

Teacher Orientation to the Framework for Teaching and Framework for Teaching Proficiency System



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Domain 3: Instruction

3a: Communicating with Students

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Overview

- Teachers communicate for several purposes.....
 - teaching and learning are purposeful activities
 - make that purpose clear to students
 - clear directions for classroom activities
 - presentations are made with accuracy, clarity, and imagination
 - embellish their explanations with analogies or metaphors
 - link to prior student knowledge and interests
 - use language is vivid, rich, and error free
 - provide models for students to extend their own vocabularies
 - provide scaffolding

Elements

- Explanation of learning
 - Clear communication of goals to students
- Directions and procedures
 - Students must be clear about what they are to do
- Explanations of content
 - scaffolding,...building on prior experiences
 - Use vivid language, metaphors, analogies
- Use of oral and written language
 - Accurate syntax and rich vocabulary

Indicators

- Clarity of lesson purpose
- Absence of content errors and clear explanations of concepts
- Clear directions and procedures
- Correct and imaginative use of language

Examples of Relevant Evidence

Relevant	Yes or No
A student asks, “What are we supposed to be doing?” and the teacher clarifies the task.	
Many questions are of the <i>recitation</i> type, such as “How many members of the House of Representatives are there?”	
The teacher uses technical terms without explaining their meanings.	
“By the end of today’s lesson, you’re all going to be able to factor different types of polynomials.”	
The teacher greets students by name as they enter the class or during the lesson.	
The teacher mispronounces the word <i>phonemes</i> .	

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What would this component look like in my classroom?

1. Form a group of teachers in a similar classroom as yours (ECE, MSI, ED, Autism, Itinerant).
2. Review the overview, elements, indicators, and levels of component 3a then write down 4 examples of current practices that you feel exemplify this component.
3. Next to the 4 examples of current practices, write down any changes you would make.
4. Write down 3 -4 additional ideas for this component.

Activity: Session Reflection

- An insight I had as a result of today's session is...
- Concepts from this session that are most applicable to my teaching practice are...
- A question I have related to today's session is...

↓ Questions