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The Arizona Lesson Observation and Evaluation (ALOE) system of evaluating teaching is presented. ALOE was developed from Arizona adaptations of the Georgia Teacher Performance Assessment Instruments and, with G. Taylor's "Functional Elements Analysis of Teaching Skills" (FEATS), forms an integrated observation package which allows teaching to be examined in three dimensions: (1) a categorical perspective; (2) a clustered-repertoire context perspective; and (3) a skill level. The three dimensions are addressed in three contexts with the following different instrument editions for individuals observing teaching from specific perspectives: Methods Edition; Supervisor Edition; and Cooperating Teacher Edition. These three manuals are abbreviated editions intended for regular use; in this document they are provided in conjunction with the ALOE Reference Edition, containing expanded explanations of all the skills and concepts covered in the entire evaluation system; and a Conference Skills Instrument, which focuses observation on personal conferences. The present document also contains the reference and work editions of the Conference Skills Instrument. Record sheets for the observations are included, and a record sheet for recording formal tests not related to instruction is provided. (SLD)

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#### ALOE Item Numbers, Descriptors, Quotes

- 2 a "Referenced to ... objectives"
- 4 b "Helped students identify objectives"
- 5 b "[Not all students necessarily get same assignment,]"
- 6 Stem "Plan (including questions to be addressed) balanced higher and lower thinking processes, such as Bloom's Cognitive Taxonomy identified here: Identify, clarify, or summarize; Apply information to particular situations; Identify and clarify parts of complex ideas or synthesize (integrate) knowledge; Judge value and importance of ideas ..."
- 10 a "Efficient teacher-attended routine tasks (a manner indicating anticipation)"
  - b "Instruction not interrupted by routine tasks"
  - e "appropriate activities when tasks done early" and " putting away finished work properly"
    - "reinforcing appropriate behavior at the end"
    - "students working independently without distracting others"

"tasks done with no more than minimal raminders"

#### **SOURCE OF TERMS/CONCEPTS**

from ATRP (TPM 2.3)

from ATRP (TPM 7 b): "help students determine their achievement on objectives"

from CPST-SE (CP 5 b): "Activities or assignments are differentiated to match the unique needs of individual students."

from ATRP (TPM 5)

- a "Plans require students to acquire factual information or to explain or summarize it."
- b "Plans require students to apply information to particular situations."
- c "Plans require students to identify and clarify parts of complex ideas or synthesize knowledge by integrating information."
- d "Plans require students to judge the value and importance of ideas or information."

from ATRP (CP 15.2): "Teacher attends to routine tasks in a disruptive or inefficient manner"

from CPST-SE (CP 16 b): "When finished, students put work away properly and engage in an appropriate activities [sic]"

from CPST-SE (CP 16 d): "reinforces appropriate behavior at the end"

from CPST-SE (CP 16 a): "Studerits in independent group do not interrupt the teacher or disturb other students"

from CPST-SE (CP 13.4): "Students . . . need only occasional and mild reminders about adherence to established classroom techniques."



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- 11 b "Focused attention early for learning"
- 12 b "Apparent effort to preclude potential confusion"
  - c "Immediate clarification in same or different words OR not needed"
- 13 b "Teaching adjusted to monitoring and interpreted student feedback"
  - Stem "Such teaching methods as the following observed:
    - ... discussion, explanation, ... demonstration, ... drill, inquiry, ... cooperative learning, ... problem solving, role-playing
  - Stem "SPECIALIZED TECHNIQUES such as VAKT, Learning Strategies Model, Direct Teaching"
- 14 b "Asked for responses or questions throughout lesson"
  - c "Recognized students wanting to volunteer responses"
  - d "Incorporated appropriate responses into the lesson"
- 15 Changed into simple past tense to match grammar of other ALOE items.

#### **SOURCE OF TERMS/CONCEPTS**

- from CPST-SE (CP 1 a): "Begins lesson promptly."
  from CPST-SE (CP 15 c): "Distractive scenarios are
  anticipated and preventive measures taken"
  concerning the physical setting"
- from CPST-SE (CP 7.3): "The student is confused by directions given the first time and does." follow them, but quick clarifications obtain prompt appropriate responses."
- from CPST-SE (CP 19.4): "Follows lesson plan well, has good follow-up questions which reflect on-going student understanding, and modifies instruction accordingly," and (CP 20 b): "On-going monitoring for understanding by individual students is conducted, and appropriate adjustments to instruction are implemented."
- from ATRP (CP 7): "Teaching methods such as the following may be observed: drill, inquiry, discussion, role playing, demonstration, explanation, problem solving, cooperative learning activities, etc."
- from CPST-SE (CP 3.5): "A specialized teaching technique is evident and applied in a highly skillful and very successful manner. (Example: VAKT, Learning Strategies Model, Direct Teaching)"
- from ATRP (CP 5.4): "Teacher asks for responses or questions frequently throughout the lesson and provides feedback"
- from ATRP (CP 5.3): "Some of the students wanting to make contributions are recognized and asked to give responses."
- from ATRP (CP 5.5): "... the teacher incorporates... student responses and questions into activities" and CPST-SE (CP 19.3): "... to incorporate responses effectively into on-going instruction."

from ATRP (CP 10)



- 16 a "Provider positive feedback for student work"
  - b "Provided such corrective feedback as additional input, focusing attention, clarification, restatement with prompting for incorrect answers, nonresponsiveness, 'wild guesses,' or misinterpretations OR Not needed"

- c "Helped students evaluate their own performance"
- 17 a "Previewed or helped students identify purpose or importance of lesson"
  - c "Modeled (demonstrated) the target learning"
  - d "... opportunity to correctly practice skills..."
- 18 a "Relevant to objective(s)"
  - b "Students actively involved in concept or skill closure"
- 19 a "When used, supported (contributed to) objectives"
  - d "Media/materials blended smoothly with other kinds of instruction"

#### **SOURCE OF TERMS/CONCEPTS**

- from ATRP (CP 6.4): "Students are told specifically what is correct and incorrect about their performance and are told specifically how to improve."
- from ATRP (CP 6.4): ". . . told specifically how to improve" and CPST-SE (CP 8):
  - a "Incorrect answers are handled by such techniques as supplying the question matched to the wrong answer and prompting the correct answer OR no such responses are given."
  - b "I don't know' and non-responsiveness to the teacher's questions are handled by such techniques are providing additional input, OR no such responses are give 1."
  - c "Wild guesses or responses that indicate a major lack of understanding of the concept are handled by such techniques as providing corrective input or no such responses are given."
  - d "Answers indicating a misinterpretation of the question or lack of attention or a "flip" attend are handled by such techniques as clarification and focusing attention, OR no such responses are given."
- from ATRP (CP 6.5): ". . . teacher guidance helps students to evaluate their own performance."
- from ATRP (CP 13 b): "Teacher uses "echniques which help to make material meaningful to students or explains the importance of what students are learning."
- from ATFiP (CP 13 c): "Teacher demonstrates or models the precise learning or response . . . expected."
- from ATRP (CP 13 a): "Each student is then given opportunity to practice that correct response."
- from ATRP (CP 12 d): "Closure/summarization is relevant to the objective(s)."
- from ATRP (CP 12 c): "Teacher actively involves students in their own closure/summarization."
- from CPST-SE (CP 2.4): "Extensive use is made of . . . materials in a manner which clearly contributed to learning the skill or concept" and ATRP (CP 2.4): "Materials chosen are relevant to the objectives."
- from ATRP (CP 1.4): "Media blends smoothly with other kinds of instruction."



- 20 Stem "Coserved all learners could effectively participate in the whole group"
  - a "Continuously observed entire class while directing relevant questions or observation to any attended subgroup"
  - b "Grouping based on diagnosed or frequently-checked skill levels and abilities with objective being taught"
- 21 c "Presented adaptations for those who finished early or did not finish"
- 22 a "Began and ended class on time"
  - c "Revised instruction using evaluation results or observation OR not needed"
  - d "Interruptions minimized by on-going classroom management"
- 23 b "Vocabulary appropriate and at proper difficulty level"
- 24 a "Speech and writing grammatically correct"
  - b "Speech understandable"
- 25 a "Noise level, activity, and movement minimized distractions (conducive to learning objectives)"
  - b "Provided . . . materials in safe and orderly setting"
  - c "Bulletin boards and displays showed student work or promoted instructional purpose"

#### **SOURCE OF TERMS/CONCEPTS**

- from CPST-SE (CP 5 a): ". . . or it can accurately be assumed that all learners can effectively participate in the whole group."
- from CPST-SE (CP 9): operational definition of "withitness"
- from CPST-SE (4.5): ". . . uses a diagnostic-prescriptive approach"
- from CPST-SE (CP 5 c-d): "Remedial, adaptive or enrichment materials/equipment which are distinct from those provided to others are used by at least one student" and "Alternative presentation methods are matched to different children depending upon their unique needs."
- from ATRP (CP 16 a): "Activities are begun promptly."
- from CPST-SE (CP 19.4): ". . . modifies instruction accordingly"
- from ATRP (CP 16 c-d): "There are no delays during the lesson" and "There are no digressions from objective during the lesson."
- from CPST-SE (CP 18 b-c): "The language is appropriate for the learners."
- from CPST-SE (CP 18 a): "Uses correct grammar. No more than two errors."
- from CPST-SE (CP 18 d): "The language is characterized by proper volume, articulation, intonation and pace."
- from CPST-SE (CP 15 c): "Distractive scenarios are anticipated and preventive measures taken."
- from ATRP (CP 17 a-b): "Classroom is free of litter" and "Furniture is neat and orderly."
- from ATRP (CP 17 d): "Bulletin boards and displays serve an instructional purpose."



- 26 Streamlined and changed into simple past tense to match grammar of other ALOE items.
  - "(Rated '5' if one activity was appropriately conducted. . .)"
  - 1 "Ignored one situation or activity"
  - 2 "Attended each situation or activity inefficiently"
  - 3 "Attended one situation or activity well, the rest inefficient with busy work, idle time, or practice that reinforces errors"
  - 4 "One situation or activity clearly more meaningful, but the rest not neglected"
  - 5 "Each situation or activity smoothly attended, all students on task"
- 30 a "Noise level . . . "
  - "... activity, and movement minimized distractions ..."
  - b "Provided student comfort..."
    - "... ventilation, temperature, and avoided glares"
  - "Spoken directions clear and moderately presented"
  - d "Materials arranged to minimize distractions"

#### SOURCE OF TERMS/CONCEPTS

from CPST-SE (CP 10)

"Whole group/one activity situation."

- 1 "Unable to handle more than one situation, activity or group at a time. One is ignored."
- 2 "Manages two situations, groups or activities at a time, but both suffer because of the need to deal with the items simultaneously."
- 3 "Manages two situations, activities or groups simultaneously with one doing well but with the other characterized by such inefficiencies as some degree of busy work, idle time, or practice that reinforces errors."
- 4 "Handles two situations, activities or groups simultaneously without becoming so immersed in one that the other is neglected. However, one group is clearly at an instructional advantage over the other in terms of meaningfulness of their activity."
- 5 "Handles two or three situations, activities or groups simultaneously with such smoothness that all students are on task with equally meaningful learning activities."
- from CPST-SE (Env 4 c): ". . . avoids noisy areas, other voices, etc."
- from CPST-SE (Env 4 a): "Has child face away from doors and windows where movement and activity are going on or large open spaces with distracting pictures, colors, toys, etc."
- from CPST-SE (Env 5 a): "Makes certain the student is in a comfortable position."
- from CPST-SE (Env 5 c): "Provides a well-lit room with adequate ventilation and comfortable temperature" and CPST-SE (Env 5 d): "Avoids glaring lights, reflections from pages and faces student away from the window if possible"
- from CPST-SE (Env 6 a): "Examiner speaks in a clear, audible voice at a moderate rate of speed"
- from CPST-SE (Env 7 d): "Provides an efficient arrangement and method of manipulating materials to avoid . . . distractions for tile student"



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- 31 Streamlined and modified to fit ALOE grammatical construction
  - a "Disregarded or redirected irrelevant remarks"
  - b "Focused on motivation, interest, and task"
  - c "Ignored nondisruptive extraneous movements . . . "
    - "... such as encouraging general performance, not specific items or answers"
  - d "Foresaw and precluded fatigue and distractions"
- 32 a "Instrument efficient to process"
  - b "Maintained record of appropriate demographic data (e.g., chronological age, correct items, etc.)"
  - "Evaluated as a whole, weighting results as needed"
  - d "Test evaluated within the <u>intent</u> of the instrument"
- 33 a "Based on specific observed information for objective, straightforward style in interpretation"

- b "Reason for the report implicit or specified"
- c "Recording done soon"
- "Standard English spelling, grammar
  . . . for formal written reports . . . "
  ". . . low-inference words for written reports . . ."
  - "... on specific students ... "

#### SOURCE OF TERMS/CONCEPTS

from CPST-SE (AS 9)

- a "Examiner disregards or redirects irrelevant remarks"
- b "Examiner minizes extraneous movements by developing motivation, interest, and task orientation"
- c "Examiner ignores extraneous movements which do not interfere with the students functioning"
- from CPST-SE (Env 6 c): "Examiner commends and encourages for general performance but never on specific items"
- from CPST-SE (AS 9 d): "Examiner handles extraneous behavior by foreseeing fatigue and distractions"
- from CPST-SE (AS 16 d): "Examiner completes report within a few hours of completing the assessment"
- from CPST-SE (AS 11 d): "Examiner double-checks the chronological age, the number of correct items, additions, and arithmetic calculations"
- from CPST-SE (AS 10 d): "Examiner evaluates equivalent responses in light of other responses listed in the scoring standards"
- from CPST-SE (AS 10 b): "Examiner knows the intent of each test or subtest weil"
- planned to determine students' knowledge base" and CPST-SE (CP 20 d): "Summative testing which is matched to the objectives is conducted, and the results provided to the students" and CPST-SE (AS 15 a): "Examiner makes report straightforward and objective" and CPST-SE (AS 13 a): "Examiner omits hearsay or unverified opinions . . ." and CPST-SE (AS 13 c): "Examiner uses behavioral descriptions or supporting information rather than generalized statements . . ." and CPST-SE (AS 13 d): "Examiner backs all generalized statements with specific information"
- from CPST-SE (AS 13 a): "Examiner is aware of the reason for the report . . . "
- from CPST-SE (AS 16 d): "Examiner completes report within a few hours of completing the assessment"
- from CPST-SE (AS 15 b): "Examiner edits the report carefully for spelling, grammar, and punctuation"
- from CPST-SE (AS 15 c): "Examiner edits sematics -- ... nebulous words, pet expressions ..."
- from CPST-SE (AS 15 d): "Examiner writes to report on a specific, unique student"



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- 34 Modified item to fit ALOE grammar 36 Modified from ATRP (IS 1) with subdescriptors by Barbara Weber, Center for Educational Development, Tucson, Arizona, from Mary Collin's *Enthusiasm Scale* (1976)
  - a "Eye contact or facial expressions communicated respect, concern, and interest."
  - b "<u>Voice inflections</u> stressed points of interest and importance."
  - c "Posture communicated poise, . . . moved around room, . . . sat among students"
  - d "Gestures accentuated points."
- 37 a "Used student names in both a warm, friendly way"
  - b "Asked (or knew) student interests and opinions"
  - d "Language free of derogatory references, sarcasm"
- 38 b "Clear expectations about behavior supported by constructive comments about (un)acceptable behavior"
  - "Indicated awareness of participation and any significant off-task behavior"
  - d "Nonverbal feedback, smiles, frowns, nods, proximity"
- 39 a "Praised, corrected, recognized, or displayed student products at signs of emerging frustration, boredom, or restlessness to appropriately meet needs"
  - b "... complimented sustained effort and self-discipline during difficulty"
  - c "Feedback adjusted to emotional needs without overreacting or losing balance
- 40 b "Appropriate behavior reinforcement"
  - b "such as: rewards, compliments, correction, non-verbal communication, encouragement"
  - c "Inconsequential misbehavior overlooked OR none existed"

#### **SOURCE OF TERMS/CONCEPTS**

from CPST-SE (GT 1) from ATRP (IS 1)



- a "Eye contact or facial expressions communicate pleasure, concern, interest, etc."
- b "Voice inflections stress points of interest and importance."
- c "Posture (moving around room or sitting among students) communicates enthusiasm."
- d "Gestures to accentuate points communicated"
- from ATRP (IS 2 d): "Teacher uses students' names in a warm and friendly way."
- from ATRP (IS 2 a): "Teacher asks about students' interests and opinions."
- from ATRP (IS 4 d): "Teacher's language is free of derogatory references or sarcasm."
- from ATRP (IS 4 a): "Expectations about behavior are clear" and CPST-SE (BehMgt 6 a): "identifies inappropriate behavior . . ." and CPST-SE (CP 11 c): "Makes suggestions for further improvement of student's work in such a situation."
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 5.5): "Identifies . . . all significant off-task behaviors . . . "
- from ATRP (IS 4 b): "Teacher provides nonverbal feedback (smiles, frowns, nods, moves closer to student, etc.) . . ."
- from CPST-SE (CP 12.1-4): "Detects outward signs of emerging frustration . . ." and CPST-SE (CP 11 a): "Shows a genuine interest in a student's work when the student first begins to show signs of boredom or restlessness."
- from CPST-SE (CP 11 b): "Compliments the student for effort in such a situation."
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 4.4): "Appropriately responds (neither overdoing nor underdoing) to learners who participate . . . "
- from ATRP (IS 5 c): "Appropriate behavior is reinforced."
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 4.5): "... responds... using a variety of compliments, encourageing [sic] statements, rewards, or non-verbal responses."
- from ATRP (IS 5 b): "Inconsequential behavior problems are overlooked or none exist."



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- 41 a "Focused on individuals who cause disruptions rather than the entire class"
  - b "Major disruptions attended to quickly and firmly"
  - c "Appropriate Consequences, such as: based on severity of rule violation or off-task or disruptive behavior . . ."

"clarity to students"

"consistent and fair application"

- 43 a "Behavioral objectives based on baseline data or observation"
  - "One specific system with understandable rules and consequences (e.g., assertive discipline, precision teaching)"
  - c "Uses direct observation measurement procedure, such as . . . event recording"
  - d "Such techniques as the following observed (combined or modified as indicated): activity reinforcement" "contingency contracting, social reinforcement"

"group contingency, home-based reinforcement, modeling, shuping, social reinforcement"

#### **SOURCE OF TERMS/CONCEPTS**

- from ATRP (IS 6 a): "Individuals who have caused disruptions are dealt with rather than the entire class being punished."
- from ATRP (IS 6 b): "Major disruptions are attended to quickly and firmly."
- from ATRP (IS 6 c): "Consequences for misbehavior are based on the severity of the disruptions" and CPST-SE (BehMgt 8.5): "Consequences . . . are matched to the severity of the infraction."
- from ATRP (IS 4 a): "Expectations about behavior are clear" and CPST-SE (BehMgt 8.5): "Consequences . . . are obviously clear to the students . . . "
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 8.4): "Consequences . . . are consistently and fairly applied . . . "
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 12 a): "Writes objectives aimed at at least one student based on collected baseline data or which will be assessed by direct observation."
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 9 d): "Uses one specific management system with clear rules and consequences that children understand (eg. [sic] assertive discipline, precision teaching)"
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 12 a): "Uses a direct observation procedure in connection with the lesson . . . such as: event recording to obtain performance data."
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 9 c): "Uses several different reinforcers such as edible, tangible, token social, or activity reinforcers."
- from ATRP (IS 5 a): "Teacher uses techniques (e.g., social approval, contingent activities, etc.) to maintain appropriate behavior."
- from CPST-SE (BehMgt 9 e): "Demonstrates at least one of the following techniques during the lesson: token system, contingency contracting, home-based reinforcement, group contingency, social reinforcement, modeling, shaping."



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#### CSI Item Numbers, Descriptors, Quotes

- 1 a "Specified purpose and outline of content"
  - b "Provided appropriate setting""neat, clean""comfortable seating""confidential, uninterrupted"
  - c "Provided record accessibility and ease of viewing"
  - d "Appropriate closure, including summary, follow-up, and transition to informal conversation"
- 2 a "Courteous, deferential, respectful, and polite"
  - b "Unconditional positive regard without moralizing"
  - "Helping individual identify/deal with any defensive or adjustive behavior OR None existed"
  - d "Indicates ampathy when the individual has difficult, answering a question (expressed understanding, concern, and encouragement during especially sensitive moments)"
- 3 a "Facilitated speaking what's on the individual's mind . . . "
  - "... rather than on the interviewer's next remark"
  - b "Clearly stated questions related to the conference purpose . . . "
  - c "Checked what is meant"
  - d "Interpreted or summarized and identified constructive intervention strategies"

#### **CPST-SE SOURCE OF ITEMS/PHRASES**

- from 1 a: "Written interview guide has statement giving the purpose of the interview."
- from 2 stem: "Provides Appropriate Setting"
- from 2 a: "... space is clean, neat ..."
- from 2 b: ". . . provides for comfortable seating . . . "
- from 2 c: ". . . provisions have been made for no interruptions . . . "
- from 2 b: "... provides for ... ease of seating, easy viewing of charts and records ..."
- from 1 d: "... provides for appropriate closure of the interview including ... summary of highlights, transition from formal interview to informal conversation, and follow-up."
- from 4 a: "Is courteous, deferential and polite throughout the entire conference/interview."
- from 4 b: "Maintains unconditional positive regard throughout conference/interview, no moralizing"
- from 5.5: "... interviewer helps clients deal with the defensive mechanism of stage of adjustment or No defensive or adjustive behaviors are evident."
- from 4 c: "Expresses understanding and concern when the client reveals problems or discusses worries" and IPS 4 d: "Encourages client when he/s, e has difficulty answering a question or has a problem talking about a topic."
- from 8: "Keeps the Client Talking"
- from 9.5: "Actively involved in what the client is saying."
- from 10.3: "Questions are clearly stated and . . . related to the theme of the interview . . . "
- from 10.4: ". . . asks for clarifications when appropriate."
- from 13 d: ". . . interviewer brings thoughts to focus by bringing together several ideas through <u>summarization</u>."



#### CSI item Numbers, Descriptors, Quotes

- 4 a "Relevant to conference purpose"
  - b "Real need addressed for specific resotion"
  - c "Meaningful examples, samples, charts, profiles, or test results provided"
  - d "Related to a whole picture"
- 5 c "Evaluated options to resolve needs"
  - d "Constructively-directed, avoided irrelevant or disruptive sidetracking"
- 6 a "Understandable, articulate, correct"
  - b "Professional vocabulary appropriate for the interviewed person's age and background"
  - c "Talked to, not down or over the head"
  - d "Provided alternatives and qualifications for sensitive areas"
- 7 a "Appropriate initiation begun by interviewer"

  "what should be accomplished in the conference, topics to be addressed ..., use of information, assurance of confidentiality . . ."

  "length of the conference"
  - "... topics to be addressed (any added by the individual) . . ."
  - b "Use of time effective to achieving conference goals"
  - "Managed distractions and digressions OR none existed"
  - d "Routine tasks not disruptive"
- 8 b "Persons Identified as who will do what when"
  - c "Alternative plans specified if unsuccessful"
  - d "Follow-up plan specified"

#### **CPST-SE SOURCE OF ITEMS/PHRASES**

- from 17.3: the positive side of "Trivial items or irrelevant content are avoided . . . "
- from 17.5: "... a real problem is addressed in terms of possible solutions and a specific plan of action."
- from 17.4: "Client is provided with work samples, charts, profiles, test results or meaningful examples . . ."
- from 17.3: "Content . . . includes important items and issues that are brought together to form a whole."
- from 17.5: "... addressed in terms of possible solutions and a specific plan of action."
- from 11.5: "... while staying on target and accomplishing the goals of the interview" and 15.2: "... instances of wasted time during the interview."
- from 6 a: "Speech is understandable and art:Julate" and 6 b: "Oral expression is correct."
- from 6 d: "Vocabulary is professional but appropriate for the age and background of the client."
- from 12 c: "Does not talk down to or over the head of the client."
- from 12 d: "Provides for alternative responses in sensitive areas."
- from 16 stem: "Initiates the Conference/Interview"
- from 16 a: "Explains the purpose of the conference/interview, what is trying to be accomplished, how the information will be used, and assurances of confidentiality."
- from 16 c: "Indicates how long the conference/interview will last."
- from 16 d: "Invites the client to add topics, to ask questions, and to genuinely interact in the interview."
- from 15.4: "Interviewer makes highly effective use of time throughout the interview resulting in the achievement of the goals of the interview . . ."
- from 15.5: "... interviewer is confronted with distractions and efforts by the client to digress ..."
- from 14.2: "Attends to routine tasks in a disruptive or inefficient manner . . . "
- from 18.4: ". . . who will do what, when is specifically stated."
- from 18.5: "... the plan includes specifics about what alternative strategies will be pursued if the initial ones do not succeed ..."
- from 18.4: "There is a clear plan of action . . . "



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- 9 a "Summary of highlights"
  - b "Limitations of conference stated"
  - c "Follow-up plan of what was to happen next"
  - d "Informal courtesy"
- 10 Modified slightly to fit ALOE grammatical construction.

#### **CPST-SE SOURCE OF ITEMS/PHRASES**

from 19.4: ". . . summary of highlights . . . "

from 19.4: ". . . statement of limitations of sessions . . . "

from 19.5: ". . . conference/interview concludes with a statement about what is to happen next (follow-up plan)."

up plan).

from 19.3: ". . . courtesy . . . "

from 20

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## Instrument History

Teaching owes a profound debt to the Georgia Department of Education and Lester M. Solomon for pioneering the *Teacher Performance Assessment Instruments* (TPAI) developed by the University of Georgia College of Education with over 4,000 educators contributing to teaching competency development. Quantification and analyses of observed teaching skiiis--and related support to teachers--have opened an era of educational research otherwise impossible.

Based on the TPAI, the *Arizona Teacher Residency Project* (ATRP) was piloted at Northern Arizona University several years beginning in 1983. The present instrument owes its basic shape and components to the TPAI/ATRP. Hierarchical scales with values of 1-to-5 were found most fitting for some items. Discrete scales with combinations of characteristics or subskills were found most fitting for other items. A key component to the TPAI/ATRP is the training program which creates a common frame of reference and a set of procedures for leacher evaluation and communication. This reduces subjectivity.

The Critical Professional Skills of Teaching--Special Education (CPST-SE) soon incorporated and expanded the ATRP. Specialized vocabulary and skiils attempted to keep the strengths of ATRP while focusing on concerns and issues specific to Special Education.

The Arizona Lesson Observation and Evaluation (ALOE) began in March, 1988, as a revision of ATRP. Comments on the teacher-evaluation systems of the Amphitheater, Kyrene, Apache Junction, and Peoria School Districts in Arizona were appended to specific ATRP items for possible tailoring to further support such teacher education "customers." (These districts had shown the most teacher-administrator support for their teacher evaluation systems in Arizona. These systems also largely supported ATRP.) The consensus at the time was to rewrite the ATRP into a discrete-scale document. The regular teacher education faculty wanted feedback from various groups who worked with the ATRP before further tailoring to teacher education needs.

Feedback from the following sources changed the direction from a revision into another generation of focused teacher observation:

(1) University student teacher supervisors with backgrounds in (a) elementary and (b) secondary teacher education, (c) Special Education, (d) Foundations, and (e) Educational Psychology,



- (2) Educational Specialties Faculty (Special Education and Bilingual/Multicultural Education), and
- (3) Educational Psychology Faculty.

Busy faculty members suggested specific items or descriptors within their areas of expertise. In addition, Dr. Ron Hockwalt, District Superintendent of Cajon Valley Union School District, El Cajon, California, submitted his district teacher evaluation system for consideration. This system translated Effective Schools Research into competency format and uniquely contributed the basis for ALOE items eight and nine.

In 1984, the State of Arizona established Ceriter for Excellence in Education (CEE) at Northern Arizona University. Legislative support assumes accountability, and the ALOE is one component of the Teacher Education Database effort to validate all teaching graduates. A quickly-growing school, the Center for Excellence in Education has separate regular and Special Education teacher education instruments. Completely separate long-range databases for regular and Special Education would require major adjustments for dual majors, but database construction for each area is also more than the Center has allocated resources to develop. Thus, the Center moved into a phase of blending the much longer CPST-SE with the ATRP/TPAI into the ALOE.

Since the ALOE integrates ATRP and CPST-SE, ALOE would be considerably longer than either parent instrument except for two strategies. ALOE attempts to (1) reduce duplication and (2) convert predominantly hierarchical-scale instruments into predominantly discrete-scale instruments. Directions to quantify the scales in instrument directions are brief examples.

Discrete-scale items are scored as:

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Whereas hierarchical-scales rank statements or characteristics, ALOE discrete-scales include three-to-six possible observations called descriptors, for instance: (a) One characteristic existed; (b) Another trait was evident; (c) Some issue was addressed. While the parent instruments address many of the same skills, both are predominantly hierarchical-scale instruments.



Teaching context is a source of concern for observers. Does the observation focus on teaching a simple skill within a lesson, on a lesson itself, or on an instructional unit? ALOE separates items specific to an instructional unit into a supplement to be observed by the cooperating teacher. There are thirty items both cooperating teacher and university supervisor observe.

In 1989, the ALOE editing committee representing teacher education and inservice at Northern Arizona University, Arizona State University, and Grand Canyon University reviewed the instrument. It is the intent of the editing committee that the instrument and the knowledge base serve rather than drive the teaching. The TPAI, ATRP, and CPST-SE items all have a 1-to-5 quantitative potential. The committee moved to a more open-ended approach.

Like ATRP and CPST-SE, ALOE will soon be adapted to scanner forms. The ALOE has several features and applications seldom addressed in instruments: (1) Context editions for comparison with methods class instruments, and to focus on specific settings for university supervisors and cooperating teachers, and an expanded Reference Edition for clarification. (2) The basic Supervisor Edition has nine percent (9%) less items than the ATRP, the shorter parent document. (3) Two supplemental items address Bilingual/Multicultural Education. Two more items address uniquely Special Education concerns, one of which is observed by both cooperating teacher and university supervisor. (4) A Categorical Component--planning, implementation, discipline and organization, and reflection--add the dimension of focusing attention on the conceptual knowledge base for expanding professional teaching repertoire. (5) Garry Taylor's Functional Elements Analysis of Teaching Skills (FEATS), recently developed at NAU, is 90-94% content related to the ALOE, providing an instructional counterpart so teacher education faculty do not have to "teach to the (ALOE) test." Accordingly, concern for ALOE instrumental research effect is minimized. FEATS addresses interrelated teaching concepts especially appropriate for methods classes and inservice. (6) The Conference Skills Instrument (CSI), screened by individual Special Education, Educational Psychology, and Educational Administration faculty, was integrated into the comprehensive package. Internships allow more time for actual conferences to be conducted and observed in Special Education, Educational Psychology, and Educational Administration. Teacher inservice offers opportunity for mentors, department chairs, and principals to observe actual conferences scarcely available to university supervisors.

Students from regular and Special Education (20-to-30 each) and Vocational Education are involved in the pilot study establishing correlation of parent instruments to ALOE during fall, 1989. The Center is trying to balance reliability and usability (streamlined in the low-inference ATRP format) while addressing concerns raised by education constituents (validity). Dr. Lester Solomon and the Teacher Assessment Project in Georgia faced this concern in the mid-1970s.



## Organization and Intended Applications

The present document (ALOE) and Garry Taylor's Functional Elements Analysis of Teaching Skills (FEATS) form an integrated observation package allowing for teaching to be addressed in three dimensions:

- (1) a categorical perspective,
- (2) a clustered-repertoire context perspective (FEATS), and
- (3) a skill level.

These dimensions are addressed in three contexts with distinct instrument editions for individuals able to observe teaching from specific perspectives:

- (1) Methods Edition designed to compare with existing instruments involving lessons taught peers in teacher education methods class settings,
- (2) Supervisor Edition designed for university supervisors, inservice agency observers, and researchers to observe lessons taught in actual K-12 classroom settings, and
- (3) Cooperating Teacher designed for cooperating teacher, department chair, or principal to observe instructional units taught in actual K-12 classroom settings.

All of the Methods Edition items and descriptors can be observed in the Supervisor (lesson-focus) Edition setting, which in turn can be observed in Cooperating Teacher (instructional unit-focus) Edition setting. These editions have a cumulative relationship up to the complete Cooperating Teacher Edition. The Reference Edition was designed to explain in the same format expanded explanations of the skills and concepts. As such, it is cumbersome to use. The other three editions are more abbreviated work editions intended for regular use. Once ALOE is piloted, evaluators are Intended to receive their appropriate work editions (Methods, Supervisor, or Cooperating Teacher Edition) with the Reference Edition. The various editions can be used to identify developmental aspects of teaching ability.

For teacher education and inservicing, Conference Skills Instrument (CSI) focuses observation on personal conferences. Conference Skills Instrument Reference and Work Editions are included in the present document. Lesson observations are easier to arrange than conference observations. Simulation may address such skills and issues for most teacher education. Special Education, Educational Psychology, and Educational Administration internships allow enough time for actual conferences to be conducted in those fields. Teacher inservicing offers opportunity for mentors, department chairs, and principals to observe actual conferences.



## **ALOE Reference Edition**

#### **Expanded Arizona Lesson Observation and Evaluation**

March 30, 1990

## **Available Editions (Applications)**

The instrument has a categorical component to allow focus on such general clusters as identifying beforehand what is to be taught and actually teaching what has been planned. The editions (applications) are cumulative. Methods items are included in the Supervisor Edition, which is, in turn, included in the Cooperation Teacher Edition. This feature allows skills to be compared as students progress through the teacher education program and into their initial years of teaching.

### METHODS CLASS EDITION (Simulation)

This edition is designed for comparison with instruments used in methods classes for peer teaching. Any item can be used as the focus of observation. Italicized items, descriptors, and phrases in the Methods Edition are not normally expected to be observed in simulation (peer-teaching) settings. These italicized items are printed only to help the observer keep the context of the skills usually observed in elementary and secondary schools.

### EDUCATION SUPERVISOR/RESEARCH EDITION (Teaching a Lesson)

The teaching context is the lesson. Designed to assist actual K-12 lesson observation by both university supervisors and cooperating teachers during field experience and student teaching.

### COOPERATING TEACHER EDITION (Teaching an Instructional Unit)

The teaching context is the instructional unit. This edition expands the Supervisor Edition with items for which a mentor has knowledge of adopted curriculum, local school policy, and long-term exposure to instructional unit implementation. Such mentors include cooperating teachers during student teaching and school principals or department chairs as the teaching career begins.

The CATEGORICAL COMPONENT adds an integrative dimension to the instrument, which is more than a mere average of items in each category. As one finishes rating each category, the perceived "feel" for the category is recorded in the categorical component. This component is valuable for introductory professional education coursework to develop perspective. It is most important to keep the context of individual skills to the instructional setting. This is the realm in which the art of teaching operates. The definitions for the ratings from Functional Elements Analysis of Teaching Skills (FEATS) by Garry Taylor are briefly:

not applicable to the activity zero one unobserved, needs education before practice five needs minimal refinement two needs significant education/practice three needs additional education/practice

four needs significant refinement six developed or mastered



**Categorical Component** 

DIRECTIONS FOR THE CATEGORICAL ITEMS (BELOW) ON THIS PAGE: As you conclude and develop a consensus or "feel" for a category with the other evaluator (the cooperating teacher/department chair/principal or the university supervisor/mentor), record the perception as a rating rather than an average for the following categorical items. Circle the appropriate number 0-through-6. The purpose is not to average the items of each category, but to estimate an overall "feel" for each category. Categorical Component rating definitions developed by Garry Taylor for Functional Elements Analysis of Teaching Skills (FEATS) are:

#### **Categorical Rating Scale Definitions**

			·			
Not applicable	Needs education before practice	Needs significant education and practice	Needs minimal education and practice	Needs significant refinement	Needs minimal refinement	Mastered
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			MANAGEMEN <sup>®</sup> he desired lear		classroom beh	avior and
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ence)	: Was able	to identify stra	OPMENT (a	techniques, d	or approaches	er- to
improv 0	ve teaching	effectiveness v	vith the student	s in the obser	ved lesson.	
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#### PROFESSIONAL THINKING AND **PLANNING**

#### Specified Observable, Measurable Lesson Objectives

Condition for lesson observation: Outline of unit objectives

- a. Objectives based on identified unit concepts and skills (measures to determine achievement)
- b. Objectives logically sequenced OR one objective planned
- c. Appropriate for student success level
- d. Specified conditions of performance

(1) Objectives

#### **Specified Teaching Procedures for Lesson**

- a. Referenced to objectives
- b. Identified clearly how objectives are met
- c. Sequenced in terms of what students are to do
- d. Included an advanced organizer (set)
- e. Included appropriate closure
- f. Included integrative transitions

(2) Procedures

#### Specified Resources for Lesson

Condition: List or inclusion of materials (even in facsimile form)

- a. Relevant and referenced to objective/learning activity
- b. Usable (e.g., readable, easy-to-follow directions)
- Concrete or manipulative (hands-on) material included OR Not needed
- d. Supplemental resources contributed to skill or concept OR School-adopted resources sufficient

(3) Resources



#### **Specified Procedures for Assessing Progress**

Condition: Indicate pre-presentation, progress check, and postpresentation evaluation scheme, including observation, records, teacher-made, or standardized tests

- a. Referenced to objectives (all that's targeted to be learned)
- b. Helped students identify objectives before any graded assessment
- c. Appropriate to objectives (what is planned), content (what is taught), and procedures (how it's presented)
- d. Assessment appropriate to target students (not necessarily the same for all students) and expectancies (approximate or district-defined grade-level expectations)
- e. Planned for periodic progress checks

(4) Assessment Procedures

(5) Diversity of Student Culture and Behavior

#### Planned for Student Diversity

a. Based on noted observation, such as

cognitive abilities cultural/language backgrounds learning styles social/emotional maturity

learning rates reluctant or difficult-to-reach pupils

at-risk pupils handicaps

 Targeted specific or individual instruction (referenced to specific assessment or previous event) OR observed that individualized instruction not needed

[Not all students necessarily get same assignment.]

- c. Provided for adaptive or unfinished assignments relevant to objectives and meaningful enrichment activities for those who finish early
- d. Identified alternative procedures (such as <u>referral</u> to specialists of students with special needs the teacher can't meet)
   OR observed that alternative procedures were not essential

#### **Activities Accounted for Student Diversity**

Plan (including questions to be addressed) balanced higher and lower thinking processes, such as Bloom's Cognitive Taxonomy identified here:

Identify, clarify, or summarize;
Apply information to particular situations;
Identify and clarify parts of complex ideas or synthesize (integrate) knowledge;
Judge value and importance of ideas,

according to the following criteria:

- a. Appropriate to unit objectives
- b. Apparent for student ease and motivation (readiness)
- c. Smooth transition to/from other cognitive levels
- Appropriately balanced higher and lower cognitive thinking

(6) Diversity of Student Abilities



#### **Established Conditions for Learning**

a. Procedures specify control techniques to facilitate target learning

activity reinforcement social reinforcement

token system modeling

- b. Facilities (physical arrangement) and materials readily accessible (organized to maximize target learning)
- c. Specified expectations for student behavior

identifying discipline strategies (beginning at lowestkey effective strategy): eye contact, proximity, gestures, touch, cue, "chew," natural consequence, time out, punishment, suspension, expulsion

preorganizing (directions to initiate non-routine transitions) to facilitate routines and minimize distractions

contingency contracting activity reinforcement

group contingency

shaping modeling token system

home-based reinforcement

(7) Classroom
Control and
Management

## Specific Cooperating Teacher Observation

UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR OR MENTOR PREVIEWS ITEMS 8 AND 9 WITH PRINCIPAL, COOPERATING TEACHER, OR DEPARTMENT CHAIR. Some descriptors are available as the cooperating teacher evaluates the overall unit when completed. At the school site, teacher knowledge of district scope and sequence should determine relevance of a lesson and unit to adopted course objectives.

#### Adherence to Curriculum Objective

- a. Preassessment or previous unit performance defined base from which to build unit
- b. Unit performance evaluation based on specified criteria
- c. Enrichment and/or remedial plans based on formative evaluation OR Approximately 80% of the students achieved 80% of the objectives
- d. Students were provided unit feedback

(8) Unit Progress and Feedback

#### Adherence to Course Objectives

- (1) instruction meets adopted scope and sequence.
- (2) Any substituted materials are related to the adopted course of study.
- 9.1 Unrelated
- 9.2 Slightly related
- 9.3 Satisfactory
- 9.4 Relevant to course
- 9.5 Most relevant to course

(9) Adherence to Curriculum Objectives



## **INSTRUCTION** AND CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

#### Attended to Routine Tasks (or Time on-Task)

- a. Efficient teacher-attended routine tasks (a manner indicating anticipation)
- b. Instruction not interrupted by routine tasks
- c. Materials ready and in place
- d. Smooth transitions between activities or parts of the lesson (e.g., the transition from opening into the main body, the instructional component)
- e. Evidence of established routines, such as:
  appropriate activities when tasks done early
  putting away finished work properly
  reinforcing appropriate behavior at the end
  students working independently without distracting others
  tasks done with no more than minimal reminders

(10) Routine Tasks

#### **Opened Lesson Effectively**

- a. Previewed lesson (established clear set)
- b. Focused attention early for learning (quickly engaged class in target rearning)
- c. Made use of student motivation and enthusiasm (e.g., having students "teach" what they know)
- d. Opening smooth and integrated (elements fitted together, seamless with lesson components connected naturally)
- e. Connected (bridged) previous learning to new learning

(11) Lesson Opening

## Gave Clear Directions and Explanations Related to the Lesson (or No Misunderstandings were Apparent)

- a. Appropriate (effective) to group size (whether for class, group, or individual)
- b. Apparent effort to preclude potential confusion
- c. Immediate clarification in same or different words OR not needed

(12) Directions and Explanations



**Appropriate** 

Teaching

Methods

(13)

## Used Appropriate and Effective Teaching Methods (Techniques)

- a. Relevant to objective
- b. Teaching adjusted to monitoring and interproted student feedback, effective for student achievement and personal growth
- c. Attention drawn to target learning rather than the method (tool) being used
- d. Smooth transitions between methods (e.g., lesson parts, elements, groups, delivery systems) OR one method appropriately used

Such teaching methods as the following observed:

SHOWING TELLING DONG cooperative audio tapes demonstration exercise learning debate modeling drill manipulation discussion pictures inquiry problem explanation video tapes practice solving exposition role-playing written word simulation lecture panel discussion SPECIALIZED TECHNIQUES such as VAKT, Learning Strategies Model, Direct Teaching

(14) Use of Student

Responses

#### Used Student Responses and Questions in Teaching

- a. Questioning techniques effective for class involvement and appropriate to lesson (including such means as active student involvement or thought-provoking questions)
- b. Asked for responses or questions throughout lesson
- c. Recognized students wanting to volunteer responses
- d. Incorporated appropriate responses into the lesson
- e. Levels of questions, such as

concrete

inferential

pairs of students allowed to answer

questions on a "buddy system"

effective for class involvement and appropriate to

f. Clear, supportive, and helpful answers to questions



#### **Provided Opportunities for Participation**

- 15.1 Class activities required passive presence.
- Only a few students required to participate actively; most appeared to be bystanders.
- 15.3 Most students had opportunity and participated actively at some time in the lesson, such as physical movement small group discussion manipulation of [hands-on] materials
- 15.4 All students had opportunity and participated in some type of activity.
- 15.5 All students had opportunity and participated in two or more activities OR one activity was appropriate for the lesson.

(15) Opportunities to Participate

#### Provided Student Feedback Throughout Lesson

- a. Provided positive feedback for student work
- b. Provided such corrective feedback as
   additional input focusing attention
   clarification restatement with prompting
   for incorrect answers, nonresponsiveness, "wild
   guesses," or misinterpretations OR Not needed
- c. Helped students evaluate their own performance

(16) Feedback to Students

#### Promoted Student Retention

- a. Previewed or helped students identify purpose or importance of lesson
- b. Linked existing student experience or interest to current lesson
- c. Modeled (demonstrated) the target learning
- d. Accurate response to any mistakes with opportunity to correctly practice skills before making assignment or testing
- e. Strategies presented to help organize content such as classifications
  generalizations
  concept relations
- f. Reviewed previously-learned material

(17) Retention

## **Provided Opportunity for Closure or Summarization**

- a. Relevant to objective(s)
- b. Students actively involved in concept or skill closure
- c. Related to lesson setting (what was next, clarification of assignment)

(18) Closure and Summarization



Used Instructional Equipment and Other Aids
Support media/materials were unnecessary (rated "5")
OR the following are evident:

- a. When used, supported (contributed to) objectives
- **b.** Teacher modeled objective with concrete or manipulative (hands-on) materials before practice
- Guided practice used media/materials before independent student practice
- d. Media/materials blended smoothly with other kinds of instruction

(19) instructional Equipment/Aids

Demonstrated Ability to Work with Individuals,
Small Groups, and Large Groups

Observed all learners could effectively participate in the whole group (with minimal frustration and boredom) (rated "5") OR

- a. Continuously observed entire class while directing relevant questions or observation to any attended subgroup
- b. Grouping based on diagnosed or frequently-checked skill levels and abilities with objective being taught
- c. All students doing work they can successfully achieve at approximately 80% mastery level with minimal frustration, according to frequent checks
- d. Teacher role effective to each group size

(20) Grouping

Instruction Addressed Cultural/ Behavioral Diversity

The class was apparently homogeneous regarding ethnic representation, handicap, language, socio-economic status, emotional development, and cognitive ability (rated "5") OR

- a. Integrated instruction to address varied student needs
- b. Lesson adjustments to address learning styles and language ability presented before beginning class activities
- c. Presented adaptations for those who finished early or did
- d. Adapted lesson for student motivation (readiness to be able to master target learning with minimal boredom or frustration)

(21) Diversity



#### **Used Instructional Time Effectively**

- a. Began and ended class on time
- b. Instructional pace and intensity (fast enough but not too fast) effective for class
- Revised instruction using evaluation results or observation OR not needed
- d. Interruptions minimized by on-going classroom management

such as easily removed, replaced equipment material management and distribution quick attendance-taking preventing disruptive situations seating to minimize distraction and maximize appropriate role modeling smooth traffic patterns and transitions

(22) Instructional Time Use

#### **Demonstrated Knowledge in Subject Area**

- a. Presented information relevant to topic or objectives
- b. Vocabulary appropriate and at proper difficulty level
- c. Accurate information in context and current sources
- d. Additional resources for independent student use

(23) Subject Area Knowledge

#### Acceptable Written and Oral Expression

- a. Speech and writing grammatically correct
- b. Speech understandable
- c. Writing legible

(24) Speech and Writing

## Maintained an Attractive and Stimulating Environment

The teacher had no authorization or opportunity to control or modify the classroom setting (rated "6") CR

- a. Noise level, activity, and movement minimized distractions (conducive to learning objectives)
- b. Provided smooth retrieval, arrangement, use, transition, and storage of materials in safe and orderly setting
- c. Bulletin boards and displays showed student work or promoted instructional purpose
- d. Provided student comfort with such matters as: ventilation, temperature, avoided glares, and view of materials

(25) Environment



Special Education Supplement

(Rated "5" if one activity was appropriately conducted "6" if not special education)

#### **Exhibited Overlapping Behavior**

More than one situation or activity simultaneously not apparent during the lesson OR When handling more than one situation or activity simultaneously:

- 26.1 Ignored one situation or activity
- 26.2 Attended each situation or activity inefficiently
- 26.3 Attended one situation or activity well, the rest inefficient with busy work, Idle time, or practice that reinforces errors
- 26.4 One situation or activity clearly more meaningful, but the rest not neglected
- 26.5 Each situation or activity smoothly attended, all students on task

(26) Overlapping Behavior

Bilingual-Multicultural Supplement (Rated \*6" ir not bilingual involving English) Lessons Involving English Meaningful to Students

- a. Emphasizes regular content, not drill in English
- **b.** Presented in a connotative context understood by students
- c. Self-evident input during instruction in English OR NEP students not represented
- d. Eighty-percent (80%) mastery of objectives achievable

(27) Meaningful Lessons



Bilingual-Multicultural Supplement

(Rated "6" when not billngual involving home language)

#### **Lessons Involving the Student Home Language**

a. Used such registers as

colloquial

formal

Informal

semi-formal

technical

appropriately to develop home language while learning basic skills

- b. Focused on development of home language speaking, reading, and writing
- c. No disruptive (distractive) hesitations or lapses related to the language itself
- d. Provision for practice and expansion of LEP student home language
- e. Eighty-percent (80%) mastery of objectives achievable

(28) Home Language Proficiency

## Specific Cooperating Teacher Observation

UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR OR MENTOR PREVIEWS ITEMS 29-33 WITH PRINCIPAL, COOPERATING TEACHER, OR DEPARTMENT CHAIR. Student success can be confirmed by the cooperating teacher as quizzes and tests are administered. Items on testing can be observed by the cooperating teacher only when a test is administered and reported. Item 34 can be observed only when a standardized test is administered.

#### Student Success Rate

Condition: Unit evaluation results and criteria

At the 80% Mastery Level:

- 29.1 Few students (less than 60%) achieved objective
- 29.2 Some students (about 60-69%) met objective
- 29.3 Many students (about 70-79%) met objective
- 29.4 Most students (about 80-89%) met objective
- 29.5 Nearly all students (about 90-100%) met objective

OR at the 100% Mastery Level:

29.6 All students met objective to the extent specified

(29) Pupil Success Rate

#### Testing Skills

#### **Test Environment and Materials**

- a. Noise level, activity, and movement minimized distractions (conducive to measuring objectives)
- b. Frovided student comfort with such matters as: ventilation, temperature, and avoided glares
- c. Spoken directions clear and moderately presented
- d. Materials arranged to minimize distractions

(30) Testing
Environment



#### **Handled Extraneous Behavior**

No extraneous behavior existed (rated "5") OR

- a. Disregarded or redirected irrelevant remarks
- b. Focused on motivation, interest, and task
- c. Ignored nondisruptive extraneous movements, such as encouraging general performance, not specific items or answers
- d. Foresaw and precluded fatigue and distractions

(31) Extraneous Behavior

#### **Test Scoring**

- a. Instrument efficient to process
- b. Maintained record of appropriate demographic data (e.g., chronological age, correct items, etc.)
- c. Evaluated as a whole, weighting results as needed
- d. Test evaluated within the intent of the instrument

(32) Scoring

#### **Performance Recording and Report Writing**

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Standardized Testing Supplement (Rated "6" if not applicable.)

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(36) Professional Support

(35) Group Dynamics

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appeared interested
eye-brows raised
lighting up frequently
demonstrative
looked pleased
supportive
vibrant
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**b.** <u>Voice inflections</u> stressed points of interest and importance.

changed volume and speed suddenly

clear articulation varied tone and pitch

c. Posture communicated poise.

natural movement unpredictable and energetic moved around room sat among students swinging around

d. Gestures accentuated points.

vigorous nodding when in agreement
pointing natural movement
sweeping quick and demonstrative

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- a. Used student names in both a warm, respectful way
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praising accepting ideas, reelings

clarifying varied responses

encouragement

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(37) Promote Mutual Respect



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smiles nods

frowns proximity

(38) Feedback about Behavior

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reward

non-verbal communication

compliment

encouragement

correction

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(40) Positive



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- c. Appropriate consequences, such as:

based on severity of rule violation or off-task or disruptive behavior, clarity to students, consistent and fair application, and matched to age, class, and policy

d. Keeping intervention as private as possible

(41) Disruptive Behavior

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Special Education Supplement

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time sampling

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modeling

contingency contracting

shaping

group contingency

social reinforcement

home-based reinforcement token system

(43) Behavior-Management Skill



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# **Arizona Lesson Observation and Evaluation**

March 30, 1990

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# DIRECTIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES: Items are quantified as follows:

Discrete-scale items are scored as:

Hierarchical-scale items are scored as in the example:

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- 2 One of the descriptors is evident. 3 - Two of the descriptors are evident. 4 - Three of the descriptors are evident.

1 - None of the descriptors is evident.

- 5 Four of the descriptors are evident.
- 6 Five of the descriptors are evident.
- 7 Six of the descriptors are evident.

The total value possible depends on the number of descriptors identified.

Italicized items, descriptors, and phrases are not normally expected to be observed in simulation settings. The other items can be supplemented with ratings on such matters as promptness with assignments, conscientious work, and contribution to coursework.

# PROFESSIONAL THINKING AND **PLANNING**

# Specified Observable, Measurable Lesson Objectives

Condition for lesson observation: Outline of unit objectives

- a. Objectives based on identified unit concepts and skills
- b. Logically sequenced OR one objective planned
- c. Appropriate for student success level
- d. Specified conditions of performance

# **Specified Teaching Procedures for Lesson**

- a. Referenced to objectives
- b. Identified clearly how objectives are met
- c. Sequenced in terms of what students are to do
- d. Included an advanced organizer (set)
- e. Included appropriate closure
- f. Included integrative transitions

# Specified Resources for Lesson

Condition: List or inclusion of materials (even in facsimile form)

- a. Relevant and referenced to objective/learning activity
- b. Usable
- c. Concrete or manipulative (hands-on) material included OR not needed
- d. Supplemental resources contributed to skill or concept OR school-adopted resources sufficient

(1) Objectives

(2) Procedures

(3) Resources



Specified Procedures for Assessing Progress

Condition: Include pre-presentation, progress check, and post-presentation evaluation scheme, including observation, records, teacher-made, or standardized tests

- a. Referenced to objectives
- b. Helped students identify objectives before assessment
- c. Appropriate to objectives, content, and procedures
- d. Assessment appropriate to students and expectancies
- e. Planned for periodic progress checks

(4) Assessment Procedures

# ITALICIZED ITEMS BELOW ARE NOT NORMALLY OBSERVED OUTSIDE THE K-12 CLASSROOM SETTING.

# Planned for Diversity of Student Culture and Behavioral Patterns

- a. Based on observation
- b. Targeted specific instruction
- c. Provision for adaptive or unfinished assignments and enrichment activities for those who finish early
- d. Identified alternative procedures OR observed alternative procedures not essential

(5) Diversity of Student Culture and Behavior

# Activities Accounted for Diversity of Student Abilities

Plans (and questions) balanced lower and higher levels of cognitive thinking (e.g., knowledge, application, analysis, synthesis, and judging).

- a. Appropriate to unit objectives
- b. Effective for student ease and motivation (readiness)
- c. Smooth transition to/from other cognitive levels
- d. Appropriately balanced higher and lower cognitive thinking

(6) Diversity of Student Abilities

# Established Conditions for Learning

- a. Procedures specify control techniques to facilitate target learning
- b. Facilities and materials readily accessible (organized to maximize target learning)
- c. Specified expectations for student behavior

(7) Classroom
Control and
Management



Cooperating teacher PREVIEWS ITEMS 8 AND 9 WITH UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR OR RESEARCH EVALUATOR. Some descriptors are not available until the cooperating teacher observes the overall unit upon completion. At the school site, your knowledge of district scope and sequence should determine relevance of a lesson and unit to adopted course objectives.

### Adherence to Curriculum Objectives

- a. Preassessment or previous unit performance defined based from which to build unit
- **b.** Unit performance evaluation based on specified criteria
- c. Enrichment and/or remedial plans based on formative evaluation OR Approximately 80% of the students achieved 80% of the objectives
- d. Students were provided unit-feedback

(8) Adherence to Objectives

### Adherence to Course Objectives

- (1) Instruction meets adopted scope and sequence.
- (2) Any substituted materials are related to the adopted course of study.
- 9.1 Unrelated
- 9.2 Slightly related
- 9.3 Satisfactory
- 9.4 Relevant to course
- 9.5 Most relevant to course

(9) Adherence to Adopted Curriculum



# **INSTRUCTION** AND CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

# ITALICIZED DESCRIPTORS BELOW ARE NOT NORMALLY OBSERVED OUTSIDE THE K-12 CLASSROOM SETTING.

# Attended to Routine or Ritual Tasks (or Time on-Task)

(10) Routine Tasks

- a. Efficient teacher-attended routine tasks
- b. Instruction not interrupted by routine tasks
- c. Materials ready and in place
- d. Smooth transitions between activities or parts of the lesson
- e. Students showed evidence of established routines

# Opened Lesson Effective,

- a. Previewed lesson (established clear set)
- b. Focused attention early for learning
- c. Used student motivation and enthusiasm
- d. Opening was smooth and integrated
- e. Connected (bridged) previous learning to new learning

# Gave Clear Directions and Explanations Related to the Lesson

- a. Appropriate for group size
- **b.** Apparent effort to preclude confusion
- **c.** Immediate clarification in same or different words OR not needed

# (12) Directions and Explanations

(11) Lesson Opening

# Used Appropriate and Effective Teaching Methods (Techniques)

- a. Relevant to objective
- b. Teaching adjusted to monitoring and feedback
- c. Attention drawn to target learning rather than the method
- d. Smooth transitions between methods OR one method appropriately used

(13) Appropriate Teaching Methods



# **Used Student Responses and Questions in Teaching**

- a. Questioning strategies effective for class involvement and appropriate to the lesson (including such means as active student involvement or thought-provoking questions)
- b. Responses or questions solicited throughout lesson
- c. Recognized students wanting to volunteer responses
- d. Incorporated appropriate responses into the lesson
- e. Levels of questions effective for class involvement and lesson
- f. Clear, supportive, and helpful answers to questions

(14) Use of Student Responses

# **Provided Opportunities for Participation**

- 15.1 Required passive presence.
- 15.2 Few students required to participate actively; most appeared bystanders.
- 15.3 Most students had opportunity and participated actively at some time in the lesson
- 15.4 All students had opportunity and participated in some type of activity
- 15.5 All students had opportunity for participation in two or more activities OR one activity was appropriate for the lesson.

(15) Opportunities to Participate

Provided Student Feedback Through ut Lesson

- a. Provided positive feedback for students and the state of the state
- Provided corrective feedback for incorrect answers, nonresponsiveness, "wild guesses," or misinterpretations OR not needed
- c. Helped students evaluate their own performance

(16) Feedback to Students

**Promoted Student Retention** 

- a. Previewed or helped students identify lesson's purpose or importance
- b. Linked existing student experience or interest to current lesson
- c. Modeled learnings
- d. Accurate response to mistakes with opportunity to correctly practice skill before assignment or assessment
- e. Strategies presented to help organize content
- f. Reviewed previously-learned material

(17) Retention Techniques



# Provided Opportunity for Closure or Summarization

- a. Relevant to objective(s)
- b. Students involved in concept or skill closure
- c. Related to lesson's setting

(18) Closure and Summarization

Used Instructional Equipment and Other Aids Support media/materials were unnecessary OR the following are evident:

- a. When used, supported objective(s)
- b. Modeled objective(s) with concrete or manipulative (hands-on) materials
- c. Guided practice used modia/materials
- d. Media/materials blended with other instruction

(19) Instructional Equipment/Aids

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# Demonstrated Ability to Work with Individuals, Small Groups, and Large Groups

All learners could effectively participate in the whole group with minimal frustration and boredom OR

- a. Continuously observed entire class while directing relevant questions or observation to any attended subgroup
- b. Based on diagnosed or frequently-checked skill levels and abilities with objective being taught
- c. All students doing work they can successfully achieve at approximately 80% mastery level with minimal frustration, according to frequent checks
- d. Teacher role effective to each group size

(20) Grouping

# Instruction Addressed Cuitural/ Behavioral Diversity

The class was apparently homogeneous regarding ethnic representation, handicaps, language, socio-economic status, emotional development, and cognitive ability OR

- a. Integrated instruction to address varied student needs
- b. Lesson adjustments to address learning styles and language ability presented before beginning class activities
- c. Presented adaptations for those who finished early or did not finish
- d. Adapted lesson for student motivation (readiness)

(21) Diversity



### Used Instructional Time Effectively

- a. Began and ended class on time
- b. Instructional pace and intensity effective for class
- c. Revised instruction using evaluation results or observation OR not needed
- d. Interruptions minimized by on-going classroom management

(22) Instructional Time Use

- D. monstrated Knowledge in Subject Area
- a. Information relevant to topic or objectives
- b. Vocabulary appropriate and at proper difficulty level
- c. Accurate information in context and current sources
- d. Additional resources for independent student use

(23) Subject Area Knowledge

### **Acceptable Written and Oral Expression**

- a. Grammatically correct speech and writing
- b. Understandable speech
- c. Legible writing

(24) Speech and Writing

# ITALICIZED ITEM 25 HERE IS NOT NORMALLY OBSERVED OUTSIDE THE K-12 CLASSROOM SETTING.

# Maintained an Attractive and Stimulating Environment

The teacher had no authorization or opportunity to control or modify the classroom setting (rated "6") CR

- a. Noise level, activity, and movement minimized distractions
- b. Smooth retrieval, arrangement, use, transition, and storage of materials in safe and orderly setting
- c. Bulletin boards and displays showed student work or promoted instructional purpose
- d. Provided student comfort

(25) Environment



Special Education Supplement
(Rated "5" if one activity was appropriately conducted or
"6" if not special education.)

# **Exhibited Overlapping Behavior**

More than one situation or activity simultaneously not apparent during the lesson OR When handling more than one situation or activity simultaneously:

- 26.1 Ignored one situation or activity
- 26.2 Attended each situation or activity inefficiently
- 26.3 Attended one situation or activity well, the rest inefficient
- 26.4 One situation or activity clearly more meaningful, but the rest not neglected
- 26.5 Each situation or activity smoothly attended, all students on task

(26) Overlapping Behavior

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Bilingual-Multicultural Supplement (Rate "6" if not bilingual involving English.)

# Lessons Involving English Meaningful to Students

- a. Emphasizes regular content, not drill in English
- b. Presented in an understandable context
- c. Self-evident input during instruction in English OR NEP students not represented
- d. Eighty-percent mastery of objectives achievable

(27) Meaningful Lessons

Bilingual-Multicultural Supplement (Rate "6" if not bilingual involving home language.)

# Lessons involving the Student Home Language

- a. Used language registers appropriately to develop home language while learning basic skills
- b. Focused on development of home language speaking, reading, and writing
- c. No disruptive hesi ations or lapses (in the language)
- d. Provision for practice and expansion of LEP student home language
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(28) Home Language



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(29) Success Rate

Condition: Unit evaluation results and criteria

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### Testing Skills

# Test Environment and Materials

(30) Test Setting

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- c. Spoken directions clear and moderately presented
- d. Materials arranged to minimize distractions

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(31) Test Behavior

- No extraneous behavior existed OR
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- c. Ignored nondisruptive extranecus movements, such as encouraging general performance, not specific items or answers
- d. Foresaw and precluded fatigue and distractions

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(32) Test Scoring

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9 Student Responses (14)	10 Provided Opportunities for Participation (15)
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11 Feedback to Students (16)	
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13 Closure and Summarization (18)	14 Instructional Equipment/Aids (19)				
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15 Subject Area Knowledge (23)	16 Speech and Writing (24)				
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17 Special Education Overlapping Behavior (26)					
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	uation smoothly attended, all on task				
	than one activity not apparent in lesson				
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Rationale:					



	18 Professional Support (36)	19 Promote Mutual Respect (37)				
<b>Discipline</b>	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None  a Used student names evident 2 One  b Student interests 3 Two  c Environment 4 Three  d Non-derogatory 5 Four				
	Rationale:	Rationale:				
	20 Feedback about Behavior (38)	21 Sensitive to Students (39)				
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# **ALOE Supervisor Edition**

# **Arizona Lesson Observation and Evaluation**

March 30, 1990

The ALOE Supervisor Edition is designed for teacher observation in elementary- and secondary-level classrooms. Though you can focus on specific items, caution must be made to keep teaching practice in context as much as possible. Interaction of specific skills with each other varies effectiveness for intended purposes. Teaching concepts should generally have been established before related ALOE items are presented to the observed teacher. Ongoing development of teaching concepts is best done inductively, letting the teacher generalize during a post-observation conference the rationale and conclusions of what the teacher and you, the supervisor, observed.

Since university supervisors, researchers, and observers from central offices lack time to observe whole instructional units, this edition focuses on the lesson. Items related to instructional units are *italicized* and prefaced with **boldfaced** notes to alert you not to evaluate what is not expected. You should, however, be aware of the unit context and provide relevant observations to the local mentor or cooperating teacher. The mentor at the school site is able to observe lessons and evaluation--perhaps, too, possible conferences--of the instructional unit.

The Categorical Component--planning, instruction, discipline and class management, and reflection--is vital to developing an integrative context for skills with their relationships to other factors under the teacher's control. This component is especially vital in synthesizing pedagogy into more than mechanistic cloning of skills. Conceptual grasp of why and when certain teaching practices are effective is important since the knowledge base is growing. The ALOE assumption is that the context makes teaching skills coherent. This instrument balances conceptual foundation with specific teaching practices in the hope of helping teacher educators and mentors foster the effective art of teaching related to professional practice and factors within a teacher's control.



# **Categorical Component**

DIRECTIONS FOR THE CATEGORICAL ITEMS (BELOW) ON THIS PAGE: As you conclude and develop a consensus or "feel" for a category with the other evaluator (the cooperating teacher/department chair/principal or the university supervisor/mentor), record the perception as a rating rather than an average for the following categorical items. Circle the appropriate number 0-through-6. The purpose is not to average the items of each category, but to estimate an overall "feel" for each category. Categorical Component rating definitions developed by Garry Taylor for Functional Elements Analysis of Teaching Skills (FEATS) are:

# **Categorical Rating Scale Definitions**

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# DIRECTIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES: Items are quantified as follows:

Discrete-scale items are scored as:

Hierarchical-scale items are scored as in the example:

- 1 None of the descriptors is evident.
- 2 One of the descriptors is evident.
- 3 Two of the descriptors are evident.
- 4 Three of the descriptors are evident.
- 5 Four of the descriptors are evident.
- 6 Five of the descriptors are evident.
- 7 Six of the descriptors are evident,

The total value possible depends on the number

of descriptors identified.

2 - 17.2 Some students meet objective
3 - 17.3 Many students meet objective
4 - 17.4 Most students meet objective

1 - 17.1 Few students achieve objective

5 - 17.5 Nearly all students meet objective

Italicized items, descriptors, and phrases are not normally expected to be observed in lesson settings. The cooperating teacher, principal, or a peer teacher at the school site has opportunity to observe the "cooperating teacher" items at the end of each skill category identified above. The university supervisor should consult about such items with the cooperating teacher during the post-observation conference.

# PROFESSIONAL THINKING AND **PLANNING**

# Specified Observable, Measurable Lesson Objectives

Condition for lesson observation: Outline of unit objectives

- a. Objectives based on identified unit concepts and skills
- b. Logically sequenced OR one objective planned
- c. Appropriate for student success level
- d. Specified conditions of performance

### Specified Teaching Procedures for Lesson

- a. Referenced to objectives
- b. Identified clearly how objectives are met
- c. Sequenced in terms of what students are to do
- d. Included an advanced organizer (set)
- e. Included appropriate closure
- f. Included integrative transitions

### Specified Resources for Lesson

Condition: List or inclusion of materials (even in facsimile form)

- a. Relevant and referenced to objective/learning activity
- b. Usable
- c. Concrete or manipulative (hands-on) material included OR not needed
- d. Supplemental resources contributed to skill or concept OR school-adopted resources sufficient

(1) Objectives

(2) Procedures

(3) Resources



# **Specified Procedures for Assessing Progress**

Condition: Include pre-presentation, progress check, and post-presentation evaluation scheme, including observation, records, teacher-made, or standardized tests

- a. Referenced to objectives
- b. Helped students identify objectives before assessment
- c. Appropriate to objectives, content, and procedures
- d. Assessment appropriate to students and expectancies
- e. Planned for periodic progress checks

(4) Assessment Procedures

(5) Diversity of Student Culture and Behavior

# Planned for Diversity of Student Culture and Behavioral Patterns

- a. Based on observation
- **b.** Targeted specific instruction
- c. Provision for adaptive or unfinished assignments and enrichment activities for those who finish early
- d. Identified alternative procedures OR observed alternative procedures not essential

# Activities Accounted for Diversity of Student Abilities

Plans (and questions) balanced lower and higher levels of cognitive thinking (e.g., knowledge, application, analysis, synthesis, and judging).

- a. Appropriate to unit objectives
- **b.** Effective for student ease and motivation (readiness)
- c. Smooth transition to/from other cognitive levels
- d. Appropriately balanced higher and lower cognitive thinking

(6) Diversity of Student Abilities

### Established Conditions for Learning

- Procedures specify control techniques to facilitate target learning
- b. Facilities and materials readily accessible (organized to maximize target learning)
- c. Specified expectations for student behavior

(7) Classroom
Control and
Management



# Dear University Supervisor:

DO NOT SCORE ITEMS 8 OR 9. <u>PREVIEW</u> ITEMS 8 AND 9 WITH COOPERATING TEACHER, DEPARTMENT CHAIR, OR PRINCIPAL. Some descriptors are not observable until the cooperating teacher evaluates the overall unit upon completion. At the school site, the cooperating teacher's knowledge of district scope and sequence should determine relevance of a lesson and unit to adopted course objectives.

# Adherence to Curriculum Objectives

- a. Preassessment or previous unit performance defined based from which to build unit
- **b.** Unit performance evaluation based on specified criteria
- c. Enrichment and/or remedial plans based on formative evaluation CR Approximately 80% of the students achieved 80% of the objectives
- d. Students were provided unit-feedback

(8) Adharence to Objectives

### Adherence to Course Objectives

- (1) Instruction meets adopted scope and sequence.
- (2) Any substituted materials are related to the adopted course of study.
- 9.1 Unrelated
- 9.2 Slightly related
- 9.3 Satisfactory
- 9.4 Relevant to course
- 9.5 Most relevant to course

(9) Adherence to Adopted Curriculum



# **INSTRUCTION** AND CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

# Attended to Routine or Ritual Tasks (or Time on-Task)

(10) Routine Tasks

- a. Efficient teacher-attended routine tasks
- b. Instruction not interrupted by routine tasks
- c. Materials ready and in place
- d. Smooth transitions between activities or parts of the lesson
- e. Students showed evidence of established routines

# **Opened Lesson Effectively**

- (11) Lesson Opening a. Previewed lesson (established clear set)
- b. Focused attention early for learning
- c. Used student motivation and enthusiasm
- d. Opening was smooth and integrated
- e. Connected (bridged) previous learning to new learning

# Gave Clear Directions and Explanations Related to the Lesson

(12) Directions and **Explanations** 

- a. Appropriate for group size
- b. Apparent effort to preclude confusion
- c. Immediate clarification in same or different words **OR** not needed

# **Used Appropriate and Effective Teaching Methods (Techniques)**

- a. Relevant to objective
- b. Teaching adjusted to monitoring and feedback
- c. Attention drawn to target learning rather than the method
- d. Smooth transitions between methods OR one method appropriately used

(13) Appropriate Teaching Methods



# **Used Student Responses and Questions in Teaching**

- a. Questioning strategies effective for class involvement and appropriate to the lesson (including such means as active student involvement or thought-provoking questions)
- b. Responses or questions solicited throughout lesson
- c. Recognized students wanting to volunteer responses
- d. Incorporated appropriate responses into the lesson
- e. Levels of questions effective for class involvement and lesson
- f. Clear, supportive, and helpful answers to questions

(14) Use of Student Responses

**Provided Opportunities for Participation** 

- 15.1 Required passive presence.
- 15.2 Few students required to participe te actively; most appeared bystanders.
- 15.3 Most students had opportunity and participated actively at some time in the lesson
- 15.4 All students had opportunity and participated in some type of activity
- 15.5 All students had opportunity for participation in two or more activities OR one activity was appropriate for the lesson.

(15) Opportunities to Participate

# **Provided Student Feedback Throughout Lesson**

- a. Provided positive feedback for student work
- Provided corrective feedback for incorrect answers, nonresponsiveness, "wild guesses," or misinterpretations OR not needed
- c. Helped students evaluate their own performance

(16) Feedback to Students

### **Promoted Student Retention**

- a. Previewed or helped students identify lesson's purpose or importance
- **b.** Linked existing student experience or interest to current lesson
- c. Modeled learnings
- d. Accurate response to mistakes with opportunity to correctly practice skill before assignment or assessment
- e. Strategies presented to help organize content
- f. Reviewed previously-learned material

(17) Retention Techniques



# Provided Opportunity for Closure or Summarization

- a. Relevant to objective(s)
- b. Students involved in concept or skill closure
- c. Related to lesson's setting

(18) Closure and Summarization

Used Instructional Equipment and Other Aids Support media/materials were unnecessary OR the following are evident:

- a. When used, supported objective(s)
- b. Modeled objective(s) with concrete or manipulative (hands-on) materials
- c. Guided practice used media/naterials
- d. Media/materials blended with other instruction

(19) Instructional Equipment/Aids

# Demonstrated Ability to Work with Individuals, Small Groups, and Large Groups

All learners could effectively participate in the whole group with minimal frustration and boredom OR

- a. Continuously observed entire class while directing relevant questions or observation to any attended subgroup
- b. Based on diagnosed or frequently-checked skill levels and abilities with objective being taught
- c. All students doing work they can successfu', y achieve at approximately 80% mastery level with minimal frustration, according to frequent checks
- d. Teacher role effective to each group size

(20) Grouping

# Instruction Addressed Cultural/ Behavioral Diversity

The class was apparently homogeneous regarding ethnic representation, handicaps, language, socio-economic status, emotional development, and cognitive ability OR

- a. Integrated instruction to address varied student needs
- b. Lesson adjustments to address learning styles and language ability presented before beginning class activities
- c. Presented adaptations for those who finished early or did not finish
- d. Adapted lesson for student motivation (readiness)

(21) Diversity



### **Used Instructional Time Effectively**

- a. Began and ended class on time
- b. Instructional pace and Intensity effective for class
- c. Revised instruction using evaluation results or observation OR not needed
- d. Interruptions minimized by on-going classroom management

(22) Instructional

## Demonstrated Knowledge in Subject Area

- a. Information relevant to topic or objectives
- b. Vocabulary appropriate and at proper difficulty level
- c. Accurate information in context and current sources
- d. Additional resources for independent student use

(23) Subject Area Knowledge

### **Acceptable Written and Oral Expression**

- a. Grammatically correct speech and writing
- b. Understandable speech
- c. Legible writing

(24) Speech and Writing

# Maintained an Attractive and Stimulating Environment

The teacher had no authorization or opportunity to control or modify the classroom setting (rated "6") CR

- a. Noise level, activity, and movement minimized distractions
- b. Smooth retrieval, arrangement, use, transition, and storage of materials in safe and orderly setting
- c. Bulletin boards and displays showed student work or promoted instructional purpose
- d. Provided student comfort

(25) Environment

Special Education Supplement

(Rate "5" if one activity was appropriately conducted or "6" if not special education.)

### **Exhibited Overlapping Behavior**

More than one situation or activity simultaneously not apparent during the lesson OR When handling more than one situation or activity simultaneously:

- 26.1 Ignored one situation or activity
- 26.2 Attended each situation or activity inefficiently
- 26.3 Attended one situation or activity well, the rest inefficient
- 26.4 One situation or activity clearly more meaningful, but the rest not neglected
- 26.5 Each situation or activity smoothly attended, all students on task

(26) Overlapping Behavior



Bilingual-Multicul:ural Supplement (Rate "6" if not bilingual involving English.)

# Lessons invoiving English Meaningful to Students

- a. Emphasizes regular content, not drill in English
- b. Presented in an understandable context
- Self-evident input during instruction in English OR NEP students not represented
- d. Eighty-percent mastery of objectives achievable

(27) Meaningful Lessons

Bilingual-Multicultural Supplement (Rate "6" if not bilingual involving home language.)

### Lessons involving the Student Home Language

- a. Used language registers appropriately to develop home language while learning basic skills
- b. Focused on development of home language speaking, reading, and writing
- c. No disruptive hesitations or lapses (in the language)
- d. Provision for practice and expansion of LEP student home language
- e. Eighty-percent mastery of objectives achievable

(28) Home Language

# Dear University Supervisor:

DO NOT SCORE ITEMS 29-34. PREVIEW ITEMS 29-33 WITH COOPERATING TEACHER, DEPARTMENT CHAIR, OH PRINCIPAL. Student success can be confirmed only after quizzes and tests are administered. Items on testing can be observed by you only when a test is administered and reported. Item 34 can be observed only when a standardized test is administered.

Student Success Rate

(29) Success Rate

(30) Test Setting

Condition: Unit evaluation results and criteria

### At the 80% Mastery Level

- 29.1 Few students (less than 60%) achieved objective
- 29.2 Some students (about 60-69%) net objective
- 29.3 Many students (about 70-79%) met objective
- 29.4 Most students (about 80-89%) met objective
- 29.5 Nearly all students (about 90-100%) met objective

### OR at the 100% Mastery Level:

29.6 All students met objective to the extent specified

# Testing Skills

### Test Environment and Materials

- a. Noise level, activity, and movement minimized distractions
- b. Provided student comfort
- c. Spoken directions clear and moderately presented
- Materials arranged to minimize distractions



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### Handled Extraneous Behavior

(31) Test Behavior

No extraneous behavior existed OR

- a. Disregarded or redirected irrelevant remarks
- b. Focused on motivation, interest, and task
- c. Ignored nondisruptive extraneous movements, such as encouraging general performance, not specific items or answers
- d. Foresaw and precluded fatigue and distractions

### (32) Test Scoring

# Test Scoring

- a. Instrument efficient to process
- **b.** Maintained record of appropriate demographic data (e.g., chronological age, correct items, etc.)
- c. Evaluated as a whole, weighting results as needed
- d. Test evaluated within the intent of the instrument

# Performance Recording and Report Writing

(33) Reporting

Much teacher reporting is limited to the grade book and the report card, which meets these criteria. However, formal written report criteria are also addressed here.

- **a.** Based on specific observed information for objective, straightforward style in interpretation
- b. Reason for the report implicit or specified
- c. Recording done soon
- d. Standard English spelling, grammar, and lowinference words for formal written reports on specific students OR not needed

Standardized Testing Supplement (Flate "6" if not applicable.)

### Standardized Procedures

- a. Used exact wording of directions
- b. Maintained accurate timing
- c. Presented materials in the prescribed manner
- d. Didn't depend solely on reading printed directions but did have them available for ready reference

(34) Standardized Procedures



# **DISCIPLINE** AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

### Class Cohessiveness and Rapport

Group cohesiveness and classroom rapport could not be established and cultivated, OR the teacher was able to establish rapport with the class and build a general sense of belonging, evidenced by:

- a. Students generally supported teacher leadership
- b. Students supported honest efforts of each other towards targeted
- c. Student language free of derogatory references, sarcasm
- d. Student treatment of others fostering self-worth and sense of belonging (group cohesiveness and cooperation)

### Communicated Professional Concern

- **a.** Eve contact or facial expressions communicated respect, concern, and interest.
- b. Voice inflections stressed importance and interest.
- c. Posture communicated poise.
- d. Gestures accentuated points.

### **Demonstrated Warmth and Respect**

- a. Used student names in a warm, respectful way
- b. Asked (or knew) student interests and opinions
- c. Maintained environment of mutual respect
- d. Language free of derogatory references, sarcasm

# Provided Feedback to Students about Behavior

- a. Predominantly positive reinforcement
- b. Nonverbal feedback evident
- c. Indicates awareness of participation/off-task behavior
- Clear expectations about behavior supported by constructive comments

(35) Group Dynamics

(36) Professional Support

(37) Promote Mutual Respect

(38) Feedback about Behavior



# Responsive to Student Needs and Feelings (Promoting Healthy Self-concept) during Intervention

No apparent need for intervention OR minor behavior problems appropriately managed by

- Praised, corrected, recognized, or displayed student products at signs of emerging frustration, boredom, or restlessness to appropriately meet needs
- b. Treatment of students fostering self-worth and sense of belonging (group cohesiveness and cooperation)
- c. Feedback adjusted to emotional needs without overreacting or losing balance
- d. Encouraged/complimented sustained  $\varepsilon$  ffort and self-discipline during difficulty

(39) Sensitive to Students

#### Maintained Positive Classroom Behavior

- a. Through directions, transitions, and routines
- b. Appropriate behavior reinforcement
- c. Inconsequential misbehavior overlooked OR none existed
- d. Guidance to promote self-discipline and responsibility

(40) Positive

#### **Managed Disruptive Behavior**

No disruptive behavior existed OR

- a. Focused on individuals who cause disruptions
- b. Major disruptions attended to quickly and firmly
- c. Appropriate consequences
- d. Kept intervention as private as possible

(41) Disruptive Behavior



## Dear University Supervisor:

DO NOT SCORE ITEMS 42 OR 43. PREVIEW ITEM 42 AND, WHEN APPLICABLE, 43 WITH COOPERATING TEACHER, DEPARTMENT CHAIR, OR PRINCIPAL. The cooperating teacher's background puts these items in context. However, your general and special background puts these matters in perspective. Your observation of such matters as appropriate attire and grooming can be noted at this time.

Decorum (42) Decorum

- a. Attire, hygiene, and grooming appropriate for a classroom environment
- b. Complied with school policy and legal standards for public staff conduct and confidentiality
- c. Directed conduct of students according to school polity
- d. Supervised non-instructional duties for which the cooperating teacher is normally responsible (Condition: student teaching in full charge of all the cooperating teacher's normal responsibilities)

Special Education Supplement (Plate "6" if not applicable.) Behavior-Management Skill

(43) Behavior-

a. Behavioral objectives based on baseline data or observation

Management

- b. One specific system with understandable rules and consequences (e.g., assertive discipline, precision teaching)
- c. Uses direct observation measurement procedure, such as the following, for ongoing records to evaluate behavior and modify interventions

duration reinforcement modeling event recording time sampling

d. Such techniques as the following observed (combined or modified if indicated):

activity reinforcement modeling contingency contracting shaping

group contingency social reinforcement

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6 Diversity of Student Abilities	7 Established Conditions for Learning			
Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None  a Appropriate to unit cevident 2 One  b Readiness 3 Two  c Smooth transitions 4 Three  d Balanced levels 5 Four	Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 Non- a Control technique— evident 2 One — b Accessible — 3 Two— c Clear expectations— 4 Thre—  Rationale:			
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8 Adherence to Objectives  a Pretest  b Specific criteris  c Formative evaluation  d Unit-feedback	course of study.  1 Unrelated  2 Slightly related  3 Satisfactory  4 Relevant to course  5 Most relevant to course			
Optional comments on either of the above items (please	indicate item number):			



10 Routine Classr	room Tasks	11 Lesson Opening
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12 Directions and 1	Explanations	13 Appropriate Teaching Methods
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		Rationale:



14 Student Responses	15 Provided Opportunities for Participation
Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None   evident 2 One       a Effective   evident 2 One       b Solicited responses   3 Two       c Recognized students   4 Three       d Incorporated   5 Four       e Questions effective   6 Five       f Clear, supportive   7 Six	Direct Numerical Entry  1. Passive 2 Mostly bystanders 3 Some activity for most students 4 Opportunity for all in an activity 5 Opportunity for all in 2+ activities or One activity appropriate for lesson  Rationale:
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16 Feedback to Students	17 Retention Techniques
Descriptor Entry   Direct Numerical Entry   Observed   Clarified   Descriptors 1 None	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None



18 Closure and Summarization	19 Instructional Equipment/Aids			
Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None [ ]  a Supported objective [ evident 2 One [ ]  b Concrete (hands-on) [ 3.Two [ ]  c Used in practice [ 4 Three [ ]  d Blended into lesson [ 5 Four [ ]			
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20 Grouping	21 Cultural/Behavioral Diversity			
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22 Instructional Time Use	23 Subject Area Knowledge			
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24 Speech and Writing	25 Environment			
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26 Special Education Overlapping Behavior	27 Bilingual Education Meaningful Lessons			
Direct Numerical Entry  1 One activity ignored  2 Attended each but inefficiently  3 On: activity attended well, the rest inefficient  4 One activity more meaningful, the rest not neglected  5 Each situation smoothly attended, all on task or more than one activity not apparent in lesson  6 NOT a special education class	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors  a Regular content covident 2 One covident 3 Two content 4 Three context 5 Four 6 Not 6 BME			
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Review the following items with the cooperating teacher, who will complete them before sending his/her evaluation to you 29 Student Success Rate 30 Testing Environment and Materials AT 80% MASTERY LEVEL: a Minimal distraction. 1 Few students (less than 60%) achieved objective. b Student comfort 2 Some (60-69%) met objective. c Clear directions d Materials 3 Many (70-79%) met objective. 4 Most (80-89%) met objective. 5 Nearly all (90-100%) met objective. OR AT THE 100% MASTERY LEVEL: 32 Test Scoring 6 All met objective to extent specified. a Efficient instrument b Record of data 31 Handling Extraneous Behavior during the Test c Evaluated in context a Disregard irrelevance d Instrument intent b Motivation and task c General, not specifics d Precluded distractions 34 Standardized Procedures 33 Performance Recording and Report Writing a Exact wording of directions a Specific, observed base b Maintained accurate timing b Reason for the report c Prescribed presentations c Recording done soon d Natural speech d Standard English if needed Optional comments on any of the above items (please indicate item number):



	35 Class Cohesiveness and Rapport	36 Professional Support
Discipline	Observed Clarified Descriptors   a Teacher supported   evident 2 One       b Honest effort supported   3 Two       c Not derogatory   4 Three       d Fostering belonging   5 Four       contains a could not be eatablished.    Rationale:	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None
	37 Promote Mutual Respect	38 Feedback about Behavior
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39 Sensitive to Studen	nts	40 Positive Classroom Behavior		
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42 Decorum	43 Special Education Behavior-Management
o Attire, hygiene, grooming	a Based on observation
b Policy and legal standards	h Оле specific system
c Directed student conduct	c Observation measure
d Non-instructional duties	d Special techniques
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## **ALOE Cooperating Teacher Edition**

### **Arizona Lesson Observation and Evaluation**

March 30, 1990

The ALOE Cooperating Teacher Edition is designed for teacher observation in elementary-and secondary-level classrooms. Though you can focus on specific items, caution must be made to keep teaching practice in context as much as possible. Interaction of specific skills with each other varies effectiveness for intended purposes. Teaching concepts should generally have been established before related ALOE items are presented to the observed teacher. Ongoing development of teaching concepts is best done inductively, letting the teacher generalize during a post-observation conference the rationale and conclusions of what the teacher and you, the cooperating teacher, observed.

Since university supervisors, researchers, and observers from a central office are not likely to have time to observe whole instructional units, their edition focuses on the lesson. Although the Cooperating Teacher Edition focuses on the lesson, items related to the instructional unit are specific to this edition and supplement the lesson with its unit setting. Other observers are aware of such items since these are presented in the Supervisor and Reference Editions to allow other observers to provide relevant observations and suggestions.

The Categorical Component--planning, instruction, discipline and class management, and reflection--is vital to developing an integrative context for skills with their relationships to other factors under the teacher's control. This component is especially vital in synthesizing pedagogy into more than mechanistic cloning of skills. Conceptual grasp of why and when certain teaching practices are effective is important since the knowledge base is growing. The ALOE assumption is that the context makes teaching skills coherent. This instrument balances conceptual foundation with specific teaching practices in the hope of helping teacher educators and mentors foster the effective art of teaching related to professional practice and factors within a teacher's control.



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## **Categorical Component**

DIRECTIONS FOR THE CATEGORICAL ITEMS (BELOW) ON THIS PAGE: As you conclude and develop a consensus or "feel" for a category with the other evaluator (the cooperating teacher/department chair/principal or the university supervisor/mentor), record the perception as a rating rather than an average for the following categorical items. Circle the appropriate number 0-through-6. The purpose is not to average the items of each category, but to estimate an overall "feel" for each category. Categorical Component rating definitions developed by Garry Taylor for Functional Elements Analysis of Teaching Skills (FEATS) are:

### **Categorical Rating Scale Definitions**

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### DIRECTIONS FOR ITEMS ON THE FOLLOWING PAGES: Items are quantified as follows:

Discrete-scale items are scored as:

of descriptors identified.

Hierarchical-scale items are scored as in the example:

- 1 None of the descriptors is evident.
- 2 One of the descriptors is evident.
- 3 Two of the descriptors are evident.
- 4 Three of the descriptors are evident.
- 5 Four of the descriptors are evident.
- 6 Five of the descriptors are evident.
- 7 Six of the descriptors are evident.

The total value possible depends on the number

1 - 17.1 Few students achieve objective

- 2 17.2 Some students meet objective
- 3 i7.3 Many students meet objective
- 4 17.4 Most students meet objective
- 5 17.5 Nearly all students meet objective

NORMALLY, A RATING OF 6 MEANS THE ITEM

IS NOT RATED OR NOT APPLICABLE.

Specific Cooperating Teacher Items in each skill category should be reviewed with the university supervisor. These items require observation of such matters as test administration, contribution to the adopted curriculum, and decorum.

### PROFESSIONAL THINKING AND PLANNING

#### Specified Observable, Measurable Lesson Objectives

Condition for lesson observation: Outline of unit objectives

- a. Objectives based on identified unit concepts and skills
- b. Logically sequenced OR one objective planned
- c. Appropriate for student success level
- d. Specified conditions of performance

(1) Objectives

#### Specified Teaching Procedures for Lesson

- a. Referenced to objectives
- b. Identified clearly how objectives are met
- c. Sequenced in terms of what students are to do
- d. Included an advanced organizer (set)
- Included appropriate closure
- f. Included integrative transitions

(2) Procedures

#### Specified Resources for Lesson

Condition: List or inclusion of materials (even in facsimile form)

- Belevant and referenced to objective/learning activity
- b. Usable
- c. Concrete or manipulative (hands-on) material included **OR** not needed
- d. Supplemental resources contributed to skill or concept OR school-adopted resources sufficient

(3) Resources



#### **Specified Procedures for Assessing Progress**

Condition: Include pre-presentation, progress check, and post-presentation evaluation scheme, including observation, records, teacher-made, or standardized tests

- a. Referenced to objectives
- b. Helped students identify objectives before assessment
- c. Appropriate to objectives, content, and procedures
- d. Assessment appropriate to students and expectancies
- e. Planned for periodic progress checks

(4) Assessment Procedures

(5) Diversity of Student Culture and Behavior

## Planned for Diversity of Student Culture and Behavioral Patterns

- a. Based on observation
- b. Targeted specific instruction
- c. Provision for adaptive or unfinished assignments and enrichment activities for those who finish early
- d. Identified alternative procedures OR observed alternative procedures not essential

## Activities Accounted for Diversity of Student Abilities

Plans (and questions) balanced lower and higher levels of cognitive thinking (e.g., knowledge, application, analysis, synthesis, and judging).

- a. Appropriate to unit objectives
- b. Effective for student ease and motivation (readiness)
- c. Smooth transition to/from other cognitive levels
- d. Appropriately balanced higher and lower cognitive thinking

(6) Diversity of Student Abilities

#### Established Conditions for Learning

- Procedures specify control techniques to facilitate target learning
- b. Facilities and materials readily accessible (organized to maximize target learning)
- c. Specified expectations for student behavior

(7) Classroom
Control and
Management



### **Dear Cooperating Teacher:**

PREVIEW ITEMS 8 AND 9 WITH UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR OR RESEARCH EVALUATOR. Some descriptors are not available until you observe the overall unit upon completion. At the school site, your knowledge of district scope and sequence should determine relevance of a lesson and unit to adopted course objectives.

#### Adherence to Curriculum Objectives

- a. Preassessment or previous unit performance defined based from which to build unit
- b. Unit performance evaluation based on specified criteria
- c. Enrichment and/or remedial plans based on formative evaluation OR Approximately 80% of the students achieved 80% of the objectives
- d. Students were provided unit-feedback

(8) Adherence to Objectives

#### **Auherence to Course Objectives**

- (1) Instruction meets adopted scope and sequence.
- (2) Any substituted materials are related to the adopted course of study.
- 9.1 Unrelated
- 9.2 Slightly related
- 9.3 Satisfactory
- 9.4 Relevant to course
- 9.5 Most relevant to course

(9) Adherence to Adopted Curriculum



## **INSTRUCTION** AND CLASSROOM ORGANIZATION

#### **Attended to Routine or Ritual Tasks** (or Time on-Task)

(10) Routine Tasks

- a. Efficient teacher-attended routine tasks
- b. Instruction not interrupted by routine tasks
- c. Materials ready and in place
- d. Smooth transitions between activities or parts of the lesson
- e. Students showed evidence of established routines

#### **Opened Lesson Effectively**

- (11) Lesson Opening a. Previewed lesson (established clear set)
- b. Focused attention early for learning
- c. Used student motivation and enthusiasm
- d. Opening was smooth and integrated
- e. Connected (bridged) previous learning to new learning

#### Gave Clear Directions and Explanations Related to the Lesson

- a. Appropriate for group size
- b. Apparent effort to preclude confusion
- c. Immediate clarification in same or different words **OR** not needed

(12) Directions and **Explanations** 

#### **Used Appropriate and Effective Teaching Methods (Techniques)**

- a. Relevant to objective
- b. Teaching adjusted to monitoring and feedback
- c. Attention drawn to target learning rather than the method
- d. Smooth transitions between methods OR one method appropriately used

(13) Appropriate Teaching Methods



### **Used Student Responses and Questions in Teaching**

- a. Questioning strategies effective for class involvement and appropriate to the lesson (including such means as active student involvement or thought-provoking questions)
- b. Responses or questions solicited throughout lesson
- c. Recognized students wanting to volunteer responses
- d. Incorporated appropriate responses into the lesson
- e. Levels of questions effective for class involvement and lesson
- f. Clear, supportive, and helpful answers to questions

(14) Use of Student Responses

### Provided Opportunities for Participation

- 15.1 Required passive presence.
- 15.2 Few students required to participate actively; most appeared bystanders.
- 15.3 Most students had opportunity and participated actively at some time in the lesson
- 15.4 All students had opportunity and participated in some type of activity
- 15.5 All students had opportunity for participation in two or more activities Ort one activity was appropriate for the lesson.

(15) Opportunities to Participate

#### Provided Studen. eedback Throughout Lesson

- a. Provided positive feedback for student work
- Provided corrective feedback for incorrect answers, nonresponsiveness, "wild guesses," or misinterpretations OR not needed
- c. Helped students evaluate their cwn performance

(16) Feedback to Students

#### **Promoted Student Retention**

- a. Previewed or helped students identify lesson's purpose or importance
- **b.** Linked existing student experience or interest to current lesson
- c. Modeled learnings
- d. Accurate response to mistakes with opportunity to correctly practice skill before assignment or assessment
- e. Strategies presented to help organize content
- f. Reviewed previously-learned material

(17) Retention Techniques



## Provided Opportunity for Closure or Summarization

- a. Relevant to objective(s)
- b. Students involved in concept or skill closure
- c. Related to lesson's setting

(18) Closure and Summarization

**Used Instructional Equipment and Other Aids** 

Support media/materials were unnecessary OR the following are evident:

- a. When used, supported objective(s)
- **b.** Modeled objective(s) with concrete or manipulative (hands-on) materials
- c. Guided practice used media/materials
- d. Media/materials blended with other instruction

(19) Instructional Equipment/Aids

## Demonstrated Ability to Work with Individuals, Small Groups, and Large Groups

All learners could effectively participate in the whole group with minimal frustration and boredom OR

- a. Continuously observed entire class while directing relevant questions or observation to any attended subgroup
- b. Based on diagnosed or frequently-checked skill levels and abilities with objective being taught
- c. All students doing work they can successfully achieve at approximately 80% mastery level with minimal frustration, according to frequent checks
- d. Teacher role effective to each group size

(20) Grouping

#### Instruction Addressed Cultural/ Behavioral Diversity

The class was apparently homogeneous regarding ethnic representation, handicaps, language, socio-economic status, emotional development, and cognitive ability OR

- a. Integrated instruction to address varied student needs
- **b.** Lesson adjustments to address learning styles and language ability presented before beginning class activities
- c. Presented adaptations for those who finished early or did not finish
- d. Adapted lesson for student motivation (readiness)

(21) Diversity



#### **Used Instructional Time Effectively**

- a. Began and ended class on time
- b. Instructional pace and intensity effective for class
- Revised instruction using evaluation results or observation OR not needed
- d. Interruptions minimized by on-going classroom management

(22) Instructional Time Use

#### Denionstrated Knowledge in Subject Area

- a. Information relevant to topic or objectives
- b. Vocabulary appropriate and at proper difficulty level
- c. Accurate information in context and current sources
- d. Additional resources for independent student use

(23) Subject Area Knowledge

#### **Acceptable Written and Oral Expression**

- a. Grammatically correct speech and writing
- b. Understandable speech
- c. Legible writing

(24) Speech and Writing

## Maintained an Attractive and Stimulating Environment

The teacher had no authorization or opportunity to control or modify the classroom setting (rating "6") CR

- a. Noise level, activity, and movement minimized distractions
- b. Smooth retrieval, arrangement, use, transition, and storage of materials in safe and orderly setting
- c. Bulletin boards and displays showed student work or promoted instructional purpose
- d. Provided student comfort

(25) Environment

Special Education Supplement

(Rate "5" if one activity was appropriately conducted or "6" if not special education.)

#### **Exhibited Overlapping Behavior**

More than one situation or activity simultaneously not apparent during the lesson OR When handling more than one situation or activity simultaneously:

- 26.1 Ignored one situation or activity
- 26.2 Attended each situation or activity inefficiently
- 26.3 Attended one situation or activity well, the rest inefficient
- 26.4 One situation or activity clearly more meaningful, but the rest not neglected
- 26.5 Each situation or activity smoothly attended, all students on task

(26) Overlapping Behavior



Bilingual-Multicultural Supplement (Rate "6" if not bilingual involving English.)

#### Lessons involving English Meaningful to Students

- a. Emphasizes regular content, not drill in English
- b. Presented in an understandable context
- c. Self-evident input during instruction in English OR NEP students not represented
- d. Eighty-percent mastery of objectives achievable

(27) Meaningful Lessons

Bilingual-Multicultural Supplement (Rate "6" if not bilingual involving home language.)

#### **Lessons Involving the Student Home Language**

- a. Used language registers appropriately to develop home language while learning basic skills
- b. Focused on development of home language speaking, reading, and writing
- c. No disruptive hesitations or lapses (in the language)
- d. Provision for practice and expansion of LEP student home language
- e. Eighty-percent mastery of objectives achievable

(28) Home Language



### **Dear Cooperating Teacher:**

PREVIEW ITEMS 29-33 WITH UNIVERSITY SUPERVISOR OR RESEARCH EVALUATOR. Student success can be confirmed only after quizzes and tests or other evaluations are administered. Items on testing can be observed by you only when a test is administered and reported. Item 34 can be observed only when a standardized test is administered.

#### **Student Success Rate**

(29) Success Rate

Condition: Unit evaluation results and criteria

#### At the 80% Mastery Level:

- 29.1 Few students (less than 60%) achieved objective
- 29.2 Some students (about 60-69%) met objective
- 29.3 Many students (about 70-79%) met objective
- 29.4 Most students (about 80-89%) met objective
- 29.5 Nearly all students (about 90-100%) met objective

#### OR at the 100% Mastery Level:

29.6 All students met objective to the extent specified

#### **Testing Skills**

#### **Test Environment and Materials**

(30) Test Setting

- a. Noise level, activity, and movement minimized distractions
- b. Provided student comfort
- c. Spoken directions clear and moderately presented
- d. Materials arranged to minimize distractions

#### **Handled Extraneous Behavior**

(31) Test Behavior

- No extraneous behavior existed OR
- a. Disregarded or redirected irrelevant remarks
- b. Focused on motivation, interest, and task
- c. Ignored nondisruptive extraneous movements, such as encouraging general performance, not specific items or answers
- d. Foresaw and precluded fatigue and distractions

#### **Test Scoring**

(32) Test Scoring

- a. Instrument efficient to process
- b. Maintained record of appropriate demographic data (e.g., chronological age, correct items, etc.)
- c. Evaluated as a whole, weighting results as needed
- d. Test evaluated within the <u>intent</u> of the instrument



#### Performance Recording and Report Writing

Much teacher reporting is limited to the grade book and the report card, which meets these criteria. However, formal written report criteria are also addressed here.

- **a.** Based on specific observed information for objective, straightforward style in interpretation
- b. Reason for the report implicit or specified
- c. Recording done soon
- d. Standard English spelling, grammar, and lowinference words for formal written reports on specific students OR not needed

(33) Reporting

Standardized Testing Supplement (Rate "6" if not applicable.)

#### Standardized Procedures

- a. Used exact wording of directions
- b. Maintained accurate timing
- c. Presented materials in the prescribed manner
- d. Didn't depend solely on reading printed directions, but did have them available for ready reference

(34) Standardized Procedures



## **DISCIPLINE** AND CLASSROOM MANAGEMENT

### Class Cohessiveness and Rapport

Group cohesiveness and classroom rapport could not be established and cultivated, OR the teacher was able to establish rapport with the class and build a general sense of belonging, evidenced by:

- a. Students generally supported teacher leadership
- b. Students supported honest efforts of each other towards targeted
- c. Student language free of derogatory references, sarcasm
- d. Student treatment of others fostering self-worth and sense of belonging (group cohesiveness and cooperation)

(35) Group Dynamics

#### **Communicated Professional Concern**

- a. Eye contact or facial expressions communicated respect, concern, and interest.
- b. <u>Voice inflections</u> stressed importance and interest.
- c. Posture communicated poise.
- d. Gestures accentuated points.

(36) Professional Support

### **Demonstrated Warmth and Respect**

- a. Used student names in a warm, respectful way
- b. Asked (or knew) student interests and opinions
- c. Maintained environment of mutual respect
- d. Language free of derogatory references, sarcasm

(37) Promote Mutual Respect

#### Provided Feedback to Students about Behavior

- a. Predominantly positive reinforcement
- b. Nonverbal feedback evident
- c. Indicates awareness of participation/off-task behavior
- d. Clear expectations about behavior supported by constructive comments

(38) Feedback about Behavior



# Responsive to Student Needs and Feelings (Promoting Healthy "elf-concept) during intervention

No apparent need for intervention C/R minor behavior problems appropriately managed by

- a. Praised, corrected, recognized, or displayed student products at signs of emerging frustration, boredom, or restlessness to appropriately meet needs
- b. Treatment of students fostering self-worth and sense of belonging (group cohesiveness and cooperation)
- c. Feedback adjusted to emotional needs without overreacting or losing balance
- d. Encouraged/complimented sustained effort and selfdiscipline during difficulty

(39) Sensitive to Students

#### Maintained Positive Classroom Behavior

- a. Through directions, transitions, and routines
- b. Appropriate behavior reinforcement
- c. Inconsequential misbehavior overlooked OR none existed
- d. Guidance to promote self-discipline and responsibility

(40) Positive

#### **Managed Disruptive Behavior**

No disruptive behavior existed OR

- a. Focused on individuals who cause disruptions
- b. Major disruptions attended to quickly and firmly
- c. Appropriate consequences
- d. Kept intervention as private as possible

(41) Disruptive Behavior



### **Dear Cooperating Teacher:**

PREVIEW ITEM 42 AND, WHEN APPLICABLE, 43 WITH UNIVERSITY SUPER-VISOR OR RESEARCH EVALUATOR. YOUR background puts these items in context. However, the supervisor's general and special background helps keep these matters in perspective. Your observation of such matters as appropriate attire and grooming can be noted at this time.

#### Decorum

(42) Decorum

- a. Attire, hygiene, and grooming appropriate for a classroom environment
- b. Complied with school policy and legal standards for public staff conduct and confidentiality
- Directed conduct of students according to school polity
- d. Supervised non-instructional duties for which the cooperating teacher is normally responsible (Condition: student teaching in full charge of all the cooperating teacher's normal responsibilities)

Special Education Supplement (Rate "6" if not applicable.)

#### **Behavior-Management Skill**

(43) Behavior-

a. Behavioral objectives based on baseline data or observation

Management

- b. One specific system with understandable rules and consequences (e.g., assertive discipline, precision teaching)
- c. Uses direct observation measurement procedure, such as the following, for ongoing records to evaluate behavior and modify interventions

duration reinforcement

modeling

event recording

time sampling

**d.** Such techniques as the following observed (combined or modified if indicated):

activity reinforcement

modeling

contingency contracting

shaping

group contingency home-based reinforcement

social reinforcement token system



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Cooperating Teacher ALOE	Teacher Observed:	I.D.	
Arizona Lesson Observation and Evaluation	Date:  Circle: Practicum ( 1a, b, c Entry-level or first, second, t		
RECORD	Professional Course (if applicable):		

	1 Objec	tives	DIRECTIONS: With ALOE, preview lesson plan for Planning Category. Observe the lesson for Instruction
Planning	Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified  a Objective-based  b Sequenced  c Appropriate  d Conditions  Rationale:	Direct Numerical Entry  Descriptors 1 None  evident 2 One  3 Two  4 Three  5 Pour	and Discipline Categories. (1) Mark "observed" descriptors, then clarify from the conference with the observed teacher. (2) Mark direct numerical entry statement fitting the lesson. Categorical Component ratings are made in the boxes heading each category. When the summary page is stapled on top of this record, disregard filling in the above information.  'O TRANSFER TO THE SUMMARY SHEET: Circle appropriate descriptor letters (A, B, etc.) or the statement number (1-to-5) best describing hierarchical-scale items. Write in the direct numerical entry in the Categorical Ratings box for these definitions: 0 = Not applicable; 1 = Needs education before practice; 2 = Needs significant education and practice; 3 = Needs minimal education and practice; 4 = Needs significant refinement; 5 = Needs minimal refinement; and 6 = Developed or mastered. On the summary sheet, the outlined-lettered items form the Special Education supplement, and the italicized outlined-lettered items form the Bilingual Education supplement.



2 Procedures	3 Resources
Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None   a Referenced   evident 2 One   a Two   o Sequenced   4 Threr   o Consumer (set)   5 Four   o Five   o Five	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None
4 Assessment Procedures	5 Diversity of Student Culture and Behavior
Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None   evident 2 One     a Referenced   evident 2 One     b Students identify   3 Two     c Appropriate   4 Three     d Effective   5 Four     e Progress checks   6 Five	Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None Descriptors 1 None Descriptors 2 One Descriptors 2 One Descriptors 3 Two Descriptors 3 Two Descriptors 3 Two Descriptors 1 None D
Rationale;	



6 Diversity of Student Abilities	7 Established Conditions for Learning						
Descriptor Entry  Observed  Clarified  Descriptors  None  Appropriate to unit  Readiness  CSMooth transitions  Descriptors  ATwo  Three  Balanced levels  Direct Numerical Entry  Descriptors  None  Cone  AThree  SFour	Descriptor Entry Observed Clavilled Descriptors 1 None Clavilled Descripto						
Rationale:							
8 Adherance to Objectives*	9 Adherence to Course Objectives*						
Descriptor E, ry Direct Numerical Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None     a Pretest   evident 2 One     b Specific criteria   3 Two     c Formative evaluation   4 Three     d Unit-feedback   5 Four    Rationale;	Direct Numerical Entry Based on School Curriculum  (1) Instruction meets adopted scope and sequence.  (2) Any substituted materials ar related to the adopted course of study.    1 Unrelated   2 Slightly related   3 Satisfactory   4 Relevant to course   5 Most relevant to course   8 Rationale:						
* Not normally observed by university supervisors	* Not normally observed by university supervisors						



	10 Routine Classroom Tasks	11 Lesson Opening
Instruction	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None   evident 2 One       a Efficient   2 One       b Nondisruptive   3 Two       c Materials ready   4 Three       d Transitions   5 Four	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None  a Previewed (set) cvident 2 One  b Focused early 3 Two  C Used motivation 4 Three  d Smooth, Integrated 5 Four
	Rationale:	Rationale:
	12 Directions and Explanations	13 Appropriate Teaching Methods
	Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None  a Objective-referenced evident 2 One  b Adjusted to feedback 3. Two c Pocused on learning 4 Three  d Smooth transitions 5 Four



15 Provided Opportunities for Participation
Direct Numerical Entry 1 Passive 2 Mostly bystanders 3 Some activity for most students 4 Opportunity for all in an activity 5 Opportunity for all in 2+ activities or  Rationale:
17 Retention Techniques
Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None



18 Closure and Summarization			19 Instructional Equipment/Aids			
Descriptor Entry Observed Clarif a Relevant to objective b Involved students c Related to instructional unit  Rationale:		erical Entry 1 None	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None			
20 G <sub>1</sub>	rouping		21 Cultural/Behavioral Diversity			
Descriptor Entry Observed Clari a Observant (withitness) b Based on observation c Achievable work d Effective teacher role			Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entr  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None   a Addressed varied needs evident 2 One   b Learning style 3 Two   c Early/lete finishers 4 Three   d Motivation (readiness) 5 Four   or class w homogene	<b>83</b>		



22 Instructional Time Use	23 Subject Area Knowledge			
Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None a Began, ended on time cvident Descriptors 1 None Clarified Descriptors 1 No	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None covident Observed O			
Rationale:	Rationale:			
24 Speech and Writing	25 Environment			
Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None   cvident 2 One   c Legible   4 Three    Rationale:	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified I None I None Descriptors I Some Observed I None I N			
	Rationale:			



26 Special Education Overlapping Behavior	27 Bilingual Education Meaningful Lessons			
Direct Numerical Entry  1 One activity ignored  2 Attended each but inefficiently  3 One activity attended well, the rest inefficient  4 One activity more meaningful, the rest not neglected  5 Each situation smoothly attended, all on task or more than one activity not apparent in lesson  6 NOT a special education class	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None			
Rationale:	Rationale:			
40 7044				
28 Bilingual Education Home Language	29 Student Success Rate*			
Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None   a Appropriate registers evident 2 One   b Language development 3 Two   c Non-disruptive use 4 Thres   d Practice and expansion 5 Pour   e Achievable objectives 7 Not   BME	Direct Numerical Entry  AT 80% MASTERY LEVEL:  1 Few students (less than 60%) achieved objective.  2 Some (60-69%) met objective.  3 Many (70-79%) met objective.  4 Most (80-89%) met objective.  5 Nearly all (90-100%) met objective  OR AT THE 100% MASTERY LEVEL:  6 All met objective to extent specified			



30 Testing Environment and Materials*	31 Handling Extraneous Behavior during the Test*
Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None Clarified Descriptors 1 None Clarified Descriptors 1 None Clarified Cone Clarified Cone Cone Cone Cone Cone Cone Cone Cone	Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors evident 2 One Descriptors   a Discegard irrelevance evident 2 One Descriptors evident 2 One Descript
*Not normally observed by university supervisors:	*Not normally observed by university supervisors.
32 Test Scoring*	33 Performance Recording and Report Writing*
Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 Name  a Efficient instrument cevident 2 One  b Record of data 3 Two  c Evaluated in context 4 Three  d Instrument intent 5 Four	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors Specific, observed base or evident Observed
Rationale:	Rationale:



Descriptor Entry	Di	reci Nu	merical	Entry
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☐b Maintained accurate :	timing 🗀	evident	2 One 3 Two	
o Prescribed presentation	199999900000000000000000000000000000000		4 Three	
d Natural speech	Ö		5 Four	
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	35 Class Cohesiveness and Rapport	36 Professional Support			
Discipline	Observed Clarified 1 None Descriptors evident 2 One Descriptors evident 2 One	Descriptor Entry  Observed  Clarified Descriptors 1 None  a Bye contact, expressions  evident  2 One  b Voice inflections  3 Two  c Fosture  d Gestures  S Four  Rationale:			
	37 Promote Mutual Respect	20 5 4 4 5 5 4			
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	Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None Descriptors 1 N	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None  a Predominantly positive cvident 2 One  b Nonverbal feedback 3 Two  c Awareness 4 Three  d Clear expectations 5 Four			



39 Sensitive to Students	40 Positive Classroom Behavior			
Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified I None Descriptors evident Observed I None Observed Obser	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified 1 None  a Directions, transitions Descriptors  b Reinforcement 3 Two  c Overlooked if minor or none  4 Three  d Guidance 5 Four			
Rationale:	Rationale:			
41 Managed Disruptive Behavior	42 Decorum*			
Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors a Focused on disruptors Descriptors b Quickly, firmly STwo c Appropriate consequences AThree d As private as possible SFour or disruptive behavior not evident	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified 1 None Descriptors Attire, hygiens, grooming Descriptors evident 2 One or descriptors evident 2 One or descriptors evident 4 Three of Non-instructional duties 5 Four 0			



Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified	Direct Numerical Entry
a Based on observation	
□ b One specific system □	
c Observation measure	3 Two
d Special techniques 🔲	5 Four



# **CSI Reference Edition**

# **Expanded Conference Skills Instrument**

November 10, 1989

DIRECTIONS: The following items are quantified as follows. Discrete-scale items are scored as:

- 1 None of the descriptors is evident.
- 2 One of the descriptors is evident.
- 3 Two of the descriptors are evident.
- 4 Three of the descriptors are evident.
- 5 All four descriptors are evident.
- 6 All five descriptors are evident (item one).

This instrument is intended for settings in which conferences are likely to occur and be observed.

# Plans Appropriate Conference/Interview

(1) Preparation

- a. Specified purpose and outline of content
- b. Provided appropriate setting

neat, clean comfortable seating quiet confidential, uninterrupted

- c. Provided record accessibility and ease of viewing
- d. Actual student materials or evaluations of performance organized and available beforehand
- e. Planned transition to informal conversation with parents or clients after summary and follow-up components of the conference

### Sensitive to Feelings (Warmth and Respect)

(2) Sensitive

- a. Courteous, deferential, respectful, and polite
- b. Unconditional positive regard without moralizing
- c. Helping individual identify/deal with any defensive or adjustive behavior OR None existed
- d. Indicates empathy when the individual has difficulty answering a question or expressing a problem (expressed understanding, concern, and encouragement during especially sensitive moments)



### **Provides Support**

- a. Facilitated speaking what's on the individual's mind, rather than on the interviewer's next remark
- b. Clearly stated questions related to the conference purpose getting more than "yes" or "no"
- Checked what is meant without jumping to conclusions
- d. Interpreted or summarized and identified constructive intervention strategies

(4) Relevance

(3) Support

### **Content is Substantive**

- a. Relevant to conference purpose
- b. Real need addressed for specific resolution
- c. Meaningful examples, samples, charts, profiles, or test results provided
- d. Related to a whole picture

#### **Provides Focus**

- a. Specific with examples or details
- b. Definite rather than hesitant or apologetic
- c. Evaluated option(s) to resolve needs
- d. Constructively-directed, avoided irrelevant or disruptive sidetracking

(5) Focused

### Appropriate Interviewer Language and Speech

- a. Understandable, articulate, correct
- b. Professional vocabulary appropriate for the interviewed person's age and background
- c. Talked to, not down or over the head of the individual
- d. Provided alternatives and qualifications for sensitive areas

(6) Language and Speech

#### **Use of Conference/Interview Time**

- a. Appropriate initiation begun by interviewer what should be accomplished in the conference, topics to be addressed (any added by the individual), use of information, assurance of confidentiality, and length of the conference
- b. Use of time effective to achieving conference goals
- c. Managed distractions and digressions OR none existed
- d. Routine tasks not disruptive

(7) Use of Time



Rest its in Constructive Plan of Action

- a. Clear strategies defined or implied
- b. Persons identified as who will do what when
- c. . Iternative plans specified if unsuccessful
- d. Follow-up plan specified

(8) Action Plan

**Smooth Closure** 

(9) Closure

- a. Summary of highlights
- b. Limitations of conference stated
- c. Follow-up plan of what was to happen next
- d. Informal courtesy

**Conference Report** 

(10) Report

- a. Professionally, neatly typed with proper written expression
- **b.** Proper identification information with significant information, such as:

date addresses ethnicity names relationships ages

- c. Contains reasons for conference/interview, description of setting, estimate of validity of information obtained
- d. Well organized, thorough report of content session, summary, recommendations, and planned follow-up



# **CSI Work Edition**

## **Conference Skills Instrument**

November 10, 1989

DIRECTIONS: The following items are quantified as follows. Discrete-scale items are scored as:

- 1 None of the descriptors is evident.
- 2 One of the descriptors is evident.
- 3 Two of the descriptors are evident.
- 4 Three of the descriptors are evident.
- 5 All four descriptors are evident.
- 6 All five descriptors are evident (item one).

This instrument is intended for settings in which conferences are likely to occur and be observed.

# Plans Appropriate Conference/Interview

(1) Preparation

- a. Specified purpose and outline of content
- b. Provided appropriate setting
- c. Professional attire, hygiene, and grooming
- d. Materials or evaluations organized and available before conference
- e. Planned transition to informal conversation after closing summary and follow-up

### Sensitive to Feelings (Warmth and Respect)

- a. Courteous, deferential, respectful, and polite
- b. Unconditional positive regard without moralizing
- c. Helping individual identify/deal with any defensive or adjustive behavior OR None existed
- d. Indicates empathy when the individual has difficulty answering a question or expressing a problem

(2) Sensitive

### **Provides Support**

- a. Facilitated the individual's thinking, not interviewer's next remark
- b. Clear questions for more than "yes" or "no"
- c. Checked meaning without jumping to conclusions
- d. Interpreted or summarized and identified strategies

(3) Support



## Content is Substantive

- a. Relevant to conference purpose
- b. Real need addressed for resolution
- c. Meaningful records provided
- d. Related to whole picture

(4) Relevance

#### Provides Focus

- a. Specific examples or details
- b. Definite rather than hesitant or apologetic
- c. Option(s) to resolve needs
- d. Directed, avoided sidetracking

(5) Focused

### Appropriate Interviewer Language and Speech

- a. Understandable, articulate, correct
- Professional vocabulary appropriate for the interviewed person
- c. Taiked to, not down or over the head
- d. Provided alternatives and qualifications for sensitive areas

(6) Language and Speech

## Use of Conference/Interview Time

- a. Appropriate initiation by interviewer
- b. Use of time effective to achieving conference goals
- c. Managed distractions and digressions OR None existed
- d. Routine tasks not disruptive

(7) Use of Time

### **Results in Constructive Plan of Action**

- a. Clear strategies defined or implied
- b. Persons identified as who will do what when
- c. Alternative plans specified if unsuccessful
- d. Follow-up plan specified

(8) Action Plan

### **Smooth Closure**

- a. Summary of highlights
- b. Limitations of the conference stated
- c. Follow-up plan of what was to happen next
- d. Informal courtesy

(9) Closure



# **Conference Report**

(10) Report

- a. Neatly typed with proper written expression
- b. Proper identification information
- c. Contains reasons for conference, setting, estimate of validity of information obtained
- d. Well organized, thorough report of content session, summary, recommendations, and planned follow-up



Conference	Conference Director:	I,D.
Skills Instrument	Date:	Supervisor:
Record	Circle: Practicum ( 1 ), Student Teachir	ng ( 2 ), Entry-level ( 3a, b, c )

DIRECTIONS: Using the Conference Skills Instrument (CSI), preview the plan and observe the conference, (1) Mark "observed" descriptors. Then clarify observations of the conference with the of served individual to allow the observed individual to reveal decisions and rationale for these decisions. (2) Mark direct numerical entry statement fitting the conference. Finally, transfer item scores to the summary by writing in the direct numerical entry and circling descriptor letters.

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ATEMENT	Direct Numerical Entry										
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1 Plans Appropriate Co	nference/Interview	2 Sensitive to Feelings (Warmth and Respect)			
Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarifies  a Purpose and outline  b Setting  c Record access, viewing  d Material availability	Descriptors cvident 2 One	Descriptor Entry Direct Num  Observed Clarified Descri  a Courteous, respectful evident  b Positive regard   c Adjustive behavior or none  d Empathy	ierical Entry  1 None  ptors 2 One  3 Two  4 Three  5 Four		
e Closing transition  Rationale:	J 6 Five	Rationale:			
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3 Provides Support	4 Content Is Substantive
Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None  a Helped individual talk evident 2 One  b Questions (not yes/no) 3 Two Checked meaning 4 Three  d Summarized, strategies 5 Pour	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Cheerved Clarified Descriptors! None     a Relevant   evident 2 One     b Real need, reso'ttion   3 Two     c Examples, sen pley tests   4 Three     d Relevant   5 Four
Rationale:	Rationale:
5 Provides Focus	6 Appropriate Interviewer Language and Speech
Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors  a Specific with examples b Definite, unapologetic C Evaluated options to resolve d Constructively-directed  Descriptors 1 None c vident 2 One c 4 Three d 5 Four	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified 1 None Descriptors  a Understandable, articulate civident 2 One civident 3 Two  b Considered age, background 3 Two  b Talked to (not down, over) 4 Three  d Sensitive attrategies 5 Four
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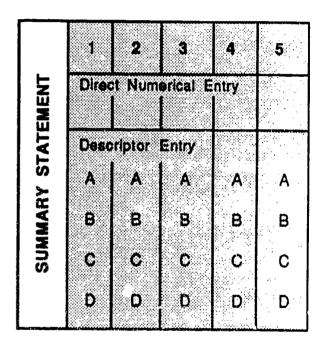
7 Use of Conference/Interview Time	8 Results In Constructive Plan of Action		
Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None		
Rationale:	Rationale:		
9 Smooth Closure	10 Conference Report		
Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors! None  a Summary of highlights evident 2 One  b Conference limitations 3 Two  c Follow-up plan 4 Three  d Informal courtesy 5 Four	Descriptor Entry Observed Clarified Descriptors  a Typed, proper writing evident 2 One  b Identification information 3 Two  c Purpose, information validity 4 Three  d Summary, recommendations 5 Four		
Rationale:	Rationale:		



FORMAL	Test Administrator:	I.D.
TEST ADMINISTRATION	Date:	Observer:
RECORD	Circle: Practicum ( 1 ), Student Teachin	ng ( 2 ), Entry-level ( 3a, b, c )

DIRECTIONS: This record is intended for formal tests not related to instruction. Using the ALOE, preview test purpose (documentation for a standardized test or identified intended use for printed diagnostic test). Observe the test administration, (1) Mark the "observed" descriptors. Then clarify observations during a conference with the observed test administrator to allow the observed test administrator to reveal decisions and rationale for these decisions. (2) Mark direct numerical entry statement fitting the clarified test administration. Parenthetical numbers with titles of testing items refer to the complete set of ALOE items. To finish, transfer item scores to the summary statement by writing in direct numerical entry and circling descriptor letters.

Descriptor E	ntry		merical Entr
Observed  a Minimal di  b Student con  c Clear direct  d Materials	straction 🔲	Descript evident	2 Ons 2 Ons 3 Two 4 Three 5 Four
Rationale:			





2 Handling Extraneous Behavior during the Test (31)	3 Test Scoring (32)		
Observed Clarified I Nome Descriptors Observed Clarified Descriptors One Descriptors One Observed I One Observed Tone Observed T	Descriptor Entry Direct Numerical Entry   Observed   Clarified Descriptors   1 None       a Efficient instrument   evident   2 Onts       b Record of data   3 Two       c Byshunted in context   4 Three       d Instrument intent   5 Four       Rationale:		
4 Performance Recording and Report Writing (33)	5 Standardized Procedures (34)		
Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarified Descriptors 1 None Clarified Clarified Cone Clarified Cone Clarified Clarif	Descriptor Entry  Observed Clarifiest Descriptors evident  a Exact wording of directions  b Maintained accurate timing  c Prescribed presentations  d Natural speech  5 Four  6 Not  standardized  test		
	Rationale:		

