, assessments, and content standards.	Articulates knowledge of the inter-relationships between elements of effective instruction, learning goals, assessments, and content across the CSTP .	Applies in depth knowledge of the CSTP to interconnect effective instruction, learning goals, and assessment within and across content areas.

Levels of Teacher Development Across the CSTP

CSTP	Emerging Level 1	Exploring Level 2	Applying Level 3	Integrating Level 4	Innovating Level 5
Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for All Students	Plans lessons using available curriculum and resources.	Plans lessons using expanded understanding of curriculum, related materials and resources, and assessments.	Plans differentiated instruction using a variety of adjustments and adaptations in lessons.	Plans lessons using a broad range of strategies to differentiate instruction as informed by multiple assessments.	Plans instruction flexibly utilizing a repertoire of instructional practices to differentiate instruction as informed by ongoing assessments.
Assessing Students for Learning	Develops understanding of required assessments and uses of data to inform student progress.	Explores the use of different types of assessments to expand understanding of student learning needs and support planning.	Utilizes a variety of assessments that targeted data on learning to guide planning. Collaborates and reflects regularly with colleagues to improve teaching practice and student success.	Develops, adapts, and integrates assessments instruction that provide ongoing data to guide planning differentiated instruction matched to assessed needs of students.	Utilizes a wide range of assessments strategically, systematically, and flexibly throughout instruction to identify student learning needs and guide ongoing adjustments in instruction that maximize student learning.
Developing as a Professional Educator	Works collaboratively with assigned colleagues to reflect on and improve teaching practice and student success.	Seeks collaboration with colleagues, resource personnel, and families to reflect on ways to improve teaching practice and student success.	Collaborates and reflects regularly with colleagues to improve teaching practice and student success.	Analyzes and integrates information from a wide range of sources to expand skills of collaboration and reflection as a habit of practice and to impact teacher effectiveness and student learning.	Engages in and facilitates collaborative learning communities focused on providing quality instruction and optimal learning for the full range of students.

Standard 1 CSTP: Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning

Element 1.1 Using knowledge of students to engage them in learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Learns about students through data provided by the school and/or through district assessments. Some students may engage in learning using instructional strategies focused on the class as a whole.	Gathers additional data to learn about individual students. Students engage in single lessons or sequence of lessons that include some adjustments based on assessments.	Uses data from a variety of formal and informal sources to learn about students and guide selection of instructional strategies to meet diverse learning needs. Students engage in learning through the use of adjustments in instruction to meet their needs.	Uses data from multiple sources to make adjustments to instruction and meet individual identified learning needs. Students actively utilize a variety of instructional strategies and technologies in learning that ensure equitable access to the curriculum.	Uses comprehensive knowledge of students to make ongoing adjustments and accommodations in instruction. Students take ownership of their learning by choosing from a wide range of methods to further their learning that are responsive to their diverse learning needs.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 1 CSTP: Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning

Element 1.2 Connecting learning to students' prior knowledge, backgrounds, life experiences, and interests

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Develops awareness of prior knowledge, culture, backgrounds, life experience, and interests represented among students.	Uses gathered information about students' prior knowledge, cultural backgrounds, life experiences, and interests to support student learning.	Uses school resources and family contacts to expand understanding of students' prior knowledge, cultural backgrounds, life experiences, and interests to connect to student learning.	Integrates broad knowledge of students' cultural backgrounds, prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests to inform instruction.	Uses extensive information regarding students and their communities systematically and flexibly throughout instruction.
Some students connect learning activities to their own lives.	Students participate in single lessons or sequence of lessons related to their interests and experiences.	Students make connections between curriculum and their prior knowledge, backgrounds, life experiences, and interests.	Students are actively engaged in curriculum which relates their prior knowledge, experiences, and interests within and across learning activities.	Students can articulate the relevance and impact of lessons on their lives and society.

Actionable Next Steps:

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Element 1.3 Connecting subject matter to meaningful, real-life contexts

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Uses real-life connections during instruction as identified in curriculum.	Explores using additional real-life connections to subject matter in single lessons or sequence of lessons to support student understanding.	Includes connections from subject matter to meaningful, real-life contexts, including those specific to students' family and community.	Integrates connections to meaningful, real-life contexts in planning subject matter instruction and is responsive during instruction to engage students in relating to subject matter.	Engages students in actively making connections to relevant, meaningful, and real-life contexts throughout subject matter instruction.
Some students relate subject matter to real-life.	Students make use of real-life connections provided in single lessons or sequence of lessons to support understanding of subject matter.	Students utilize real-life connections regularly to develop understandings of subject matter.	Students actively engage in making and using real-life connections to subject matter to extend their understanding.	Students routinely integrate subject matter into their own thinking and make relevant applications of subject matter during learning activities.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 1 CSTP: Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning

Element 1.4 Using a variety of instructional strategies, resources, and technologies to meet students' diverse learning needs

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Uses instructional strategies, resources, and technologies as provided by school and/or district.	Explores additional instructional strategies, resources, and technologies in single lessons or sequence of lessons to meet students' diverse learning needs.	Utilizes a variety of strategies including culturally responsive pedagogy, resources, and technologies during ongoing instruction to meet students' diverse learning needs.	Creates, adapts, and integrates a broad range of strategies, resources, and technologies into instruction designed to meet students' diverse learning needs.	Refines the flexible use of an extensive repertoire of strategies, resources, and technologies to meet students' diverse learning needs.
Some students participate in instructional strategies, using resources and technologies provided.	Students participate in single lessons or sequence of lessons related to their interests and experiences.	Students participate in instruction using strategies, resources, and technologies matched to their learning needs.	Students actively engage in instruction and make use of a variety of targeted strategies, resources, and technologies to meet their individual learning needs.	Students take responsibility for using a wide range of strategies, resources, and technologies that successfully advance their learning.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 1 CSTP: Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning

Element 1.5 Promoting critical thinking through inquiry, problem solving, and reflection

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Asks questions that focus on factual knowledge and comprehension.	Includes questions in single lessons or a sequence of lessons that require students to recall, interpret, and think critically.	Guide students to think critically through use of questioning strategies, posing/solving problems, and reflection on issues in content.	Supports students to initiate critical thinking through independently developing questions, posing problems and reflecting on multiple perspectives.	Facilitates systematic opportunities for students to apply critical thinking by designing structured inquiries into complex problems.
Some students respond to questions regarding facts and comprehension.	Students respond to varied questions or tasks designed to promote comprehension and critical thinking in single lessons or a sequence of lessons.	Students respond to questions and problems posed by the teacher and begin to pose and solve problems of their own related to the content.	Students pose problems and construct questions of their own to support inquiries into content.	Students pose and answer a wide-range of complex questions and problems, reflect, and communicate understandings based on in depth analysis of content learning.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 1 CSTP: Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning

Element 1.6 Monitoring student learning and adjusting instruction while teaching

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Implements lessons following curriculum guidelines.	Seeks to clarify instructions and learning activities to support student understanding.	Makes adjustments to instruction based on observation of student engagement and regular checks for understanding.	Adjusts strategies during instruction based on the ongoing monitoring of individual student needs for assistance, support, or challenge.	Makes adjustments to extend learning opportunities and provide assistance to students in mastering the content flexibly and effectively.
Some students receive individual assistance during instruction.	Students receive assistance individually or in small groups during instruction.	Students successfully participate and stay engaged in learning activities.	Students are able to articulate their level of understanding and use teacher guidance to meet their needs during instruction.	Students monitor their progress in learning and provide information to teacher that informs adjustments in instruction.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 2 CSTP: Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning

Element 2.1 Promoting social development and responsibility within a caring community where each student is treated fairly and respectfully

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Models and communicates expectations for fair and respectful behavior to support social development.	Models fair and respectful behavior. Demonstrates commitment to fairness and respect in communications with students about language and behavior.	Reinforces positive, responsible, and respectful student interactions. Assists students to resolve conflicts.	Develops shared responsibility with students for resolving conflict and creating and maintaining a caring classroom community.	Facilitates student self-reflection and ongoing improvement of the caring community based on respect, fairness, and the value of all members.
Some students share in responsibility for the classroom community.	Seeks to understand cultural perceptions of caring community. Students participate in occasional community building activities, designed to promote caring, fairness, and respect.	Incorporates cultural awareness to develop a positive classroom climate. Students demonstrate efforts to be positive, accepting, and respectful of differences.	Supports students in taking leadership in developing a caring community that is responsive to the diverse cultural norms of identities of all students. Students take responsibility resolving conflicts and maintaining a caring classroom community. Students promote respect and appreciation for differences.	Students take leadership in resolving conflict and creating a fair and respectful classroom community where student's home culture is included and valued. Students communicate with empathy and understanding in interactions with one another.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 2 CSTP: Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning

Element 2.2 Creating physical or virtual learning environments that promote student learning, reflect diversity, and encourage constructive and productive interactions among students

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Is aware of the importance of the physical and/or virtual learning environments that support student learning.</p> <p>Is aware that structured interaction between students can support learning.</p> <p>Some students use available resources in learning environments during instruction.</p>	<p>Experiments with adapting the physical and/or virtual learning environments that support student learning.</p> <p>Structures for interaction are taught in single lessons or sequence of lessons to support student learning.</p> <p>Students use resources provided in learning environments and interact with each other to understand and complete learning tasks in single lessons or sequence of lessons.</p>	<p>Develops physical and/or virtual learning environments that reflect student diversity and provide a range of resources for learning.</p> <p>Utilizes a variety of structures for interaction during learning activities that ensure a focus on and completion of learning tasks.</p> <p>Students use a variety of resources in learning environments and interact in ways that deepen their understanding of the content and develop constructive social and academic interactions.</p>	<p>Maintains physical and/or virtual learning environments that reflect student diversity and provides a broad range of resources, displays, and artifacts that are current and integral to instruction.</p> <p>Integrates a variety of structures for interaction that engage students constructively and productively in learning.</p> <p>Students routinely use a range of resources in learning environments that relate to and enhance instruction and reflect their diversity. Students share in monitoring and assessment of interactions to improve effectiveness and develop a positive culture for learning.</p>	<p>Adapts physical and/or virtual learning environments flexibly to facilitate access to a wide range of resources that engage students in learning. Ensures that environments enhance learning and reflect diversity within and beyond the classroom.</p> <p>Selects from a repertoire of structures for interaction to ensure accelerated learning for the full range of students.</p> <p>Students participate in monitoring and changing the design of learning environments and structures for interactions.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 2 CSTP: Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning

Element 2.3 Establishing and maintaining learning environments that are physically, intellectually, and emotionally safe

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Adheres to policies and laws regarding safety that are required by the site, district, and state.</p> <p>Responds to behaviors that impact student safety as they arise.</p> <p>Students are aware of required safety procedures and the school and classroom rational for maintaining safety.</p>	<p>Recognizes and addresses safety issues regarding materials, student interactions, and the organization of the learning environments.</p> <p>Explores strategies to establish intellectual and emotional safety in the classroom.</p> <p>Students follow teacher guidance regarding potential safety issues for self or others.</p>	<p>Anticipates and reduces risks to physical, intellectual, and emotional safety using multiple strategies that include examining biases in the learning environment and curriculum.</p> <p>Models and provides instruction on skills that develop resiliency and support intellectual and emotional safety.</p> <p>Students take risks, offer opinions, and share alternative perspectives.</p>	<p>Integrates support for students to take risks and offer respectful opinions about divergent viewpoints.</p> <p>Engages in reflection on their own language and behavior that contributes to intellectual and emotional safety in the classroom.</p> <p>Students develop and practice resiliency skills and strategies to strive for academic achievement, and establish intellectual and emotional safety in the classroom.</p>	<p>Shares responsibility with the students for the establishment and maintenance of a safe physical, intellectual, and emotional environment focused on high quality and rigorous learning.</p> <p>Students demonstrate resiliency in perseverance for academic achievement. Students share responsibility for intellectual and emotional safety for themselves and others in the classroom.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 2 CSTP: Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning

Element 2.4 Creating a rigorous learning environment with high expectations and appropriate support for all students

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Focuses the rigor of the learning environment on accuracy of answers and completion of learning tasks.</p> <p>Is aware of the importance of maintaining high expectations for students.</p> <p>Some students ask for teacher support to understand or complete learning tasks.</p>	<p>Focuses on the development of a rigorous learning environment that includes accuracy, understanding, and the importance of meeting targeted learning goals.</p> <p>Works to maintain high expectations for students while becoming aware of achievement patterns for individuals and groups of students.</p> <p>Some individuals and groups of students work with the teacher to support accuracy and comprehension in their learning.</p>	<p>Develops a rigorous learning environment that includes accuracy, analysis, problem solving, and appropriate levels of challenge.</p> <p>Holds high expectations for students. Has an understanding of achievement patterns, and uses scaffolds to address achievement gaps.</p> <p>Students engage in a variety of differentiated supports and challenges in ways that promote their accuracy, analysis, and problem solving in learning.</p>	<p>Integrates rigor throughout the learning environment that values accuracy, analysis, and critical reading, writing and thinking.</p> <p>Integrates strategic scaffolds and technologies throughout instruction that support the full range of learners in meeting high expectations for achievement.</p> <p>Students actively use supports and challenges to complete critical reading, writing, higher order thinking, and problem solving across subject matter.</p>	<p>Facilitates a rigorous learning environment in which students take leadership in learning. Fosters extended studies, research, analysis and purposeful use of learning.</p> <p>Supports students to utilize an extensive repertoire of differentiated strategies to meet high expectations.</p> <p>Students take responsibility to fully utilize teacher and peer support, to achieve consistently high levels of factual and analytical learning.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 2 CSTP: Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning

Element 2.5 Developing, communicating and maintaining high standards for individual and group behavior

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Establishes expectations, rules, and consequences for individual and group behavior.	Develops expectations with some student involvement. Communicates, models and explains expectations for individual and group behavior.	Uses multiple strategies including culturally responsive instruction to develop and maintain high standards for individual and group behavior.	Integrates equitable expectations, positive supports, and consequences for individual and group behavior within and across learning activities.	Facilitates a positive environment using systems that ensure students take an active role in monitoring and maintaining high standards for individual and group behaviors.
Refers to standards for behavior and applies consequences as needed.	Reviews standards for behavior with students in single lessons or sequence of lessons in anticipation of need for reinforcement.	Utilizes routine references to standards for behavior prior and during individual and group work.	Guides and supports students to self-assess, monitor, and set goals for individual and group behavior and participation.	Students demonstrate positive behavior, consistent participation and are valued for their unique identities.
Students are aware of classroom rules and consequences.	Students know expectations for behavior and consequences and respond to guidance in following them.	Students follow behavior expectations, accept consequences and increase positive behaviors.	Students respond to individual and group behaviors and encourage and support each other to make improvements.	

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 2 CSTP: Creating and Maintaining Effective Environments for Student Learning

Element 2.6 Employing classroom routines, procedures, norms and supports for positive behavior to ensure a climate in which all students can learn

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Establishes procedures, routines or norms for single lessons to support student learning.</p> <p>Responds to disruptive behavior.</p> <p>Students are aware of procedures, routines, and classroom norms.</p>	<p>Develops routines, procedures, and norms in single lessons or sequence of lessons with some student involvement.</p> <p>Seeks to promote positive behaviors and responds to disruptive behavior.</p> <p>Students receive correction for behavior that interferes with learning, and positive reinforcement in following routines, procedures, and norms.</p>	<p>Maintains regular use of routines and procedures that are culturally responsive and engage students in the development and monitoring of norms.</p> <p>Provides positive behavior supports. Responds appropriately to behaviors in ways that lessen disruptions to the learning climate.</p> <p>Students participate in routines, procedures, and norms and receive reinforcement for positive behaviors. Students receive timely and effective feedback and consequences for behaviors that interfere with learning.</p>	<p>Engages students in monitoring and reflecting on routines, procedures, and norms in ways that are culturally responsive. Maintains a quality learning climate that builds on student strengths.</p> <p>Promotes positive behaviors and consistently prevents or refocuses behaviors disruptive to the learning climate.</p> <p>Students are involved in assessment and monitoring of routines, procedures, and norms in ways that improve the learning climate.</p>	<p>Facilitates student participating in developing, monitoring, and adjusting routines and procedures focuses on maximizing learning. Classroom climate integrates school standards and culturally relevant norms.</p> <p>Promotes positive behaviors and establishes preventions and a positive classroom climate that eliminate most disruptive behavior.</p> <p>Students share responsibility with teacher for managing and maintaining a positive classroom climate that promotes learning.</p>

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Element 2.7 Using instructional time to optimize learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Paces instruction based on curriculum guidelines.</p> <p>Develops awareness of how transitions and classroom management impact pacing and lessons.</p> <p>Some students complete learning activities in time allotted.</p>	<p>Paces instruction with some consideration of lesson type, adjustments for sufficient student work time and transitions to optimize learning.</p> <p>Students complete learning activities and, as needed, may receive some adjustments of time allotted for tasks or expectations for completion.</p>	<p>Paces instruction with students to provide adequate time for instruction, checking for understanding, completion of learning activities and closure.</p> <p>Students participate in and complete a variety of learning activities in the time allotted with options for extension and review.</p>	<p>Paces instruction to include ongoing assessment of student learning. Supports students in the monitoring of instructional time.</p> <p>Students use their instructional time to engage in and complete learning activities and are prepared for the next sequence of instruction.</p>	<p>Paces, adjusts, and fluidly facilitates instruction and daily activities.</p> <p>Students monitor their own time, are engaged in accomplishing learning goals, and participate in reflection, self-assessment, and goal setting.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 3 CSTP: Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning

Element 3.1 Demonstrating knowledge of subject matter academic content standards

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Has foundational knowledge of subject matter, related academic language, and academic content standards.	Examines concepts in subject matter and academic language to identify connections between academic content standards and instruction.	Understands and explains the relationship between essential subject matter concepts, academic language, and academic content standards.	Uses broad knowledge of the relationships between subject matter concepts, academic language, and academic content standards, and academic language, in ways that ensure clear connections and relevance to students.	Uses extensive knowledge of subject matter concepts, current issues, academic language, and research to make relevant connections to standards during instruction and extend student learning.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 3 CSTP: Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning

Element 3.2 Applying knowledge of student development and proficiencies to ensure student understanding of subject matter

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Has basic knowledge of student stages of development while becoming aware of differences in students' understanding of subject matter.</p> <p>Teaches subject-specific vocabulary following curriculum guidelines.</p>	<p>Expands knowledge of student development and implements learning activities in single lessons or sequence of lessons that address students' proficiencies and support understanding of subject matter including related academic language.</p> <p>Provides explicit teaching of essential content vocabulary and associated academic language in single lessons or sequence of lessons. Explains academic language, formats, and vocabulary to support student access to subject matter when confusions are identified.</p>	<p>Uses knowledge of student development and proficiencies to adapt instruction and meet students' diverse learning needs. Ensures understanding of subject matter including related academic language.</p> <p>Provides explicit teaching of essential vocabulary, idioms, key words with multiple meanings, and academic language in ways that engage students in accessing subject matter text or learning activities.</p>	<p>Integrates knowledge of individual student development to inform instructional decisions to ensure student understanding of subject matter including related academic language.</p> <p>Provides explicit teaching of specific academic language, text structure, grammatical, and stylistic language features to ensure equitable access and subject matter understanding for the range of student language levels and abilities.</p>	<p>Draws upon comprehensive knowledge of students to guide all students to develop proficiencies, understand subject matter including related academic language.</p> <p>Engages students at all levels of vocabulary, academic language, and proficiency in self-directed goal setting, monitoring, and improvement. Guides all students in using analysis strategies that provides equitable access and deep understanding of subject matter.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 3 CSTP: Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning

Element 3.3 Organizing curriculum to facilitate student understanding of the subject matter

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Follows organization of curriculum as provided by site and district to support student understanding of subject matter.	Examines organization of curriculum and considers adjustments in single lessons or sequence of lessons to support understanding of subject matter.	Uses knowledge of curriculum and student readiness to organize and adjust the curriculum to ensure student understanding.	Integrates knowledge of curriculum and resources to organize and adjust instruction within and across subject matter to extend student understanding.	<div>Draws upon extensive knowledge of curriculum and related resources to flexibly and effectively organize and adjust instruction.</div> <div>Ensures student comprehension and facilitates student articulation about what they do and don't understand.</div>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 3 CSTP: Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning

Element 3.4 Utilizing instructional strategies that are appropriate to the subject matter

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Uses instructional strategies that are provided in the curriculum.	Gathers and uses additional instructional strategies in single lessons or sequence of lessons to increase student understanding of academic language appropriate to subject matter.	Selects and adapts a variety of instructional strategies to ensure student understanding of academic language appropriate to subject matter and that address students' diverse learning needs.	Integrates instructional strategies appropriate to subject matter to meet students' diverse learning, to ensure student understanding of academic language, and guide students in understanding connections within and across subject matter.	Draws upon an extensive repertoire of instructional strategies to develop enthusiasm, meta-cognitive abilities, and support and challenge the full range of students towards a deep knowledge of subject matter.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 3 CSTP: Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning

Element 3.5 Using and adapting resources, technologies, and standards-aligned instructional materials, including materials to make subject accessible to all students

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Uses available instructional materials, resources, and technologies for specific lessons to make subject matter accessible to students.</p> <p>Identifies technological resources needed.</p>	<p>Explores additional instructional materials, resources, and technologies to make subject matter accessible to students.</p> <p>Explores how to make technological resources available to all students.</p>	<p>Selects, adapts, and utilizes appropriate instructional materials, resources, and technologies for concept and skill development in subject matter. Resources reflect the diversity of the classroom and support differentiated learning of subject matter.</p> <p>Guides students to use available print, electronic, and online subject matter resources based on individual needs.</p>	<p>Integrates a wide range of adapted resources, technologies, and instructional materials to meet identified student needs and make subject matter accessible to students.</p> <p>Assists students with equitable access to materials, resources, and technologies. Seeks outside resources and support.</p>	<p>Engages students in identifying and adapting resources, technologies, and standards-aligned instructional materials to extend student understanding and critical thinking about subject matter.</p> <p>Ensures that students are able to obtain equitable access to a wide range of technologies, through ongoing links to outside resources and support.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 3 CSTP: Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning

Element 3.6 Addressing the needs of **English Learners** and students with special needs* to provide equitable access to the content

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Is aware of students' primary language and English language proficiencies based on available assessment data.</p> <p>Provides adapted materials to help English Learners access content.</p>	<p>Seeks additional information describing elements of culture and language proficiencies in listening, speaking, reading and writing. Uses multiple measures for assessing English learners' performance to identify gaps in English language development.</p> <p>Attempts to scaffold content using visuals, models, and graphic organizers.</p>	<p>Identifies English language proficiencies and English learner strengths in the study of language and content. Differentiates instruction using one or more components of English language development to support English learners.</p> <p>Creates and implements scaffolds to support standards-based instruction using literacy strategies, SDAIE, and content level English language development in order for students to improve language proficiencies and understand content.</p>	<p>Integrates knowledge of English language development and English learner's strengths and assessed needs to differentiate English language and content instruction.</p> <p>Develops and adapts instruction to provide a wide range of scaffolded supports for language and content for the range of English learners.</p>	<p>Engages English learners in assessment of their progress in English language development and in meeting content standards. Supports students to establish and monitor language and content goals.</p> <p>Is resourceful and flexible in the design, adjustment and elimination of scaffolds based on English learners' proficiencies, knowledge and skills in content.</p>

**Please see the additional Standard elements that are of particular importance in the effective instruction of English Learners:*

Standard Element 1.2 Connecting learning to students' prior knowledge, backgrounds, life experiences, and interests

Standard Element 3.2 Applying knowledge of student development and proficiencies to ensure student understanding of subject matter

Standard Element 6.4 Working with families to support student learning

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 3 CSTP: Understanding and Organizing Subject Matter for Student Learning

Element 3.6 Addressing the needs of English Learners and students **with special needs*** to provide equitable access to the content

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Has an awareness of the full range of students identified with special needs students through data provided by the school.</p> <p>Attends required meetings with resource personnel and families.</p> <p>Learns about referral processes for students with special needs.</p>	<p>Seeks additional information on the full range of students identified with special needs to address challenges or supports in single lessons or sequence of lessons.</p> <p>Cooperates with resource personnel, para-educators, and families during meetings and activities in support of learning plans and goals.</p> <p>Seeks additional information on struggling learners and advanced learners to determine appropriateness for referral.</p>	<p>Utilizes information on the full range of students identified with special needs to assess strengths and competencies to provide appropriate challenge and accommodations in instruction.</p> <p>Communicates regularly with resource personnel, para-educators, and families to ensure that student services are provided and progress is made in accessing appropriate content.</p> <p>Refers students as needed in a timely and appropriate manner supported with documented data over time, including interventions tried previous to referral.</p>	<p>Integrates accommodations, adaptations, and extensions to instruction for the full range of students with special needs to ensure adequate support and challenge.</p> <p>Communicates and collaborates with colleagues, support staff and families to ensure consistent instruction. Supports families in positive engagement with the school.</p> <p>Initiates and monitors referral processes and follow-up meetings to ensure that students receive support and/or extended learning that is integrated into the core curriculum.</p>	<p>Guides and supports the full range of students with special needs to actively engage in the assessment, and monitor their own strengths, learning needs, and achievements in accessing content.</p> <p>Communicates and collaborates with resource personnel, para-educators, families, leadership, and students in creating a coordinated program to optimize success of the full range of students with special needs.</p> <p>Takes leadership at the site/district and collaborates with resource personnel to ensure the smooth and effective implementation of referral processes.</p>

* The full range of students with special needs includes students with IEPs, 504 Plans and advanced learners.

Please see the additional Standard elements that are of particular importance in the effective instruction of students with special needs:

Standard Element 2.6: Employing classroom routines, procedures, norms, and supports for positive behavior to ensure climate in which all students can learn.

Standards 2 and 4 contain multiple references to differentiation, adaptations, and adjustments that are all critical supports for students with special needs.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 4 CSTP: Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for all Students

Element 4.1 Using knowledge of students' academic readiness, language proficiency, cultural background, and individual development to plan instruction.

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Plans daily lessons using available curriculum and information from district and state required assessments.</p> <p>Is aware of the impact of bias on learning.</p>	<p>Plans single lessons or sequence of lessons using additional assessment information on student academic readiness, language, cultural background, and individual development.</p> <p>Becomes aware of potential areas of bias and seeks to learn about culturally responsive pedagogy.</p>	<p>Plans differentiated instruction based on knowledge of students' academic readiness, academic language, diverse cultural backgrounds, and individual cognitive, social, emotional, and physical development.</p> <p>Examines potential sources of bias and stereotyping when planning lessons. Uses culturally responsive pedagogy in planning.</p>	<p>Plans differentiated instruction which is based on broad knowledge of students while matching resources and specific strategies to students' diverse learning needs and cultural backgrounds.</p> <p>Planning addresses bias, stereotyping, and assumptions about cultures and members of cultures.</p>	<p>Plans differentiated instruction that provides systematic opportunities for supporting and extending student learning based on comprehensive information on students.</p> <p>Engages students in the analysis of bias, stereotyping, and assumptions.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 4 CSTP: Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for all Students

Element 4.2 Establishing and articulating goals for student learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Establishes learning goals for single lessons to students based on content standards and available curriculum guidelines.	Establishes and shares learning goals for skill development with students in single lessons and sequence of lessons based on standards and curriculum.	Establishes and communicates clear learning goals to students that are accessible, challenging, and differentiated to address students' diverse learning needs.	Establishes and articulates comprehensive short- and long-term learning goals for students. Plans for students to articulate and monitor learning goals.	Establishes and articulates learning goals that are communicated clearly, referred to frequently, and utilized by students to monitor and advance their learning.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 4 CSTP: Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for all Students

Element 4.3 Developing and sequencing long- term and short- term instructional plans to support student learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Uses available curriculum guidelines for daily, short- and long-term plans.	Begins to plan curriculum units that include a series of connected lessons and are linked to long-term planning to support student learning.	Establishes short- and long-term curriculum plans for subject matter concepts and essential related academic language and formats that support student learning.	Refines sequence of long-term plans to reflect integration of curriculum guidelines, frameworks, and content standards with assessed instructional needs to ensure student learning.	Utilizes extensive knowledge of the curriculum, content standards, and assessed learning needs to design cohesive and comprehensive long- and short-term instructional plans that ensure high levels of learning.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 4 CSTP: Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for all Students

Element 4.4 Planning instruction that incorporates appropriate strategies to meet the learning needs of all students

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Plans instruction that incorporates strategies suggested by curriculum guidelines.	Selects strategies for single lessons or sequence of lessons that respond to students' diverse learning needs.	Incorporates instructional strategies into ongoing planning address culturally responsive pedagogy, and students' diverse language, and learning needs.	Plans differentiated instruction using strategies to address learning styles and meet students' assessed language and learning needs.	Plans instruction incorporating a repertoire of strategies to specifically meet students' diverse language and learning needs and styles to advance learning for all.
Is aware of student content, learning, and language needs through data provided by the site and district.	Seeks to learn about students' diverse learning and language needs beyond basic data.	Considers strategies to provide support and challenge for students.	Incorporates appropriate support and challenge for students.	
		Uses assessments of students' learning and language needs to inform planning differentiated instruction.	Integrates results from a broad range of assessments into planning to meet students' diverse learning and language needs.	Facilitates opportunities for students to reflect on their learning and the impact of instructional strategies to meet their learning and language needs.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 4 CSTP: Planning Instruction and Designing Learning Experiences for all Students

Element 4.5 Adapting instructional plans and curricular materials to meet the assessed learning needs of all students

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Implements lessons and uses materials from curriculum provided.	Begins to adapt plans and materials in single lessons or sequence of lessons to address students' learning needs.	Makes adjustments and adaptations to differentiate instructional plans. Uses culturally responsive pedagogy and additional materials to support students' diverse learning needs.	Makes ongoing adjustments to instructional plans and uses a variety of materials as the instructional need arises to support student learning.	Anticipates and plans for a wide range of adaptations to lessons based on in depth analysis of individual student needs. Engages with students to identify types of adjustments in instruction that best meet their learning needs.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 5 CSTP: Assessing Students for Learning

Element 5.1 Applying knowledge of the purposes, characteristics, and uses of different types of assessments

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Is aware of the purposes and characteristics of formative and summative assessments.	<p>Explores the use of different types of pre-assessment, formative and summative assessments.</p> <p>Begins to identify specific characteristics of assessments that yield different types of information about student preparedness, progress, and proficiency.</p>	<p>Decides on the purpose for assessment and skills to be assessed to select appropriately matched pre-, formative, and summative assessments.</p> <p>Selects assessments based on a clear understanding of the purposes and characteristics of assessments to support student learning.</p>	<p>Develops and adapts the range of appropriate assessments to address questions about students' learning needs and progress.</p> <p>Integrates a variety of characteristics into assessments to allow students with a range of learning needs to demonstrate what they know.</p>	<p>Demonstrates purposeful use of a wide range of assessments to support differentiated student learning needs and reflect progress.</p> <p>Draws flexibly from a repertoire of appropriate assessment options and characteristics to maximize student demonstration of knowledge.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 5 CSTP: Assessing Students for Learning

Element 5.2 Collecting and analyzing assessment data from a variety of sources to inform instruction

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Uses data from required assessments to assess student learning. Follows required processes for data analysis and draws conclusions about student learning.	Explores collecting additional data using supplemental assessments. Makes adjustments in planning for single lessons or sequence of lessons based on analysis of assessment data.	Collects a variety of formal and informal assessment data on student learning. Uses analysis of a variety of data to inform planning and differentiation of instruction.	Designs and integrates an assessment plan that provides formal and informal assessment data on student learning. Uses data analysis of a broad range of assessments to provide comprehensive information to guide planning and differentiation of instruction.	Infuses assessments strategically and systematically throughout instruction to collect ongoing assessment data appropriate for the range of learning needs. Uses results of ongoing data analysis to plan and differentiate instruction for maximum academic success.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 5 CSTP: Assessing Students for Learning

Element 5.3 Reviewing data, both individually and with colleagues, to monitor student learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Reviews and monitors available assessment data as required by site and district processes.	Reviews and monitors additional assessment data individually and with colleagues and identifies learning needs of individual students.	Reviews and monitors a variety of data on student learning individually and with colleagues to identify trends and patterns among groups of students.	Reviews and monitors a broad range of data individually and with colleagues to analyze student thinking and identify underlying causes for trends.	Facilitates collaborative work and fosters colleague’s ability to identify and address underlying causes for achievement patterns and trends.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 5 CSTP: Assessing Students for Learning

Element 5.4 Using assessment data to establish learning goals and to plan, differentiate, and modify instruction

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Uses data from assessments provided by site and district to set learning goals for the class. Plans instruction using available curriculum guidelines.	Uses data from available assessments to establish content-based learning goals for class and individual students in single lessons or sequence of lessons. Plans adjustments in instruction to address learning needs of individual students.	Uses a variety of assessment data to set student learning goals for content and academic language. Plans differentiated lessons and modifications to instruction to meet students' diverse learning needs.	Integrates a broad range of data to set learning goals for content and academic language across content standards. Plans differentiated instruction targeted to meet individual and group learning needs. Modifies lessons during instruction based on informal assessments.	Reflects on data continuously to make ongoing refinements to learning goals for content and academic language for the full range of students. Uses data systematically to refine planning, differentiate instruction, and make ongoing adjustments to match the evolving learning needs of individuals and groups.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 5 CSTP: Assessing Students for Learning

Element 5.5 Involving all students in self-assessment, goal setting*, and monitoring progress

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Informs students about lesson objectives, outcomes, and summative assessment results. Recognizes the need for individual learning goals.</p> <p>Monitors progress using available tools for recording.</p>	<p>Begins to encourage students to establish learning goals through single lessons or sequence of lessons that include goal setting exercises.</p> <p>Provides students with opportunities in single lessons or sequence of lessons to monitor their own progress toward class or individual goals.</p>	<p>Models and scaffolds student self-assessment and goal setting processes for learning content and academic language development.</p> <p>Guides students to monitor and reflect on progress on a regular basis.</p>	<p>Implements structures for students to self-assess and set learning goals related to content, academic language and individual skills.</p> <p>Integrates student self-assessment, goal setting, and monitoring progress across the curriculum.</p>	<p>Provides systematic opportunities for student self-assessment, goal setting, and monitoring progress.</p> <p>Develops students' meta-cognitive skills for analyzing progress and refining goals towards high levels of academic achievement.</p>

* Consider the inclusion of English Language Development or Academic English goals along with content goals.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 5 CSTP: Assessing Students for Learning

Element 5.6 Using available technologies to assist in assessment, analysis, and communication of student learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Uses available technology to record assessments, determine proficiency levels, and make required communications about student learning.	Explores use of additional technologies to implement individual assessments, record results, and communicate with administration, colleagues, and families about student learning.	Uses technology to design and implement assessments, record and analyze results, and communicate about student learning with administration, colleagues, families, and students. Ensures that communications are received by those who lack access to technology.	Integrates a variety of technologies into the development, implementation, analysis of assessments, and communication of student learning to all audiences.	Uses a wide range of technologies to design, implement, and analyze assessments and provides for in depth and ongoing communication regarding student learning for all audiences.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 5 CSTP: Assessing Students for Learning

Element 5.7 Using assessment information to share timely and comprehensible feedback with students and their families

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Provides students with feedback through assessed work and required summative assessments.</p> <p>Notifies families of student proficiencies, challenges, and behavior issues through school mandated procedures.</p>	<p>Provides students with additional feedback based on formative assessments from single lessons or sequence of lessons. Seeks to provide feedback in ways that students understand.</p> <p>Communicates with families about student progress, strengths, and needs at reporting periods. Contacts families as needs arise regarding struggling students or behavior issues.</p>	<p>Provides students with clear and timely information about strengths, needs, and strategies for improving academic achievement.</p> <p>Provides opportunities for comprehensible and timely two-way communications with families to share student assessments, progress, raise issues and/or concerns, and guide family support.</p>	<p>Integrates the ongoing sharing of clear and timely feedback to students from formal and informal assessments in ways that support increased learning.</p> <p>Communicates regularly with families to share a range of assessment information that is comprehensible and responsive to individual student and family needs.</p>	<p>Facilitates students' leadership in seeking and using ongoing comprehensible feedback to accelerate their learning.</p> <p>Engages families in a variety of ongoing comprehensible communications about individual student progress and ways to provide and monitor support.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 6 CSTP: Developing as a Professional Educator

Element 6.1 Reflecting on teaching practice in support of student learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Is aware of the need to reflect on teaching practice to support student learning. Reflects individually or with colleagues on immediate student learning needs.	Begins to engage in reflection on teaching practice individually and with colleagues that is focused on methods to support the full range of learners.	Engages in reflection individually and with colleagues on the relationship between making adjustments in teaching practice and impact on the full range of learners.	Reflects individually and with colleagues on refinements in teaching practice and connections among the elements of the CSTP to positively impact the full range of learners.	Maintains ongoing reflective practice and action research in supporting student learning and raising the level of academic achievement. Engages in and fosters reflection among colleagues for school wide impact on student learning.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 6 CSTP: Developing as a Professional Educator

Element 6.2 Establishing professional goals and engaging in continuous and purposeful professional growth and development

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Develops goals connected to the CSTP through required processes and local protocols.</p> <p>Attends required professional development.</p>	<p>Sets goals connected to the CSTP that take into account self-assessment of teaching practice.</p> <p>Expands knowledge and skills individually and with colleagues through available professional development.</p>	<p>Sets goals connected to the CSTP that are authentic, challenging, and based on self-assessment.</p> <p>Aligns personal goals with school and district goals and focuses on improving student learning.</p> <p>Selects and engages in professional development based on needs identified in professional goals.</p>	<p>Sets and modifies authentic goals connected to the CSTP that are intellectually challenging and based on self-assessment and feedback from a variety of sources.</p> <p>Engages in and contributes to professional development targeted on student achievement. Pursues a variety of additional opportunities to learn professionally.</p>	<p>Sets and modifies a broad range of professional goals connected to the CSTP to improve instructional practice and impact student learning within and beyond the classroom.</p> <p>Engages in ongoing inquiry into teacher practice for professional development.</p> <p>Contributes to professional organizations, and development opportunities to extend own teaching practice.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 6 CSTP: Developing as a Professional Educator

Element 6.3 Collaborating with colleagues and the broader professional community to support teacher and student learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Attends staff, grade level, department, and other required meetings and collaborations.</p> <p>Identifies student and teacher resources at the school and district level.</p>	<p>Consults with colleagues to consider how best to support teacher and student learning.</p> <p>Begins to identify how to access student and teacher resources in the broader professional community.</p>	<p>Collaborates with colleagues to improve student learning and reflect on teaching practice at the classroom level.</p> <p>Interacts with members of the broader professional community to access resources that support teacher effectiveness and student learning.</p>	<p>Collaborates with colleagues to expand impact on teacher and student learning within grade or department and school and district levels.</p> <p>Engages with members of the broader professional community to access resources and a wide range of supports for teaching the full range of learners.</p>	<p>Facilitates collaboration with colleagues.</p> <p>Works to ensure the broadest positive impact possible on instructional practice and student achievement at school and district levels and for the profession.</p> <p>Initiates and develops professional learning opportunities with the broader professional community focused on student achievement.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 6 CSTP: Developing as a Professional Educator

Element 6.4 Working with families to support student learning

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
Is aware of the role of the family in student learning and the need for interactions with families.	Acknowledges the importance of the family's role in student learning. Seeks information about cultural norms of families represented in the school. Welcomes family involvement at classroom/ school events.	Supports families to contribute to the classroom and school. Adjusts communications to families based on awareness of cultural norms and wide range of experiences with schools.	Provides opportunities and support for families to actively participate in the classroom and school. Communicates to families in ways which show understanding of and respect for cultural norms.	Structures a wide range of opportunities for families to contribute to the classroom and school community. Supports a school/ district environment in which families take leadership to improve student learning.

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 6 CSTP: Developing as a Professional Educator

Element 6.5 Engaging local communities in support of the instructional program

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Develops awareness about local neighborhoods and communities surrounding the school.</p> <p>Uses available neighborhood and community resources in single lessons.</p>	<p>Seeks available neighborhood and community resources.</p> <p>Includes references or connections to communities in single lessons or sequence of lessons.</p>	<p>Uses a variety of neighborhood and community resources to support the curriculum.</p> <p>Includes knowledge of communities when designing and implementing instruction.</p>	<p>Utilizes a broad range of neighborhood and community resources to support the instructional program, students, and families.</p> <p>Draws from understanding of community to improve and enrich the instructional program.</p>	<p>Collaborates with community members to increase instructional and learning opportunities for students.</p> <p>Engages students in leadership and service in the community.</p> <p>Incorporates community members into the school learning community.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 6 CSTP: Developing as a Professional Educator

Element 6.6 Managing professional responsibilities to maintain motivation and commitment to all students

Emerging	Exploring	Applying	Integrating	Innovating
<p>Develops an understanding of professional responsibilities.</p> <p>Seeks to meet required commitments to students.</p>	<p>Maintains professional responsibilities in timely ways and seeks support as needed.</p> <p>Demonstrates commitment by exploring ways to address individual student needs.</p>	<p>Anticipates professional responsibilities and manages time and effort required to meet expectations.</p> <p>Pursues ways to support students' diverse learning needs and maintains belief in students' capacity for achievement.</p>	<p>Integrates the full range of professional responsibilities into advanced planning and prepares for situations that may be challenging.</p> <p>Maintains continual efforts to seek, develop, and refine new and creative methods to ensure individual student learning.</p>	<p>Models professionalism and supports colleagues in meeting and exceeding professional responsibilities effectively.</p> <p>Supports colleagues to maintain the motivation, resiliency, and energy to ensure that all students achieve.</p>

Actionable Next Steps:

Standard 6 CSTP: Developing as a Professional Educator

Element 6.7 Demonstrating professional responsibility, integrity, and ethical conduct

Emerging-Exploring-Applying	Integrating-Innovating
<p><i>Follows all state education codes, legal requirements, district and site policies, contractual agreements, and ethical responsibilities. *</i></p> <p><i>* As follows:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>• Takes responsibility for student academic learning outcomes.</i><i>• Is aware of own personal values and biases and recognizes ways in which these values and biases affect the teaching and learning of students.</i><i>• Adheres to legal and ethical obligations in teaching the full range of learners, including English learners and students with special needs.</i><i>• Reports suspected cases of child abuse, and/or neglect as outlined in the California Child Abuse and Neglect Reporting Act.</i><i>• Maintains a non-hostile classroom environment and carries out laws and district guidelines for reporting cases of sexual harassment.</i><i>• Understands and implements school and district policies and state and federal law in responding to inappropriate or violent student behavior.</i><i>• Complies with legal and professional obligations to protect the privacy, health, and safety of students, families, and other school professionals.</i><i>• Models appropriate behavior for students, colleagues, and the profession.</i><i>• Acts in accordance with ethical considerations for students.</i><i>• Maintains professional conduct and integrity in the classroom and school community.</i>	<p>Maintains a high standard of personal integrity and commitment to student learning and the profession in all circumstances.</p> <p>Contributes to building professional community and holding peers accountable to norms of respectful treatment and communication.</p> <p>Contributes to fostering a school culture with a high degree of resilience, professional integrity, and ethical conduct.</p>

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California Standards for the Teaching Profession

STANDARD ONE:	STANDARD TWO:
ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS IN LEARNING	CREATING AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENT LEARNING
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1 Using knowledge of students to engage them in learning 1.2 Connecting learning to students' prior knowledge, backgrounds, life experiences, and interests 1.3 Connecting subject matter to meaningful, real-life contexts 1.4 Using a variety of instructional strategies, resources, and technologies to meet students' diverse learning needs 1.5 Promoting critical thinking through inquiry, problem solving, and reflection 1.6 Monitoring student learning and adjusting instruction while teaching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 Promoting social development and responsibility within a caring community where each student is treated fairly and respectfully 2.2 Creating physical or virtual learning environments that promote student learning, reflect diversity, and encourage constructive and productive interactions among students 2.3 Establishing and maintaining learning environments that are physically, intellectually, and emotionally safe 2.4 Creating a rigorous learning environment with high expectations and appropriate support for all students 2.5 Developing, communicating, and maintaining high standards for individual and group behavior 2.6 Employing classroom routines, procedures, norms, and supports for positive behavior to ensure a climate in which all students can learn 2.7 Using instructional time to optimize learning
STANDARD THREE:	STANDARD FOUR:
UNDERSTANDING AND ORGANIZING SUBJECT MATTER FOR STUDENT LEARNING	PLANNING INSTRUCTION AND DESIGNING LEARNING EXPERIENCES FOR ALL STUDENTS
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3.1 Demonstrating knowledge of subject matter, academic-content standards, and curriculum frameworks 3.2 Applying knowledge of student development and proficiencies to ensure student understanding of subject matter 3.3 Organizing curriculum to facilitate student understanding of the subject matter 3.4 Utilizing instructional strategies that are appropriate to the subject matter 3.5 Using and adapting resources, technologies, and standards-aligned instructional materials, including adopted materials, to make subject matter accessible to all students 3.6 Addressing the needs of English learners and students with special needs to provide equitable access to the content 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4.1 Using knowledge of students' academic readiness, language proficiency, cultural background, and individual development to plan instruction 4.2 Establishing and articulating goals for student learning 4.3 Developing and sequencing long-term and short-term instructional plans to support student learning 4.4 Planning instruction that incorporates appropriate strategies to meet the learning needs of all students 4.5 Adapting instructional plans and curricular materials to meet the assessed learning needs of all students
STANDARD FIVE:	STANDARD SIX:
ASSESSING STUDENTS FOR LEARNING	DEVELOPING AS A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Applying knowledge of the purposes, characteristics, and uses of different types of assessments 5.2 Collecting and analyzing assessment data from a variety of sources to inform instruction 5.3 Reviewing data, both individually and with colleagues, to monitor student learning 5.4 Using assessment data to establish learning goals and to plan, differentiate, and modify instruction 5.5 Involving all students in self-assessment, goal setting, and monitoring progress 5.6 Using available technologies to assist in assessment, analysis, and communication of student learning 5.7 Using assessment information to share timely and comprehensible feedback with students and their families 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6.1 Reflecting on teaching practice in support of student learning 6.2 Establishing professional goals and engaging in continuous and purposeful professional growth and development 6.3 Collaborating with colleagues and the broader professional community to support teacher and student learning 6.4 Working with families to support student learning 6.5 Engaging local communities in support of the instructional program 6.6 Managing professional responsibilities to maintain motivation and commitment to all students 6.7 Demonstrating professional responsibility, integrity, and ethical conduct