

# Charlotte Danielson's FRAMEWORK FOR TEACHING

## DOMAIN 1: Planning and Preparation

- 1a Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy**
  - Content knowledge
  - Prerequisite relationships
  - Content pedagogy
- 1b Demonstrating Knowledge of Students**
  - Child development
  - Learning process
  - Special needs
  - Student skills, knowledge, and proficiency
  - Interests and cultural heritage
- 1c Setting Instructional Outcomes**
  - Value, sequence, and alignment
  - Clarity
  - Balance
  - Suitability for diverse learners
- 1d Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources**
  - For classroom
  - To extend content knowledge
  - For students
- 1e Designing Coherent Instruction**
  - Learning activities
  - Instructional materials and resources
  - Instructional groups
  - Lesson and unit structure
- 1f Designing Student Assessments**
  - Congruence with outcomes
  - Criteria and standards
  - 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**
  - About instructional program
  - About individual students
  - Engagement of families in instructional program
- 4d Participating in a Professional Community**
  - Relationships with colleagues
  - Participation in school projects
  - Involvement in culture of professional inquiry
  - Service to school
- 4e Growing and Developing Professionally**
  - Enhancement of content knowledge / pedagogical skill
  - Receptivity to feedback from colleagues
  - Service to the profession
- 4f Showing Professionalism**
  - Integrity/ethical conduct
  - Service to students
  - Advocacy
  - Decision-making
  - Compliance with school/district regulation

## DOMAIN 2: The Classroom Environment

- 2a Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport**
  - Teacher interaction with students
  - Student interaction with students
- 2b Establishing a Culture for Learning**
  - Importance of content
  - Expectations for learning and achievement
  - Student pride in work
- 2c Managing Classroom Procedures**
  - Instructional groups
  - Transitions
  - Materials and supplies
  - Non-instructional duties
  - Supervision of volunteers and paraprofessionals
- 2d Managing Student Behavior**
  - Expectations
  - Monitoring behavior
  - Response to misbehavior
- 2e Organizing Physical Space**
  - Safety and accessibility
  - Arrangement of furniture and resources

## DOMAIN 3: Instruction

- 3a Communicating With Students**
  - Expectations for learning
  - Directions and procedures
  - Explanations 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
  - Student groups
  - Instructional materials and resources
  - Structure and pacing
- 3d Using Assessment in Instruction**
  - Assessment criteria
  - Monitoring of student learning
  - Feedback to students
  - Student self-assessment and monitoring
- 3e Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness**
  - Lesson adjustment
  - Response to students
  - Persistence

# Learning-focused Conversations

## Information, analysis, goals

### Calibrating

What are the gaps/growth areas indicated for this teacher based on present performance levels and the standards?

What information, ideas and technical resources will be most useful to this teacher at this time?

What are some ways to balance my contributions with this teacher's experiences and expertise?

What mental and emotional resources might be most useful for this teacher at this time?

## Information, analysis, goals

### Consulting

Use a pattern of pause/paraphrase/pause and inquire (coach) . . . or shift stance:

Consulting strategies:

- Several things that might be effective here, include...
- Typically, that might be caused by...
- Research in this area indicates...
- Some ways I think about that are...

Collaborating strategies:

- Let's brainstorm a list of . . .
- Why don't we generate some pro's and con's for . . .
- How might we plan for . . .

**The Continuum of Learning-focused Interaction** is used by supervisors to flexibly shift between four stances to develop teachers' capacities to apply standards, reflect upon data, set goals and expand professional expertise.

Teacher

### Collaborating

### Coaching

Supervisor/ Specialist

Guiding question

## Planning Conversations

### Activating and Engaging (1a, 1b)

- context
- presenting issues

### Exploring and Discovering

- goals and outcomes (1c)
- indicators of success (1f)
- approaches, strategies and resources (1d, 1e)
- potential choice points and concerns (1e, 1f)

### Organizing and Integrating

- personal learning
- next steps

## Reflecting Conversations (4a)

### Activating and Engaging

- recollections
- perspectives and perceptions

### Exploring and Discovering

- weigh evidence
- search for patterns
- compare/contrast
- analyze cause-effect

### Organizing and Integrating

- generalizations
- applications

**Effective paraphrases** align the speaker and responder, establish understanding, communicate regard and create connections to whatever follows.

### Three Types of Paraphrase

#### Acknowledge and Clarify:

So, you're noticing . . .  
You're describing . . .  
In other words, there are . . .

#### Summarize and Organize:

There seem to be two key issues . . .  
So, you're comparing \_\_\_\_\_ with \_\_\_\_\_

#### Shift Level of Abstraction:

Shifting up (e.g., move from Element to Component or Domain)  
So, your activities and assignments are designed for high student engagement.

Shifting down (e.g., move from Domain to Component or Element)  
Your thinking about using assessment in instruction includes assessment criteria and feedback to students.

**Artful questions** combine with pausing and paraphrasing to increase the potential of learning-focused conversations. The goal of inquiry is to produce teacher thinking and integrate the self-talk of expertise

#### Use invitational stems:

What are some . . .  
In what ways . . .  
How might you . . .  
What seems to be . . .  
Given your . . .  
Based on . . .

#### Include thinking processes:

What are some comparisons between . . .  
In what ways might you apply this . . .  
How might you compare/contrast . . .  
Based on this lesson, what are some generalizations . . .  
Given your experience, what might be causing this . . .

