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Guiding Questions for Instruction

As the two of you discuss your instructional observation, use these questions as a guide. You will select one of the components as a focus.

A. Communicating with Students

- How does the teacher convey his/her learning expectations to the students?
- Were the students able to explain what they were to achieve to the others?
- How do the students demonstrate that they understood the directions and procedure for the tasks assigned?

B. Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques

- When and how does the teacher use a variety of questions, at various levels, to either direct or facilitate learning?
- How does the teacher support interactive discussion among the members of the class?

C. Engaging Students in Learning (to be observed with feedback)

- What evidence of intellectual engagement is present in the classroom?
- Which specific activities and assignments challenged the students to think broadly and deeply, solve problems, and/or be involved in other non-routine thinking?
- How did the teacher use instructional grouping during the lesson that promoted engagement?
- How did the instructional materials and/or resources used provide for student choice? What were the adaptations that made the task accessible to all students?

D. Using Assessment in Instruction

- What evidence is there that the students understand how they will be assessed and can explain it to others?
- When and how does the teacher monitor student learning during the lesson?
- What types of feedback does the teacher provide to the class or individual and why and how would this feedback lead to improved student learning?
- In what ways does the teacher encourage the students to self-assess and monitor their progress?

E. Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness

- How and when did the teacher make adjustments to the lesson in reaction to students needs?
- How does the teacher respond to the questions posed by the students?
- What does the teacher do when the class or individual has difficulty learning the concepts of the lesson?