Montana State Student Teacher Observation (Danielson Framework)

Student Teacher: Date:

Observer: School:

Scores of basic (2) or proficient (3) are considered appropriate for student teaching: Complete rubric: https://www.montana.edu/dfpa/rubric

DOMAIN 1: PLANNING AND PREPARATION	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient
1a: Demonstrating Knowledge of Content & Pedagogy ; includes IEFA Essential Understanding and application	Major content errors, inappropriate strategies	Some content errors, limited strategies	Solid content, current, consistent strategies
1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of Students (age, culture)	Minimal student understanding	Whole-class understanding	Individual understanding
1c: Setting Instructional Outcomes (significant, appropriate)	Low expectations, unclear goals	Inconsistent expectations; general goals	Consistently high expectations, rigorous goals
1d: Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources (tech, library, internet)	Weak use of resources	Adequate use of resources	Extensive use of resources
1e: Designing Coherent Instruction (relevant, engaging, organized)	Unengaging materials/activities	Interesting materials/activities	Highly engaging materials/activities
1f: Designing Student Assessments (fits goals, standards)	Poor, inconsistent assessment	Rudimentary assessment	Responsive, ongoing assessment

Evidence from Danielson Lesson Plan

Comments

DOMAIN 2: THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient
2a: Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport (student-teacher and student-student)	Teacher/student disrespect; student/student disrespect	 Inconsistent teacher/student respect; inconsistent student/student respect 	Uniform teacher/student respect; uniform student/student respect
2b: Establishing a Culture for Learning (relevance, expectations, persistence)	Negative environment; minimal learning goals; low-level communication expectations	Neutral environment; whole-class, shallow learning goals; casual communication expectations	Warm, caring environment; group-specific, high-level learning goals; precise communication expectations
2c: Managing Classroom Procedures (groups, routines, transitions, materials & distribution, working with paraprofessionals)	Procedures not established	Procedures inconsistently implemented	Procedures consistently implemented
2d: Managing Student Behavior (expectations clear, aware of student behavior, productive response to negative behavior/student needs)	Little-to-no behavior management	Uneven behavior management	Consistent behavior management
2e: Organizing Physical Space (effective use, safe & accessible)	Poor or unsafe physical set-up; no technical resource use	Safe physical set-up; limited technical resource use	Supportive physical set-up; appropriate technical resource use

Evidence from Observation	Comments

DOMAIN 3: INSTRUCTION	Unsatisfactory	Basic	Proficient
3a: Communication with Students (expectations, clear directions, concepts & strategies, precise/appropriate written & oral language)	Major content errors; student confusion	Minor content errors; basic student understanding	Solid content; solid student understanding
3b: Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques (effective Qs & prompts, high quality discussion, verbal & nonverbal engagement)	Low-level, rapid-fire questions	Inconsistently engaging questions	Engaging questions
3c: Engaging Students in Learning (cognitively challenging, supports outcomes, effective grouping, interesting & relevant materials/resources, effective pacing, includes reflection & closure)	Poor pacing; little- no intellectual engagement; teacher centered	Uneven pacing; inconsistent intellectual engagement; teacher/student centered	Effective pacing; consistent intellectual engagement; student centered
3d: Using Assessment in Instruction (criteria understood by students, monitors learning, actionable feedback, opportunities for students to self-	No or untimely teacher feedback	Inconsistent teacher feedback	Consistent, timely teacher feedback
3e: Demonstrating Flexibility & Responsiveness (adjusts, based on student need and context, responds to impromptu learning opportunities)	Inflexible teaching; student blame	Teaching adjustment but few strategies	Flexible teaching, multiple approaches

Evidence from Observation	Comments

DOMAIN 4: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY	Unsatisfactory	Developing	Proficient
4a: Reflecting on Teaching (journals weekly with field supervisor, gives ideas on improving lessons)	Little-to-no self- reflection; static	General self- reflection; generic change	Accurate self- reflection; targeted change
4b: Maintaining Accurate Records (keeps accurate student records and/or grade book)	No record-keeping system	Basic record- keeping system	Efficient record- keeping system
4e: Growing and Developing Professionally (participates in professional development, accepts supervision)	Poor relationships with colleagues; avoids input from others	Cordial with colleagues; reluctantly accepts feedback	Positive & collaborative with colleagues; welcomes feedback
4f: Showing Professionalism (honest, ethical, well-intentioned)	Self-serving, dishonest, unethical	Unaware, honest, compliant	Other-focused, straightforward, ethical
*4c: Communicating with Families	Unaware of families	Inconsistent rapport with families	Positive, consistent contact with families
*4d: Participating in a Professional Community	Low school involvement	School involvement when asked	Self-initiated school involvement
*not graded	•	•	·

Evidence from Professional Conversations	Comments