

TITLE III CLASSROOM OBSERVATION TOOL

PURPOSE: Identifying Promising Practices based on the observation tool research (NOT EVALUATIVE).

District:	School:	Date:	
Subject:	Grade:	END Time:	
Teacher:	Observer:	START Time:	
___ Clear Content Objective (the WHAT): ___ Aligned to Grade Level Standards		WIDA KEY USES: How are students USING language in the classroom or in pairs or small groups. ___ Inform ___ Explain ___ Narrate ___ Argue	
What are the Learning intentions and Success Criteria for the Day:		WIDA Language Domains Receptive Language Skills: ___ Listening for an explicit purpose ___ Reading for an explicit purpose Expressive Language Skills: ___ Speaking with an explicit prompt ___ Writing to an explicit prompt	
Evidence of Academic Rigor (<i>USE back for DOK Student Learning Task and circle if visible</i>): Please focus on <u>level of questioning by the teacher</u> :		Evidence of Student Engagement: (<i>USE back for DOK Student Learning Task and circle if visible</i>): Please focus on <u>what students are doing</u> :	
EVIDENCE OF Displaying and/or using SCAFFOLDS TO MAKE GRADE LEVEL CONTENT COMPREHENSIBLE			
Graphics: ___ Charts (Wall posters or student made) ___ Organizers ___ Word wall	Linguistic supports: ___ context embedded vocabulary ___ stem phrases ___ songs/chant ___ choral reading	Visuals: ___ Illustrations ___ Videos ___ Models ___ Manipulatives ___ Smart Board ___ Chrome Book	Interactive/Kinesthetic: ___ Partners ___ Triads ___ groups ___ TPR = Total Physical Response
STRATEGIES WITH HIGH EFFECT SIZES (.7+) HATTIE STUDENT LEARNING STRATEGIES ___ Integrating learning with prior knowledge (.93) ___ Deliberate Practice (.79)			
UDL KEY ELEMENTS for Language Acquisition: Students Learning English have specific needs: ___ Provides Student choice & Autonomy ___ Provides Multiple ways to represent learning ___ Embeds grade level content vocabulary in text/context ___ Fosters Student Collaboration ___ Provides opportunities for student self-assessment			
Supports for Assessment Capable Learners: How many times observed. ___ Teacher Facilitate opportunities for students to reflect on and talk about their learning. ___ Students seek feedback from peers and teacher(s) about their learning. ___ Students select appropriate tools to guide their learning.			

DOK Levels	Teacher Roles: What questions are being asked?	Student Roles: What are students DOING?
Acquire Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions to focus attention (<i>Who? What? Where? How? When?</i>) ○ Directs, leads, demonstrates, defines, provides practice ○ Scaffolds for access & focus 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Acquires vocabulary, facts, rules ○ Memorizes, recites, quotes, restates ○ Retrieves information ○ Practices & self-monitors basic skills ○ Clarifies procedures, asks for support using resources, tools
Use, Connect, Conceptualize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions to build schema: differentiate parts-whole, classify, draw out inferences ○ Models & scaffolds conceptual understanding (<i>Why? Under what conditions? Gives example/non-example?</i>) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Explains relationships, sorts, classifies, compares, organizes information ○ Makes predictions based on estimates, observations, prior knowledge ○ Proposes problems or issues/questions to be investigated ○ Raises conceptual or strategy questions
Deepen & Construct Meaning	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions to probe reasoning, thinking, & promote peer discourse/self-reflection; links Big Ideas (<i>How will you know/do this? Where is the evidence?</i>) ○ Designs tasks requiring proof, justification, analysis of evidence quality & accuracy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uncovers relevant, accurate, credible information, flaws in a design, or proposed solution & links with “Big Ideas” ○ Plans how to develop supporting (hard) evidence for conclusions or claims ○ Researches/tests ideas solves non-routine problems; perseveres ○ Self-assesses; Uses feedback to improve
Extend, Transfer, Broaden	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Questions to extend thinking, explore sources, broaden perspectives/Big Idea (<i>Are there potential biases? Can you propose an alternative model?</i>) ○ Encourages & scaffolds use of relevant & valid resources, peer-to-peer discourse/self-reflection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Initiates, transfers, and <i>constructs</i> new knowledge/insights linked to “Big Ideas” ○ Modifies, creates, elaborates based on analysis and interpretation of multiple sources ○ Investigates real-world problems and issues; perseveres; manages time-task ○ Self-assesses; Uses feedback to improve

OBSERVATION NOTES (NOT EVALUATIVE) – TEACHER COMMENDATIONS BASED ON USE OF RESEARCH-BASED OBSERVATION TOOL