Mission and Goals of the Department of Education

Rooted in the Jesuit tradition at Santa Clara University, the mission of the Department of Education is to prepare professionals of competence, conscience, and compassion who will promote the common good as they transform lives, schools, and communities. Our core values of reflective practice, scholarship, diversity, ethical conduct, social justice, and collaboration guide both theory and practice.

Faculty, staff, and students in the Department of Education:

1. Make student learning our central focus
2. Engage continuously in reflective and scholarly practice
3. Value diversity
4. Become leaders who model ethical conduct and a commitment to social justice
5. Seek collaboration with others in reaching these goals

MS/SS Teaching Credential Program Learning Goals (PLGs)

The PLGs represent our commitment to individuals who earn their MS/SS credential at Santa Clara University. The MS/SS faculty focus on ensuring each student will begin their teaching career ready to:

1. Maximize learning for every student.
2. Teach for student understanding.
3. Make evidence-based instructional decisions informed by student assessment data.
4. Improve your practice through critical reflection and collaboration.
5. Create productive, supportive learning environments.
6. Apply ethical principles to your professional decision-making

The PLGs guide our program. Therefore, all MS/SS teaching credential program course objectives are cross-referenced with the PLGs. (A fully elaborated version of the MS/SS PLGs can be found in the Teacher Candidate Handbook, Pre-Service Pathway.)
# Course Description

This course is designed to enable single subject credential candidates to develop the pedagogical content knowledge necessary to teach their specific academic subject effectively to all students. Special attention is paid to developing candidates’ ability to use Specially Designed Academic Instruction in English (SDAIE) skills to give all students equitable access to curriculum content. All single subject credential candidates are required to take the Methods I and Methods II block in the content area aligned with the credential they are seeking. Single subject credential candidates in art and music should enroll in the social sciences methods course block.

## Course Objectives

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<td><strong>1</strong> Becoming familiar with the scope and sequence of the content of secondary standards in terms of content and processes based on state and national standards, focusing on a balanced approach that addresses all aspects of academic proficiency and literacy. Review and appraisal of the California History Social-Science Curriculum Framework and Content Standards for grades 6-12.</td>
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<td><strong>2</strong> Thinking carefully about what students need to learn and the implications for teaching practice and instructional design, including adaptations of instructional texts and use of various technologies to meet the instructional needs of diverse learners (e.g., English learners, students with special needs).</td>
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<td><strong>3</strong> Utilizing strategies to assess student learning throughout the learning process.</td>
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<td>DG # 4 PLG # 4, 6 TPE # 1.8, 4.8, 6.1</td>
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<td><strong>7</strong> Creation of a performance-based assessment task and rubric that evaluates and documents student learning in key aspects of the curriculum unit</td>
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<td><strong>8</strong> Development of a critically reflective teaching disposition that seeks out opportunities for professional growth.</td>
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*DG=Department Goals; PLG=Program Learning Goal; TPE=Teaching Performance Expectation Standard*

### Required Text(s) and Readings

Selected readings on Camino.

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Document Downloads


California Department of Education. (updated 2013). Common Core State Standards for English Language Arts & Literacy in History/Social Studies, Science, and Technical Subjects, Kindergarten through Grade 12. Sacramento, CA: California Department of Education. This document should be downloaded from the web at http://www.cde.ca.gov/re/cc/


Recommended Social Studies Resources

California History-Social Science Project - http://csmp.ucop.edu/chssp/
KQED History Detectives - http://www.pbs.org/opb/historydetectives/educators/
PBS Teachers Social Studies - http://www.pbs.org/teachers/socialstudies/
SCORE History/Social Science - http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/
Teacher Resources at the National Archives - http://www.archives.gov/education/
Picturing Modern America 1880-1920 - http://cct2.edc.org/Police/
Smithsonian Education - http://www.smithsonianeducation.org/educators/
California Department of Education History/Social Science - http://www.cde.ca.gov/ci/hss/
The Oakland Museum of California - http://museumca.org/
Resources for Teaching Social Responsibility: http://www.teachablemoment.org/
Teaching About Diversity - http://www.tolerance.org/
Teachers 4 Social Justice - http://www.t4sj.org/

Course Requirements/Assignments

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1. Weekly Literature Circle and Assignments: 25%

You will participate in weekly literature circles based on the subject area you are teaching as a student teacher. The Literature Circle is a common discussion routine used during content area reading instruction. Students come together in small temporary groups formed by an article assigned that meet on a regular and predictable schedule to (re) read and discuss readings. Students use notes to guide both their reading and discussion and this discussion is generated by students. The teacher’s role in literature circles is that of facilitator.

2. Technology Project

This project gives you the opportunity to focus on using technology in the classroom to increase the learning of all students. This assignment involves you practicing the use of technology in the classroom to improve student learning. Details will be delivered in class.

3. LESSON CYCLE PORTFOLIO—SIGNATURE ASSIGNMENT

DUE: December 5th

LESSON CYCLE PORTFOLIO (LCP) PROJECT DESCRIPTION
This project offers you the opportunity to practice planning, teaching (“enacting” per TPA language), reflecting on, and learning from the lessons you create for students. This project also allows you to demonstrate your developing capabilities in relation to the California Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs).
• You will be required to complete two Lesson Cycles during the fall quarter.
• Which lessons you work on are entirely up to you. Please consult your Master teacher and this instructor.
• These should be lessons you will teach in your placement setting.

NOTE:
• Round 1 of the LCP includes assessment analysis as required for TPA #3.
• Round 2 of the LCP integrates all teaching skills as required for TPA #4.

The finished portfolio you submit must:
• Be submitted by the due dates listed for each Round unless alternative arrangements have been made with your instructor’s permission. Each Round is designed to build upon the previous Round. Feedback must be incorporated.

Reminders:
• Read the requirements for each section carefully and don’t wait until the last moment to begin working on the project.
• Define any specific terms you think might be unfamiliar to us and avoid using acronyms or abbreviations unless you’re sure we’ll know what you mean.

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**Due in class December 5th.**

**Assessments and Grading Criteria**

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1. This course is grounded in the premise that students are intrinsically motivated to deepen their thinking and enrich their teaching. With diligence and the support of instructors and peers, all students have the potential to earn outstanding grades. Student work will be graded according to the criteria specified on the rubrics for each assignment. The following guidelines drive the scores on all of the assignment rubrics.

Grading will be criterion referenced. This means that grades are based on the quality of work and professional conduct, rather than how one student’s work compares to that of his/her peers. Grade concerns will be addressed individually outside of class time. Students should contact their instructors via email as soon as a concern arises.

2. Attendance and participation in all class meetings is required. If you are going to be absent from class, you must email or call me to inform me of your absence. You will still be responsible for all missed content and in-class work. Make up work must be prearranged with the instructor.

Absence Policy
• 1 absence – 5% deducted from final grade if professor is notified
• 2 absences – 10% deducted from final grade
• 3 or more absences – You may be dropped

Camino Course Management System
To access course materials and participate in online activities, please be sure to review Camino. Reminders, tools, readings and assignment descriptions will be made available through this online course management system.

The professional conduct requirement includes the 5 dimensions described below:

- **Participation**
  ED 291 students will engage in respectful, thoughtful participation in class activities and discussion - as evidenced in their speaking, listening, and writing. Students should take responsibility for their own learning and support the learning of their peers.

- **Preparation**
  Class assignments must be completed before the class session in which they are due so everyone can participate fully in class activities. Students should bring all relevant course materials and a **hard copy** of written assignments to class. In the event of an absence, assignments are still due per course outline.

- **Communication**
  Email and our Camino website will be our primary means of communication outside of class. You must check your SCU email account every day to ensure you maintain a connection with your classmates and me.

- **Responsible Use of Technology**
  Electronic devices will be used only in ways directly related to ED 291 class activities in progress. Phones should be stored away and silent; computers and PDAs should be used only in direct support of the class activity in progress.
**Attendance**

Regular attendance at all class meetings is a requirement in this program. For each class session you miss, 10 percentage points will be deducted from your final grade for the course. Each of you will be granted one Emergency Release (ER). Your ER excuses you from one class session with half the grade penalty (loss of 5 percentage points instead of 10). To use your ER you must notify me by email or phone BEFORE class. Save your ER for medical issues, family demands, car trouble, etc.

Students will not be penalized for absences due to the observance of religious holidays that fall on our scheduled class day; please give me advance notice of these absences so I can make the necessary accommodations. All other absences are unexcused and will affect your grade.

**Punctuality:** Coming to class (and returning from breaks) on time and ready to learn is another course requirement. When you arrive, please sign in using the sheet provided. Your first lateness will be excused; your second lateness will cause 1 percentage point to be deducted from your final course grade; your third lateness will cause an additional 4 percentage points to be deducted. More than three late arrivals indicate a serious problem; this situation will be dealt with at my discretion.

Note: Points lost due to poor attendance and/or lack of punctuality are deducted from your final grade. A student with excellent grades on assignments and other aspects of professional conduct can earn a poor course grade as a result of excessive absence or chronic lateness.

Attendance and punctuality are the only policies with the immediate potential to impact your course grades. However, your instructors gather data documenting your adherence to the remaining policies listed here through ongoing observation and documentation. These data are a primary factor in our program’s assessment of your mastery of TPE 12- “Professional, ethical, and legal obligations.”

If I feel you are not meeting all the expectations spelled out below, I will contact you privately to discuss the issue, to clarify the expectations as needed, and to offer my support in helping you reach those expectations. If I do not contact you with a concern, you can assume you are satisfying these requirements. However, if you would like specific feedback on your professional conduct during the quarter, you are welcome to contact me at any time and I will be glad to share my assessment with you.

**Absence from class.** Because so much of the course content is learned through participation in class activities and learning experiences, it is not possible to make up for missing a class session. However, there are ways you can engage with the content, join the conversation, and try to fill the knowledge gaps that are the result of your absence. If you must miss a class session, do the following things:

1. Complete and submit on time all assignments due for the class session
2. Download and review the PowerPoint presentation and any handouts and discussion notes from class (all posted on Camino)
3. Talk with your classmates to get their sense of the main “take-aways” of the session.

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**Disability Accommodations**

If you have a disability for which accommodations may be required in this class, please contact Disabilities Resources, Benson 216, [http://www.scu.edu/disabilities](http://www.scu.edu/disabilities) as soon as possible to discuss your needs and register for accommodations with the University. If you have already arranged accommodations through Disabilities Resources, please discuss them with me during my office hours. Students who have medical needs related to pregnancy may also be eligible for accommodations. While I am happy to assist you, I am unable to provide accommodations until I have received verification from Disabilities Resources. The Disabilities Resources
office will work with students and faculty to arrange proctored exams for students whose accommodations include double time for exams and/or assisted technology. (Students with approved accommodations of time-and-a-half should talk with me as soon as possible). Disabilities Resources must be contacted in advance to schedule proctored examinations or to arrange other accommodations. The Disabilities Resources office would be grateful for advance notice of at least two weeks. For more information, you may contact Disabilities Resources at 408-554-4109.

**Accommodations for Pregnancy and Parenting**

In alignment with Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, and with the California Education Code, Section 66281.7, Santa Clara University provides reasonable accommodations to students who are pregnant, have recently experienced childbirth, and/or have medically related needs. Pregnant and parenting students can often arrange accommodations by working directly with their instructors, supervisors, or departments. Alternatively, a pregnant or parenting student experiencing related medical conditions may request accommodations through Disability Resources.

**Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct (Title IX)**

Santa Clara University upholds a zero-tolerance policy for discrimination, harassment and sexual misconduct. If you (or someone you know) have experienced discrimination or harassment, including sexual assault, domestic/dating violence, or stalking, I encourage you to tell someone promptly.

For more information, please consult the University’s Gender-Based Discrimination and Sexual Misconduct Policy at [http://bit.ly/2ce1hBb](http://bit.ly/2ce1hBb) or contact the University's EEO and Title IX Coordinator, Belinda Guthrie, at 408-554-3043, bguthrie@scu.edu. Reports may be submitted online through [https://www.scu.edu/osl/report/](https://www.scu.edu/osl/report/) or anonymously through Ethicspoint [https://www.scu.edu/hr/quick-links/ethicspoint/](https://www.scu.edu/hr/quick-links/ethicspoint/)

**Academic Integrity**

The University is committed to academic excellence and integrity. Students are expected to do their own work and to cite any sources they use. A student who is guilty of dishonest acts in an examination, paper, or other required work for a course, or who assists others in such acts, will receive a grade of F for the course. In addition, a student guilty of dishonest acts will be immediately dismissed from the University.

Students that violate copyright laws, including those covering the copying of software programs, or who knowingly alter official academic records from this or any other institution, are subject to disciplinary action (ECPPM Graduate Bulletin, 2016-2017)

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# COURSE SCHEDULE

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| **Sep 19**<br>Class #1 | • Course overview  
• Introduction to Methods  
| **Sep 26**<br>Class #2 | • History of Methods  
| **October 3**<br>Class #3 | • Experiencing levels of inquiry learning  
• Assessing students during hands-on learning experiences  
Keim, T., Luhr, E., Escobar, M., and Choudhary, M., Promoting Global Perspective and Raising the Visibility of Asia in World History: An Assignment for Pre-Service Teachers. The History Teacher. | Bring data from lesson to class |
| **October 10**<br>Class #4<br>Online Class Activities | • Learning cycles  
Lindquist, D., (2012) Avoiding the Complex History, Simple Answer Syndrome: A Lesson Plan for Providing Depth and Analysis in the High School History Classroom. The History Teacher  
| **October 17**<br>No Class | No Class | No Class |  |
| **October 24**<br>Class #5 | • Textbook analysis  

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<td>• Managing and motivating students in an interactive classroom</td>
<td>Yogev, E., (2013) On the need to strengthen political-critical thinking in history education. Springer Science.</td>
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<td>• Continued inquiry in the classroom</td>
<td>Harris, R., &amp; Reynolds, R., (2014) The history curriculum and its personal connection to students from minority ethnic backgrounds J. Curriculum Studies.</td>
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<td>• Differentiation strategies</td>
<td>Yin, Y., Shavelson, R., Alaya, C., Ruiz-Primo, M., Brandon, P., Furtak, E. (2008) On the Impact of Formative Assessment on Student Motivation, Achievement, and Conceptual Change. Applied Measurement in Education.,</td>
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<td>• Learning from, iterations of, and feedback on student work</td>
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<td>• Concept maps</td>
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GUIDELINES FOR LESSON CYCLE PROJECT: Plan-teach-reflect-apply portfolio

This assignment provides you with the opportunity to document your engagement in the lesson cycle: planning and teaching a lesson, reflecting on student learning outcomes, and applying what you learned to subsequent lessons. You will have the opportunity to practice this three times during the winter quarter. The assignment also allows you to demonstrate your developing capabilities in relation to the California's Teaching Performance Expectations (TPEs).

The lessons you choose for this assignment must:
- address the target content area identified by you in your Teaching Goal. When setting a goal, be SMART – specific, measurable, attainable, realistic and timely.
- be observed and assessed by either your field supervisor or your master teacher or both
- enable you to complete all the required sections listed in these guidelines

The finished portfolio you submit must:
- have 5 clearly marked sections
- contain all the materials specified for each section (use the checklist on the last page!)
- be submitted the last class meeting

**Portfolio Section 1. PLAN**

This section of the portfolio should include the following materials:

A. Decision chart
   How did you determine the learning objectives/procedures/assessment of student learning for this lesson?
   Discuss/describe
   a. The degree to which you considered:
      - State academic content standards
      - Adopted textbook or instructional materials
      - Your students' prior knowledge, background experiences, interests
      - The needs of your students who are English Learners
      - The needs of your students with learning exceptionalities
      - Your students' current levels of knowledge and skill related to this topic
      - Input from colleagues, administrators, or SCU faculty coaches
      - Information gleaned from websites
      - Resources/instructional materials beyond those adopted by the Diocese
      - Your own expertise and knowledge of this content
      - Your experiences teaching this content in previous years
      - Other issues you believed were relevant
   b. The ways those considerations shaped your decisions regarding the plan for the lesson
   c. The rationale behind your decisions
   Please do your best to document everything you took into consideration when you determined the objectives for this lesson—it’s okay if the chart is long. Structure your decision chart using the following format:

B. Lesson plan and teacher-developed instructional materials
   Provide a complete lesson plan (using the format typically used at your school site). Include any supplemental instructional materials you developed or used (a PowerPoint, handouts, graphic organizers, student worksheets, etc.). Please note: We should be able to see evidence of all the decisions mentioned in “Column b” of your Decision Chart in your lesson plan.

**Portfolio Section 2. TEACH**

This section of the portfolio should include the following materials:

A. Copy of your SCU Field Supervisor/Master Teacher’s evaluation of this lesson (The first two lessons you will turn in the formative evaluation. The final portfolio will include the summative evaluation)
B. Copy of your self-assessment of this lesson using the same form used by the person observing you

C. Annotated lesson plan and annotated teacher-developed instructional materials
Print a second copy of lesson plan and teacher-developed instructional materials provided in Section 1; use a colored pen to insert descriptions of what actually happened when you taught the lesson to your students. Note the changes you made while you were teaching (things you added and things you skipped) and what prompted you to make those changes. You can also note unexpected responses from students, unforeseen problems, happy accidents, or any other forces that caused you to depart from your plan.

D. Leveled packets of student work
Please provide evidence of student achievement of (or progress toward) the lesson objectives. Include examples of the full range of student achievement levels: we would like to see several examples of work you would consider outstanding, proficient, borderline, and poor. Use a paper clip to separate work at each level (so you’ll end up with 4 leveled packets). On the front of each leveled packet, please include a cover sheet that (1) specifies the level of the work in the packet; and (2) indicates the key criteria you used when selecting work you felt represented that level: what were the key traits that made this work outstanding rather than proficient or proficient rather than poor. See example below:

Leveled Packet Cover Sheet

Level: Outstanding

Key traits: All the work in this packet demonstrates
- Mastery of the lesson objectives
- Heightened level of insight, detail, or creativity

Portfolio Section 3. REFLECT
This section of the portfolio should include the following materials

A. Reflective activity A: Analysis of your Decision Chart from Section 1
Looking back, how effective were the decisions you made when you were planning the lesson? Please copy your Decision Chart and add a 4th column called “but/and” and describe the outcome of each of your planning decisions. See example below:

B. Reflective activity B: Analysis of leveled packets
Print a second copy the cover sheets you made for each leveled packet. Beneath your discussion of the key traits that anchored the work at that level, add a second paragraph that discusses YOUR impact on the learning outcomes represented in that packet. How did your instruction, your feedback, your classroom learning environment, your support, your materials, your lesson plan, your knowledge of the students, the adaptations you made to the lesson, and your decisions create the conditions that led those students to achieve at that particular level?

C. Reflective activity C: Considering your Teaching Goal for this quarter
Write a short narrative that describes (a) the relationship between this lesson and your Teaching Goal in this content area; and (b) what impact, if any, teaching this lesson had on your progress toward your Teaching Goal.

D. Reflective activity D: Narrative response to reflective activities A and B
After you have revisited your decision chart and carefully considered your impact on your students’ learning outcomes in this lesson, go back and re-read the self-assessment you completed after you were observed for your lesson (included in Section 2). Then, write a short narrative that describes the impact of Reflective Activity A, B, and C on your perceptions of your teaching performance in this lesson. What do you see now that you didn’t see when you self-assessed immediately after teaching the lesson?

Portfolio Section 4: APPLY

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This section of the portfolio should include the following materials

A. List of take-aways
Make a list of the important and practical realizations/decisions you took away from completing Portfolio Section 3. Please note: We should see clear connections between the work presented in Portfolio Section 3 and your list of take-aways.

B. Application of take-aways
Provide a lesson plan (for a lesson taught after the Signature Assignment lesson) that contains concrete evidence of the application of one of your take-aways. Please highlight the sections of the plan related to your take-away and indicate which take-away you’re referencing.

C. Narrative: Impact of take-aways
Write a short narrative that describes (1) why you chose to apply that particular take-away in that specific lesson; (2) the result you hoped the take-away would help you achieve and why you expected it would have that impact; (3) the degree to which the take-away achieved the desired result.

Portfolio Section 5: SELF-ASSESS
This section of the portfolio should include the following materials

A. Supervisor Summative Assessment Reflection
Include a copy of the Summative assessment form completed by your supervisor and write a short narrative reflection about how you have progress toward your learning goal. Also include at least two concrete steps you plan to take in order to achieve each goal.

B. Methods Assignment Rubric Self-Assessment
Download a copy of the CSTP Assignment Rubric from our Camino website. Assess your performance on your Signature Assignment in relation to each of the 6 standards. In the space beneath each standard, please explain how you determined your rating for that standard. Each standard should looks something like this:
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Portfolio Submission Checklist

Portfolio Section 1. PLAN

A. Decision chart
B. Lesson plan and teacher-developed instructional materials

Portfolio Section 2. TEACH

A. Copy of your SCU Field Supervisor/Master Teacher’s evaluation of this lesson
B. Copy of your self-assessment of this lesson using the same form used by the person observing you
C. Annotated lesson plan and annotated teacher-developed instructional materials
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Portfolio Section 3. REFLECT

A. Reflective activity A: Analysis of your Decision Chart from Section 1
B. Reflective activity B: Analysis of leveled packets of student work
C. Reflective activity C: Considering your Teaching Goal for this quarter
D. Reflective activity D: Narrative response to reflective activities

Portfolio Section 4: APPLY

A. Take-aways
B. Application of take-aways
C. Narrative: Impact of take-aways

Portfolio Section 5: SELF-ASSESS

A. Supervisors Summative Assessment
B. Completed Methods Assignment Rubric Self-Assessment

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### Domain A: Making Subject Matter Comprehensible to Students
- **Teacher’s knowledge of subject matter and/or content standards is inaccurate.** Content is presented with little or no attention to student understanding. No efforts are made to provide every student with access to grade-level academic content.
- **Teacher’s knowledge of subject matter and/or content standards is limited.** Content is presented with some attention to student understanding. Inconsistent efforts are made to provide every student access to grade-level academic content.
- **Teacher has accurate knowledge of subject matter and/or content standards.** Content is presented in ways that support student understanding. Consistent, effective efforts are made to provide every student access to grade-level academic content.
- **Teacher has deep knowledge of subject matter and/or content standards and uses that knowledge to enhance student understanding of the content.** Every student is regularly given access to grade-level and enriched academic content.

### Domain B: Assessing student learning
- **Student learning is assessed rarely and/or using tools that provide little useful data.** Few efforts are made to collect and analyze learning data and/or to use data to set learning goals or inform instructional decisions.
- **Student learning is assessed regularly but with limited and/or inconsistent use of varied tools.** Data are considered in limited ways when making instructional decisions.
- **Student learning is assessed frequently, using a range of tools.** Data are collected, analyzed, and applied to make effective, appropriate decisions about students’ need for enrichment, differentiation, or additional support.
- **Student learning is assessed systematically using a range of assessment tools. All curricular and instructional decisions are data-driven.** Quantitative data are entered into a database used by groups of teachers to support repeated and varied analyses of student learning.

### Domain C: Engaging and supporting Students in Learning
- **Provides little to no evidence of building on students’ prior knowledge, responding to student interests or considering student learning needs.** Teaching may be inappropriate, arbitrary, or lack thoughtful attention to every student.
- **Provides minimal evidence of building on students’ prior knowledge, responding to student interests, or considering students’ learning needs.** Efforts to attend thoughtfully to every student may be limited or inconsistent.
- **Provides clear evidence of building on students’ prior knowledge, responding to student interests, and considering students’ learning needs.** Efforts to attend thoughtfully to every student are appropriate and successful.
- **Provides evidence that consistently and clearly demonstrates thoughtful knowledge of and attention to every student’s learning needs. Each student is working on tasks that are challenging and achievable.**

### Domain D: Planning instruction and designing learning experiences for all students
- **No effort to assess students’ knowledge or to set learning goals.** Instructional plans and materials do not reflect student needs. Little or no variation in teaching strategies.
- **Minimal effort to assess students’ knowledge; learning goals are vague or inappropriate.** Instructional plans and materials show cursory attention to student needs. Occasional variation in teaching strategies.
- **Consistent, ongoing effort to assess students’ knowledge and to set appropriate learning goals.** Instructional plans and materials are responsive to student needs and can be easily adjusted. Many relevant and effective teaching strategies are used.
- **Learning goals and instructional plans are continually updated in response to ongoing collection and analysis of student learning data. Teaching strategies are thoughtfully selected to maximize student learning.**
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<th>Learning is frequently disrupted by inappropriate student behavior. Few or no students complete their work or achieve learning objectives. No evidence of high academic expectations or appropriate supports for all students.</th>
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