

## **Appendix F: Teacher Work Samples**

## Classroom Assessment FOR Student Learning Study

**Teacher Work Samples****Directions for Collecting Assignments and Student Work****Due:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please collect 3 assignments, with 4 graded samples of student work for each assignment. You will be asked to fill out a cover sheet for each assignment. Detailed instructions are given below.

We want to describe the nature of the math tasks that students do, what is expected of them, what feedback they are given, and how grades are assigned. Our descriptions depend on what you tell us, so please be explicit and detailed so we can be as accurate as possible. **If you have any questions about any of the following instructions, please contact the Study Director, Dr. Andrea Beesley, at 303-632-5541 or by email at [abeesley@mcrel.org](mailto:abeesley@mcrel.org).** Thank you.

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## **INSTRUCTIONS:**

### **1. COLLECT THE FOLLOWING 3 ASSIGNMENTS.**

Between now and \_\_\_\_\_, collect 3 assignments with selected examples of graded or marked student work. These examples of student work should be papers that are ready to be returned to the students, with your marks and feedback included. Use assignments that ask students to do some individual work, and that reflect your lesson objectives. Do not create new assignments specifically for this study. Please collect one of each of the following types of assignments:

1. 1 example of homework **or** seatwork that asks students to show their work and explain their reasoning
2. 1 quiz **or** end-of-week assessment
3. 1 example of a performance assessment (such as creating a graph) **or** in-class project

### **2. FOR EACH OF THE 3 ASSIGNMENTS, COPY 4 SAMPLES OF STUDENT WORK showing student response to the assignment.**

- **For each assignment, choose four samples from the same class. Choose two samples of work from students who achieved the assignment objectives, and two from students who did not achieve the assignment objectives.**

It is fine to choose different students' papers for different assignments. If there were no students who achieved the objectives on an assignment, attach a note explaining why you are not including any of those pieces of student work. In that case, please just give us samples of work from students who did not achieve the objectives.

- Date *and* mark the time each piece of student work was completed (e.g., 11/10/06, 1:15 pm). Copy the four sets of student work for each assignment.
- Please cross out or white out each student's name. (We prefer to receive students' work without their names so as to protect their privacy.) Please do not cover up any part of the student's work, your feedback, or grade. It is important for us to see the feedback comments or grades.
- Place an "Achieved Objectives" label on the papers of the students who achieved the objectives. Place a "Did Not Achieve Objectives" label on the papers of the students who did not achieve the objectives.

### **3. FILL OUT A COVER SHEET FOR EACH OF THE 3 ASSIGNMENTS.**

Fill out the enclosed Cover Sheets for Teacher Assignments in the pockets in this folder.

- **Please attach the following to help us understand** the assignment and accompanying student work, such as the following:
  - Copy of the directions given to students (**please be as explicit as possible**)
  - Grading rubric or guidelines, and
  - Outline of the unit.
- Place the cover sheet with attached papers and the 4 pieces of student work in the appropriate pockets in this binder.

**General Teacher Information Form**  
**Classroom Assessment Study**

**Please provide the following information:**

1. Your first name: \_\_\_\_\_
2. Your last name: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Your school: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Is there anything unusual about your math class that we should know when looking at the assignments and student work?

Thanks so much!

## Cover Sheet for Homework or Seatwork Math Assignment

Date assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Describe the assignment below in detail or attach a copy of the assignment directions to this sheet. Be sure to tell us exactly what directions were given to students.**

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- 2. What was the source of this assignment?**

- I created it
- I selected it from a textbook
- I selected it from a workbook
- I selected it from other materials provided by the curriculum publisher
- I selected it from computer software
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Why did you create or select this particular assignment?**

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- 4. What is/are the purpose(s) of this assignment (check all that apply)?**

- To check student progress toward a learning goal
- To provide student feedback on his or her understanding
- To assess skill proficiency
- To provide practice
- To provide opportunity to apply knowledge or skill in a new way/situation or for a new purpose
- As a unit pretest
- As a unit posttest

- 5. What were your learning goals for the students for this assignment? In other words, what skills, concepts, or facts did you want students to learn, practice or demonstrate as a result of completing this assignment?**

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**6. Check the type of learning goal/target this assignment addresses (check all that apply):**

- Knowledge (facts)
- Reasoning (the ability to apply knowledge)
- Skill (something that must be demonstrated)
- Product (something that is created)
- Disposition (attitudes – not used for grading)

**7. In preparing students for this assignment, how did you accommodate the range of student needs/skill levels in your classroom?**

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**8. How does the assignment fit in with your unit or what you are teaching in your math class this month or this year? Is this an end-of-unit assessment? [ ] Yes [ ] No**

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**9. How long did students take to complete the assignment? \_\_\_\_\_**

**10. What type of help, if any, did students receive to complete the assignment? [ ] none**

(Check all that apply.) Help or feedback from: [ ] teacher [ ] teacher's aide [ ] other students  
[ ] parents [ ] others (explain): \_\_\_\_\_

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**11. How was this assignment assessed?** If there is a rubric, student reflection, etc., please attach it. If you are not attaching a rubric, please explain your criteria for grading the work (if graded). Did you share these criteria with the students? [ ] Yes [ ] No

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**12. What criteria did you use to decide which papers met objectives and which did not?** (especially if work was not graded originally or if different from #11 above)

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**13. Approximately what percent of students performed at the following levels on this assignment:**

\_\_\_\_% met objectives                      \_\_\_\_% partially met objectives                      \_\_\_\_% did not meet objectives

## Cover Sheet for Quiz or End-of-Week Assessment

Date assigned: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Describe the assignment below in detail or attach a copy of the assignment directions to this sheet. Be sure to tell us exactly what directions were given to students.**

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- 2. What was the source of this assignment?**

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- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

- 3. Why did you create or select this particular assignment?**

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- To check student progress toward a learning goal
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## Cover Sheet for Performance Assessment or In-Class Project

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