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Rhode Island Innovation Evaluation & Support System
Providence Innovation Rubric:
Version 2021 (Teachers)

Standard 1: Now Combined with Standard 4

*The Providence 2021 Version of the Innovation Rubric combines the previous “Standard 1” with “Standard 4”
In this version, Standard 4 has been revised to incorporate Planning and Preparation as 4.5 a-e.*

Standard 2: The Classroom Environment

Component 2.1: Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport

Education depends, fundamentally, on the quality of relationships among individuals. When educators strive to engage students in a discussion or an activity, their interactions with them speak volumes about the extent to which they value students as people. (Danielson’s FFT, 2007)

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| <p>2.1a Educator Interaction with Students</p> <p><i>RIPTS 5, 6</i></p> | <p>Educator-student interactions with at least some students are negative or inappropriate.</p> | <p>Educator-student interactions are generally appropriate, positive and respectful, but may reflect occasional inconsistencies.</p> | <p>Educator-student interactions are appropriate, positive and respectful.</p> | <p>Educator-student interactions are appropriate, positive and respectful to groups of students as well as individuals.</p> |
| <p>2.1b Student Interactions with One Another</p> <p><i>RIPTS 5, 6</i></p> | <p>Educator does not model nor encourage appropriate interactions particularly when student interactions are impolite or disrespectful.</p> | <p>Educator is inconsistent in modeling and/or encouraging appropriate interactions, particularly when students’ interactions are impolite or disrespectful.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Student interactions are generally polite and respectful.</p> | <p>Educator models and/or encourages appropriate interactions, particularly when students’ interactions are impolite or disrespectful.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> <p>Student interactions are polite and respectful whether directly monitored by an educator or not.</p> | <p>Educator models and/or encourages student interactions that demonstrate respect for one another. Students monitor each other’s treatment of peers, correcting classmates respectfully when needed.</p> |

Standard 2: The Classroom Environment
Component 2.2: Establishing a Culture for Learning

“A culture for learning” refers to the atmosphere that reflects the importance of the work undertaken by both students and educator. It describes the norms that govern the interactions among individuals about the activities and assignments, and the general “tone”. A culture for learning implies high expectations for all students and schools are cognitively busy places. Both students and educator see the content as important. (Danielson’s FfT, 2007)

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| 2.2a Importance of the Content <i>RIPTS 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9</i> | Educator does not communicate the importance of the content and/or conveys a negative attitude toward the content. | Educator communicates importance of the content. | Educator communicates importance of the content using real-world connections. | Educator AND students communicate importance of the content using real-world connections. |
| 2.2b Expectations for Learning and Achievement <i>RIPTS 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9</i> | Educator conveys low expectations for student learning and achievement for at least some students. | Educator conveys modest expectations for student learning and achievement. | Educator conveys high expectations for student learning and achievement. | Educator conveys high expectations for student learning and achievement. Students verbalize and/or demonstrate their understanding of the expectations. |

Standard 2: The Classroom Environment
Component 2.3: Managing Classroom Procedures

One of the marks of highly effective educators is that they can take the time required to establish their routines and procedures at the outset of the school year. A hallmark of a well-managed classroom is one in which students are able to work independently and where differentiated instruction occurs. Another important aspect of classroom management relates to how an educator handles transitions between activities. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| 2.3a Management of Instructional Groups <i>RIPTS 6</i> | Educator's management of instructional groups does not promote active student participation. | Educator's management of instructional groups ensures that some students actively participate. | Educator's management of instructional groups ensures that all students actively participate. | Educator's management of instructional groups ensures that all students actively participate and support each other in achieving the outcomes of the lesson. |
| 2.3b Management of Transitions <i>RIPTS 6</i> | Transitions are chaotic with significant loss of instructional time. | Transitions are uneven resulting in some loss of instructional time. | Transitions are efficient, with minimal loss of instructional time. | Transitions are seamless, with students assuming some responsibility in ensuring their efficient operation. |
| 2.3c Management of Materials and Supplies <i>RIPTS 6</i> | Management of materials and supplies is inefficient, resulting in significant loss of instructional time. | Management of materials and supplies is uneven resulting in some loss of instructional time. | Management of materials and supplies is efficient with little loss of instructional time. | Management of materials and supplies is efficient with little loss of instructional time with students assuming some responsibility. |

Standard 2: The Classroom Environment
Component 2.4: Managing Student Behavior

A key to efficient and respectful management of student behavior lies in agreed upon standards of conduct and clear consequences for overstepping bounds. Expert educators successfully enlist students in both setting and maintaining standards of conduct. Active participation in setting the rules of the classroom contributes to students' feelings of safety in class. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| 2.4a Behavioral Expectations <i>RIPTS 6</i> | No evidence that standards of conduct and consequences have been established or communicated to students. | Standards of conduct have been established and communicated and appear to be clear to students. | Standards of conduct and consequences have been established and communicated and appear to be clear to students. | Standards of conduct and consequences have been established and communicated to students. Students have participated in their development. |
| 2.4b Responding to Student Misbehavior <i>RIPTS 6</i> | Educator's response to student misbehavior is inappropriate. <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Educator does not respond to student misbehavior. | Educator's response to student misbehavior is inconsistent. | Educator's response to student misbehavior is appropriate, consistent and timely. | Educator's response to student misbehavior is appropriate, consistent, timely and successful. <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> No student misbehavior is observed. |

Standard 3: Instruction
Component 3.1: Communicating With Students

The presentation of a lesson potentially impacts the outcome of the lesson. In order to successfully engage students in the lesson, educators need to clearly frame the purpose of the lesson including presenting the context. Educators will be assessed on their ability to create reasonable and appropriate expectations for learning, provide directions and describe procedures with clarity, and to correctly explain content. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| 3.1a Expectations for Learning <i>RIPTS 8</i> | Educator does not explain the instructional purpose. | Educator explains the instructional purpose of the lesson or unit, attempting to communicate where it is situated within broader learning. | Educator explains the instructional purpose of the lesson or unit, linking to broader authentic learning, appropriate standards or 21 st century skills' expectations. Educator explains how students will demonstrate their learning. | Educator clearly explains the instructional purpose of the lesson or unit, linking to broader authentic learning, appropriate standards and 21 st century skills' expectations. Educator explains how students will demonstrate their learning with exemplars to guide student achievement. |
| 3.1b Directions and Procedures <i>RIPTS 8</i> | Educator directions and procedures are confusing. | Educator directions and procedures are clarified after initial confusion. | Educator directions and procedures are clear. | Educator directions and procedures are clear, complete, and anticipate possible misunderstanding. |
| 3.1c Explanation of Content <i>RIPTS 2,8</i> | Educator's explanation of the content is incorrect. | Educator's explanation of content is clear and correct but does not make a connection with students' knowledge, experience, appropriate standards or 21 st century skills' expectations. | Educator's explanation of content is clear and correct and connects with students' knowledge, experience, appropriate standards or 21 st century skills' expectations. | Educator's explanation of content is clear and correct and connects with students' knowledge, experience, appropriate standards or 21 st century skills' expectations. Students contribute to explaining content to their peers. |

Standard 3: Instruction
Component 3.2: Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques

Skillful educators use questions and discussion to promote student participation and learning. (Danielson's FFT, 2007)

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| 3.2a Quality of Questions <i>RIPTS 5, 8</i> | Educator's questions require only low cognitive challenge and single or limited responses. | Educator's questions are appropriate to the content although they cover only a limited range of skills and knowledge. | Educator's questions are appropriate to the content and cover a range of skills and knowledge. Questions are constructed to include higher order thinking and engage students in further discussion. | Educator's questions are appropriate to the content and cover a range of skills and knowledge. Questions are constructed to include higher order thinking and engage students in further discussion. Students formulate their own questions to advance understanding. |
| 3.2b Delivery Techniques <i>RIPTS 5, 8</i> | Educator does not deliver questions using techniques that require students to engage cognitively and prepare to respond to the question. Questions may be asked in rapid succession without appropriate wait time. | Educator does not consistently deliver questions using techniques that require students to engage cognitively and prepare to respond to the question. Some questions may be asked in rapid succession and/or without appropriate wait time. | Educator delivers questions using techniques that require students to engage cognitively and prepare to respond to the question while providing sufficient wait time. | Educator delivers questions using techniques that require students to engage cognitively and prepare to respond to the question while providing sufficient wait time. Students respond to questions with evidence of their understanding. |
| 3.2c Discussion Techniques <i>RIPTS 5, 8</i> | Educator makes little attempt to engage students in an authentic discussion and/or the educator and a few students dominate the discussion. | Educator makes some attempt to engage students in an authentic discussion with uneven results. | Educator creates an authentic discussion among students, using instructional and questioning techniques that successfully engage students in the discussion, stepping aside when appropriate. | Educator creates an authentic discussion among students, using instructional and questioning techniques that successfully engage students in the discussion, stepping aside when appropriate. Students ensure that all voices and ideas are heard in the discussion. |

Standard 3: Instruction
Component 3.3: Engaging Student in Learning

Educators engage students in active construction of understanding by creating intellectual challenges that result in new knowledge. The ownership of learning transfers from the educator to the students. Educators' effective use of activities and assignments, grouping of students, instructional materials, technologies and resources, and structure and pacing, all contribute to a classroom where students are deeply engaged in learning. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| <p>3.3a Projects, Activities and Assignments <i>RIPTS 5,6</i></p> | <p>Projects, activities and assignments lack challenge, are inappropriate, or do not cognitively engage students.</p> | <p>Projects, activities and assignments are inconsistent in challenging and cognitively engaging students.</p> | <p>Projects, activities and assignments are appropriately challenging for all students, require 21st century skills, and cognitively engage students.</p> | <p>Projects, activities, and assignments are appropriately challenging for all students, require 21st century skills, and cognitively engage student in complex learning.</p> |
| <p>3.3b Instructional Materials, and Technologies <i>RIPTS 5,6,8</i></p> | <p>Instructional materials and technologies are inappropriate for the instructional purpose.</p> | <p>Instructional materials and technologies are partially appropriate for the instructional purpose.</p> | <p>Instructional materials and technologies are appropriate to the instructional purpose, and are differentiated as appropriate.</p> | <p>Instructional materials and technologies are appropriate to the instructional purpose, and are differentiated as appropriate. Students initiate the choice, adaptation, or creation of materials to enhance their learning and build understanding.</p> |

Standard 3: Instruction
Component 3.4: Using Assessment in Instruction

Assessment is an integral part of the instructional process. The design of instruction must account for a range of assessment strategies: formative and summative. High-quality assessment practice makes students fully aware of criteria, informs educator's instructional decisions, and leverages both educator and student feedback. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| 3.4a Assessment Criteria <i>RIPTS 5, 6, 9</i> | Educator does not convey the criteria by which students' work will be evaluated. | Educator inconsistently conveys the criteria by which student's work will be evaluated. | Educator clearly conveys the criteria by which students' work will be evaluated including providing exemplars to guide student achievement. | Educator clearly conveys the criteria by which students' work will be evaluated and students have contributed to the development of the criteria and/or creation of exemplars to guide student achievement. |
| 3.4b Monitoring Student Learning <i>RIPTS 5, 6, 9</i> | Educator does not monitor student learning. | Educator uses formative assessment strategies to monitor student learning for the class as a whole. | Educator uses formative assessment strategies to monitor student learning and uncover misunderstandings for groups of students within the class. | Educator uses formative assessment strategies, including self and/or peer-assessments to monitor student learning and uncover misunderstandings for individual students. |
| 3.4.c Providing Feedback to Students <i>RIPTS 5, 6, 9</i> | Educator's feedback to students is limited, infrequent and/or irrelevant, resulting in no advancement in learning. | Educator's feedback to students is general and/or infrequent resulting in minimal advancement in learning. | Educator's feedback to students is, timely, frequent, and specific, providing individual students with specific direction and information to help advance learning. | Educator's feedback to students is timely, frequent, and specific, providing individual students with direction and information to help advance learning. Students make use of the feedback in revising and improving their work. |

Standard 4: Professional Growth & Responsibilities
4.1: Reflecting on Practice

Every educator should demonstrate professional growth over time through professional development, reflective practice, lifelong learning and adaptation of practice in response to research and data to improve student learning. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| 4.1 Reflecting on Practice <i>RIPTS 10</i> | Educator does not reflect on their strength and areas for growth. <p style="text-align: center;">OR</p> Educator reflects on their strength and areas for growth, but does not identify any practices that they would address differently in the future. | Educator reflects on their strengths and areas for growth, identifying general practices that they may address differently in the future. | Educator reflects on their strengths and areas for growth, identifying specific practices that they would address differently in the future. | Educator reflects on their strengths and areas for growth, identifying specific practices that they would address differently in the future complete with the probable success of different courses of action. |

Standard 4: Professional Growth & Responsibilities
Component 4.2: Communicating with Families

Although parents and guardians vary enormously in how active a part they take in their children's learning, most parents care deeply about the progress of their children and appreciate meaningful participation. Families should not be surprised by information such as rules, how work is assessed and long and short-term goals for their child. Ideally, moving beyond simple dissemination of information to foster two-way communication can greatly benefit families, students and educators. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| 4.2 Communicating with Families <i>RIPTS 7,11</i> | Educator's professional communications with families are limited, infrequent and/or irrelevant. | Educator's professional communications with families are general and/or infrequent. | Educator's professional communications with families are timely, frequent, and specific, providing individual student progress with specific direction and information to help advance learning. Educator attempts to engage families in two-way communication. | Educator's professional communications with families are timely, frequent, and specific, providing individual student progress with specific direction and information to help advance learning. Educator attempts to engage families in two-way communication and involve families in the school community. |

Standard 4: Professional Growth & Responsibilities
Component 4.3: Showing Professionalism

Educators recognize that the purpose of schools is to educate students and embrace a responsibility to ensure, that to the best of their ability, every student will succeed. Educators are keenly alert to and advocate for the needs of their students. Educators demonstrate a commitment to professional standards. Professional educators comply with school, district, state and federal regulations and procedures. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| 4.3a Maintaining Accurate Records <i>RIPTS 9</i> | Educator does not maintain information on student completion of assignments, student progress in learning, and non-instructional records. | Educator is inconsistent in maintaining information on student completion of assignments, student progress in learning, and non-instructional records. | Educator maintains information on student completion of assignments, student progress in learning, and non-instructional records in a timely manner. | Educator maintains information on student completion of assignments, student progress in learning, and non-instructional records in a timely manner. Educator regularly shares data with students as appropriate. |
| 4.3b Commitment to Professional Standards <i>RIPTS 7, 11</i> | Educator does not comply with school and district regulations, policies, and contractual language. Educator does not comply with State and Federal Law and Regulations including but not limited to IEP, 504 plans, AIS services, RTI, FERPA, and HIPPA. | Educator complies minimally with school and district regulations, policies, and contractual language. Educator complies minimally with school State and Federal Law and Regulations including but not limited to IEP, 504 plans, AIS services, RTI, FERPA, and HIPPA. | Educator complies fully with school and district regulations, policies, and contractual language. Educator complies with State and Federal Law and Regulations including, but not limited to, IEP, 504 plans, AIS services, RTI, FERPA, and HIPPA. | Educator complies fully with school and district regulations, policies, and contractual language, taking a leadership role with colleagues. Educator complies fully with State and Federal Law and Regulations including but not limited to IEP, 504 plans, AIS services, RTI, FERPA, and HIPPA. Educator stays current on the standards of their profession beyond their LEA. |

Standard 4 Professional Growth & Responsibilities

4.4: Growing and Developing Professionally

In a world of rapidly expanding access to information, opportunity, and technology, educators have a responsibility to continually prepare themselves to align instruction with transforming student needs. Continued professional growth and development is essential to creating dynamic learning environments. Educators use information from a variety of sources to inform their professional development and practice. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| <p>4.4a Growing and Developing in a Professional Learning Community <i>RIPTS 7, 10</i></p> | <p>Educator does not engage in a professional learning community.</p> | <p>Educator minimally engages in a professional learning community by seeking out current, targeted professional development opportunities.</p> | <p>Educator actively engages in a professional learning community by using feedback to identify areas of growth, seeking out current, targeted professional development opportunities that are aligned to school/district initiatives.</p> | <p>Educator actively engages in a professional learning community by using feedback to identify areas of growth, seeking out current, targeted professional development opportunities that are aligned to school/district initiatives. Educator takes a leadership role in promoting professional development opportunities for their colleagues.</p> |
| <p>4.4b Evidence for Approval of Professional Growth Goal <i>RIPTS 7, 9,10,11</i></p> | <p>The Professional Growth Goal is not submitted OR is missing any of the following pieces: S – Specific: The educator clearly identifies the skill or knowledge to be enhanced M – Measureable: There is a clear source of evidence for measuring the completion of action steps/plans A – Attainable: Action steps/plan describe the steps and strategies to be completed R – Relevant: Connection to the Professional Practice rubric and/or district initiatives is stated T – Time Bound The length of time for attaining the goal is identified</p> | <p>The Professional Growth Goal does not fully address the following pieces: S – Specific: The educator clearly identifies the skill or knowledge to be enhanced M – Measureable: There is a clear source of evidence for measuring the completion of action steps/plans A – Attainable: Action steps/plan describe the steps and strategies to be completed R – Relevant: Connection to the Professional Practice rubric and/or district initiatives is stated T – Time Bound The length of time for attaining the goal is identified</p> | <p>The Professional Growth Goal fully addresses the following pieces: S – Specific: The educator clearly identifies the skill or knowledge to be enhanced M – Measureable: There is a clear source of evidence for measuring the completion of action steps/plans A – Attainable: Action steps/plan describe the steps and strategies to be completed R – Relevant: Connection to the Professional Practice rubric and/or district initiatives is stated T – Time Bound The length of time for attaining the goal is identified</p> | <p>The Professional Growth Goal fully addresses the following pieces: S – Specific: The educator clearly identifies the skill or knowledge to be enhanced M – Measureable: There is a clear source of evidence for measuring the completion of action steps/plans A – Attainable: Action steps/plan describe the steps and strategies to be completed R – Relevant: Connection to the Professional Practice rubric and/or district initiatives is stated T – Time Bound The length of time for attaining the goal is identified PLUS Benchmarks for gauging progress partway through the year are included</p> |
| <p>4.4c Evidence of Attainment of Professional Growth Goal <i>RIPTS 10</i></p> | <p>Evidence provided indicates little/no progress of the PGG Action Plan.</p> | <p>Evidence provided indicates some progress with the PGG Action Plan.</p> | <p>Evidence provided indicates sufficient progress of the PGG Action Plan.</p> | <p>Evidence provided indicates completion of the PGG Action Plan.</p> |

Standard 4 Professional Growth & Responsibilities

4.5: Growing and Developing Professionally

In a world of rapidly expanding access to information, opportunity, and technology, educators have a responsibility to continually prepare themselves to align instruction with transforming student needs. Continued professional growth and development is essential to creating dynamic learning environments. Educators use information from a variety of sources to inform their professional development and practice. (Danielson's FfT, 2007)

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| 4.5a Knowledge of Content <i>RIPTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</i> | In planning, educator makes content errors. | Educator is familiar with the important concepts in the discipline, but may display lack of awareness of how these concepts relate to one another. | Educator displays solid knowledge of the important concepts in the discipline and how these relate to one another and to 21st century skills. | Educator displays knowledge of the important concepts in the discipline and how these relate both to one another and to other disciplines and to 21st century skills. |
| 4.5b Knowledge of Students <i>RIPTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</i> | Educator displays little or no knowledge of students' skills, knowledge, language proficiency, backgrounds, social emotional and/or medical needs. | Educator displays knowledge of students' skills, knowledge, language proficiency, backgrounds, social emotional and/or medical needs, but only for the class as a whole. | Educator uses data to track students' skills, knowledge, language proficiency, backgrounds, social emotional and/or medical needs, and displays this knowledge in grouping students in order to determine their growth over time. | Educator understands and utilizes data to track individual students' skills, knowledge, language proficiency, backgrounds, social emotional and/or medical needs, and has a strategy for maintaining such information in grouping students in order to determine growth over time for each student. |
| 4.5c Establishing Instructional Outcomes <i>RIPTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</i> | Outcomes do not reflect the appropriate standards, set low expectations for students, lack rigor, and/or only include one type of learning. Outcomes are stated as activities rather than as student learning. | Outcomes reflect the appropriate standards. Expectations and rigor are inconsistent and are suitable for most of the students in the class. Outcomes are written as a combination of student learning and activities. | Outcomes reflect the appropriate standards, set rigorous expectations for students and include different types of learning according to varying needs of groups of students. All the instructional outcomes are clear, written in the form of student learning. | Outcomes reflect the appropriate standards, set rigorous expectations for students and include different types of learning according to varying needs of individual students. All the instructional outcomes are clear, written in the form of student learning and represent opportunities for both coordination and integration with other disciplines. |
| 4.5d Learning Activities, Lesson Structure & Content-Related Pedagogy <i>RIPTS 1, 2, 3, 4, 5</i> | Learning activities and/or materials are not suitable to instructional outcomes, do not include a range of pedagogical approaches, and are not designed to engage students. Lessons have no clearly defined structure, and/or time allocations are unrealistic. | Learning activities and/or materials are inconsistent in their suitability to the instructional outcomes and represent little cognitive challenge. Learning activities include a limited range of effective pedagogical approaches and are not differentiated. Lessons have a recognizable structure, although the structure is not uniformly maintained throughout. Progression of activities is uneven, with unreasonable time allocations. | Learning activities and/or materials are suitable to the instructional outcomes, include a range of effective pedagogical approaches and cognitive challenge. Activities are differentiated for groups of students, help students construct content knowledge and build 21st Century Skills. Lessons have a clearly defined structure with even progression of activities and reasonable time allocations. | Learning activities and/or materials are suitable to the instructional outcomes, include a range of effective pedagogical approaches and cognitive challenge. Activities are differentiated for individual students, help students construct content knowledge and build 21st Century Skills. Lessons have a clearly defined structure with even progression of activities and reasonable time allocations, allowing for different pathways according to diverse student needs. |

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| <p>4.5e Designing Student Assessment <i>RIPTS 4, 5, 9</i></p> | <p>Educator's plan for student assessment is not aligned with the instructional outcomes.</p> | <p>Educator's plan for student assessment is aligned with the instructional outcomes, but is limited to either formative or summative assessments, and/or lacks clear criteria and expectations. Educator identifies a plan to use assessment results to plan for future instruction for the class as a whole.</p> | <p>Educator's plan for student assessment is aligned with the instructional outcomes, has been adapted for groups of students, and includes both formative and summative assessments with clear criteria and expectations. Educator identifies plan to use assessment results to plan for future instruction for groups of students.</p> | <p>Educator's plan for student assessment is aligned with the instructional outcomes, has been adapted for groups of students, and includes both formative and summative assessments with clear criteria and expectations. Educator identifies plan to use assessment results to plan for future instruction for groups of students.</p> |
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