Enhancing Professional Practice: A Framework for Teaching

Domain 1: Planning and Preparation

1a: Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy

Knowledge of content and structure of the discipline

Knowledge of prerequisite relationships

Knowledge of content-related pedagogy

1b: Demonstrating Knowledge of Students

Knowledge of child and adolescent development

Knowledge of the learning process

Knowledge of students' skills, knowledge and

language proficiency

Knowledge of students' interests and cultural heritage

Knowledge of students' special needs

1c: Selecting Instructional Outcomes

Value, sequence, alignment

Clarity

Suitability for diverse students

Balance

1d: Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources

Resources for classroom use

Resources to extend content knowledge and

pedagogy

Resources for students

1e: Designing Coherent Instruction

Learning activities

Instructional materials and resources

Instructional groups

Lesson and unit structure

1f: Designing Student Assessments

Congruence with instructional outcomes

Criteria and standards

Design of formative assessments

Use for planning

Domain 4: Professional Responsibilities

4a: Reflecting on Teaching

Accuracy

Use in future teaching

4b: Maintaining Accurate Records

Student completion of assignments

Student progress in learning

Non-instructional records

4c: Communicating with Families

Information about the instructional program

Information about individual students

Engagement of families in the instructional program

4d: Participating in a Professional Community

Relationships with colleagues

Involvement in a culture of professional Inquiry

Service to the school

Participation in school and district projects

4e: Growing and Developing Professionally

Enhancement of content knowledge and pedagogical

Receptivity to feedback from colleagues

Service to the profession

4f: Showing Professionalism

Integrity and ethical conduct

Service to students

Advocacy

Decision making

Compliance with school/district regulations

Domain 2: The Classroom Environment

2a: Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport

Teacher interaction with students

Student interactions with other students

2b: Establishing a Culture for Learning

Importance of the content

Student pride in work

Expectations for learning and achievement

2c: Managing Classroom Procedures

Management of instructional groups

Management of transitions

Management of materials and supplies

Performance of non-instructional duties

Supervision of volunteers and paraprofessionals

2d: Managing Student Behavior

Expectations

Monitoring of student behavior

Response to student misbehavior

2e: Organizing Physical Space

Safety and arrangement of furniture

Accessibility to learning and use of physical resources

Domain 3: Instruction

3a: Communicating Clearly and Accurately

Expectations for learning

Directions and procedures

Explanation of content

Use of oral and written language

3b: Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques

Quality of questions

Discussion techniques

Student participation

3c: Engaging Students in Learning

Activities and assignments

Grouping of students

Instructional materials and resources

Structure and pacing

3d: Using Assessments in Instruction

Assessment criteria

Monitoring of student learning

Feedback to students

Student self assessment and monitoring of progress

3e: Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness

Lesson adjustment

Response to Students

Persistence

