MATHEMATICS PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT IMPACT STUDY

CLASSROOM OBSERVATION FORM

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I. Explanation/Instruction

Check if activity is observed at any time during each five minute interval.

	Int 1	Int 2	Int 3	Int 4	Int 5	Int 6	Int 7	Int 8	Int 9	Int 10
Previews a problem										
Introduces and/or reviews the definition of a concept										
Provides an explanation for a solution or step in problem										
Makes connections among math concepts and procedures										
Labels math strategy, problem or concept										
Incorporates estimation, benchmarks, number sense										
Incorporates representations										
Requests/requires students to present their work to the class										

II. Questioning/Feedback

Check if activity is observed at any time during each five minute interval.

	Int 1	Int 2	Int 3	Int 4	Int 5	Int 6	Int 7	Int 8	Int 9	Int 10
Asks close-ended questions (teacher accepts only one										
answer)										
Poses open-ended questions (teacher accepts multiple										
answers or solutions)										
States if student answer is correct or not without elaborating or										
repeats what child said with indication of right or wrong										
Provides correct answer right away (no probing for thinking or										
hinting)										
Probes for reasoning or justification of solution										
Asks for multiple strategies/solutions for a problem										

III. Lesson Structure

Mark yes or no to the statements below.

	Yes	No
States mathematical objective of the lesson (at the beginning of class or lesson segment)		
Connects lesson to prior knowledge/instruction (at any time during class)		
Leads summary of what was learned or asks students to lead/share summary (at end of class or lesson segment)		

IV. Representations

Mark yes or no to the statements below.

Teacher uses or directs students to use the following representations: (at any time during class)	Yes	No
Picture to illustrate a word problem		
Cartesian coordinate graph with line y=kx		
Area model (circle or pie graph)		
Other graph (e.g. scatter plot, bar graph)		
Table (T Table, Ratio Table)		
Number Line		
Rectangular Area Model		
Rectangular Array		
Set Models		
Fraction Strips (Tiles)		
Strip Diagram		
Decimal Squares (Base 10 Blocks)		

V. Delivery

Rate how characteristic the statement is of the class that you observed (check one box for each statement).

Not at all (never or almost never evident)

Minimally characteristic (sometimes evident)

Strongly characteristic (frequently evident)

Extremely characteristic (almost always evident)

	1	2	3	4
	Not at all	Minimal	Strong	Extreme
Teacher is fluid in her presentation of the lesson.				
Teacher has materials prepared and ready for students				
Students spend little time waiting or transitioning between topics				
Teacher spends a lot of time giving directions				
Class time is spent on understanding or practicing math				
Teacher stays on focus				
Teacher monitors student work and follows through to ensure understanding				

V. Student Engagement

Rate how characteristic the statement is of the class that you observed (check one box for each statement).

Not at all (never or almost never evident)

Minimally characteristic (sometimes evident)

Strongly characteristic (frequently evident)

Extremely characteristic (almost always evident)

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	Not at all	Minimal	Strong	Extreme
Students appear excited by the lesson (smiling, leaning forward, waving hands, starting				
easily and quickly on activity).				
Students are actively engaged (asking questions, responding, working with materials,				
writing)				
Students attended to the lesson in a passive way (looking at the speaking, sitting up but				
with limited opportunity to talk, write, or manipulate materials).				
Students are off-task .				
Student behavior disrupts the classroom				