



Standard 1 Rubric Essential Element 1.5 Practitioners with Permanent Status

Essential Element 1.5	Not Meeting Standards	Approaching		Meeting Standards	
Promoting critical thinking through inquiry, problem solving, and reflection	Questions are rapid-fire and convergent, with a single correct answer or focus on factual knowledge and comprehension. Questions do not or rarely invite student thinking. The teacher does not ask students to explain their thinking.	Regularly asks questions that address factual knowledge and comprehension. Rarely asks students to interpret or think critically.	Regularly guides students to think critically through use of questioning strategies, solving problems, and reflecting on issues in content.	Regularly supports students in developing questions, posing problems, and reflecting on multiple perspectives.	Regularly facilitates opportunity for students to apply critical thinking by designing inquiries into complex problems.

Adapted from the Continuum of Teaching Practice





1.5 Promoting critical thinking through inquiry, problem solving and reflection.

Strategies below are suggestions NOT requirements

How might I	P-12 Strategies
-encourage students to use multiple approaches and solutions to solve problems?	 Model and demonstrate ways to develop the ability to think independently, creatively, or critically in order to solve problems Encourage students to develop confidence in their ability to think independently, creatively, an critically in order to solve problems Ask questions to facilitate discussion, clarify and extend students' thinking Assign activities that include more than one method of approaching or completing the work Conduct debates from a variety of perspectives Allow for the teacher and students to share their thinking processes (e.g. think aloud) Employ group problem-solving Use GLAD strategies – 10/2 lecture, Observation Charts, Inquiry Charts, Comparative Input Chart, Mind Maps, Process Grids, Expert Groups, ELD reviews, Numbered Heads, Cooperative Strip Paragraphs, Writers Workshop, Learning Logs, Interactive Journals Other
-encourage students to ask critical questions and consider diverse perspectives about subject matter?	 Teach students how to reflect on their progress and direct their own learning Facilitate interactive student practice activities while monitoring and providing feedback (e.g. cooperative learning, think-pair-share) Plan time in lessons for student reflection Use and promote brainstorming, webbing and the use of thinking maps Use open-ended questions and activities Use Socratic seminars Use Philosophical Chairs Teach students to use inquiry methods Use GLAD strategies – 10/2 lecture, Observation Charts, Inquiry Charts, Comparative Input Chart, Mind Maps, Process Grids, Expert Groups, ELD reviews, Numbered Heads, Cooperative Strip Paragraphs, Writers Workshop, Learning Logs, Interactive Journals





How might I	K-12 Strategies
-provide opportunities for students to think about, discuss, and evaluate content?	 Provide opportunities for paired and group work Use think-pair-share Use open-ended journal prompts Provide opportunities for students to design and use rubrics Provide opportunities for students to present and reflect upon their own work Use reciprocal teaching Use close reading strategies Routinely provide discussion time at end of the class/period for review or reflection on work across content areas Use GLAD strategies – 10/2 lecture, Observation Charts, Inquiry Charts, Comparative Input Chart, Mind Maps, Process Grids, Expert Groups, ELD reviews, Numbered Heads, Cooperative Strip Paragraphs, Writers Workshop, Learning Logs, Interactive Journals Other
-ask questions to facilitate discussion, clarify, and extend students' thinking?	 Helps students become familiar with their progress towards standards Use open-ended, higher-order questions Check for understanding (e.g. thumbs up, choral response, signal cards, whiteboards, volunteers/non-volunteers, student responders) Engage in class discussions Use "What if" questions, and higher order questioning strategies Use kinesthetic modality Give oral quizzes Use GLAD strategies – 10/2 lecture, Observation Charts, Inquiry Charts, Comparative Input Chart, Mind Maps, Process Grids, Expert Groups, ELD reviews, Numbered Heads, Cooperative Strip Paragraphs, Writers Workshop, Learning Logs, Interactive Journals Other





How might I	P-12 Strategies
-support students to think and communicate with clarity and precisionhelp students apply previous learning to new situations?	 Allow adequate wait time for students to think Connect new learning to prior learning Use graphic organizers to connect new learning with prior content Include oral responses to allow students to explain their thinking Use GLAD strategies – 10/2 lecture, Observation Charts, Inquiry Charts, Comparative Input Chart, Mind Maps, Process Grids, Expert Groups, ELD reviews, Numbered Heads, Cooperative Strip Paragraphs, Writers Workshop, Learning Logs, Interactive Journals Other
-help students apply previous learning to new situations	 Students will use content knowledge from one subject area to demonstrate knowledge in another area (e.g. painting, music, radio show, dancing, power point) Use Venn diagrams to compare and contrast previous learning to new concepts Refer to previously taught skills when introducing new concepts Use GLAD strategies – 10/2 lecture, Observation Charts, Inquiry Charts, Comparative Input Chart, Mind Maps, Process Grids, Expert Groups, ELD reviews, Numbered Heads, Cooperative Strip Paragraphs, Writers Workshop, Learning Logs, Interactive Journals Other





How might I	P-12 Strategies
-encourage students to create, imagine, and innovate?	 Model constructivist methods Assign activities that include more than one method or approaching or completing the task Allow students to demonstrate understanding of the content through a variety of products (e.g. painting, music, radio show, dancing, power point) Use Socratic seminars Use GLAD strategies – 10/2 lecture, Observation Charts, Inquiry Charts, Comparative Input Chart, Mind Maps, Process Grids, Expert Groups, ELD reviews, Numbered Heads, Cooperative Strip Paragraphs, Writers Workshop, Learning Logs, Interactive Journals Other
- help students to develop and use strategies and technologies for accessing knowledge and information?	 Integrate technology through the lens of instruction (e.g. choose technology to enhance learning) Provide credible resources to assist students in accessing knowledge Demonstrate appropriate use of technology Provide time for students to utilize technology to access information (e.g. internet, webcasts, podcasts, video conferencing, Skype) Provide opportunities for students to collect and analyze data Use GLAD strategies – 10/2 lecture, Observation Charts, Inquiry Charts, Comparative Input Chart, Mind Maps, Process Grids, Expert Groups, ELD reviews, Numbered Heads, Cooperative Strip Paragraphs, Writers Workshop, Learning Logs, Interactive Journals Other

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