SE1 Student Engagement – Intellectual Work: Quality of questioning		
	Proficient	Distinguished
Actions	• A majority of the teachers questions are at the application, analysis, synthesis, or evaluation level.	• Teacher spends time explaining the difference between low and high level questions along with a process for students to question and respond to one another.
Evidence	 At the end of a discussion in response to open-ended questions, students write down how their thinking as changed as a result of the discussion. 	 Student discourse using stem questions: "I agree with you because" "My opinion is" "You brought up some good points but" "I have to agree to disagree" Students suing levels of questioning strategies that challenge understanding, application and misconceptions

SE5 Student Engagement – Engagement Strategies: Expectation, support and opportunity for participation and meaning making			
Actions	 Proficient Teacher sets expectation and provides support for a variety of engagement strategies and structures that facilitate participation and meaning making by students. Students engage in "quality talk". Set norms with class Practice participating in student-led discourse 	 Distinguished All of the Proficient plus: All students have the opportunity to engage in "quality talk" Routines are student-led Teacher facilitates a student discussion looking at exemplars and having student formulate the next rigorous step. "Great is not good enough." 	
Evidence	 Proficient Randomizing- teacher finds a way to randomly choose students (popsicle sticks, interactive whiteboard, etc.) Students discuss with a partner then share. Have students write down their thoughts. 	 Distinguished Bridges the gap from randomizing to student-led discourse (discussions). Use all evidence from proficient Able to work and partner on a task with little to no teacher guidance. Student conversations pushing each other to know more. Student work samples. 	

SE6	6 Student Engagement - Talk: Substance of student talk		
	Proficient	Distinguished	
Actions	 Students are reminded to cite evidence for their thinking. Teacher reminds students to talk to each other, not to teacher. 	 Students are self starters and understand expectations and objectives of the process. Student will lead their own group discussion. 	
Evidence	 Proficient During group discussions, the same students cite evidence for their thinking, noting page numbers and quotes from resource materials. If a student does not cite evidence, teacher will sometimes ask for evidence. 	 During discussion students cite evidence for their thinking noting page numbers and quotes from resource materials. If a student does not cite evidence, another student asks, "What is your evidence?" Class roster with documentation of substance of student talk. 	

CP6 Curriculum & Pedagogy – Scaffolds for Learning: Scaffolds the task		
Actions	 Proficient Teacher gives students sample paragraph models illustrating what an introductory, main body, and concluding paragraphs looks like. Exemplary models are on wall charts with descriptors for reference. 	 Distinguished Teacher can assign a writing task and provide appropriate model, i.e., persuasive, narrative, etc. template for students. Teacher scaffolds to teaching point.
Evidence	Proficient Students can discuss with each other the components of a paragraph/essay and can cite what makes a paragraph exemplary. 	 Distinguished Students decide the appropriate template for the type of writing they have been assigned. Students use templates, wall charts, and peers as resources for the writing. Students can revise with little assistance from the teacher. Student works independently of the teacher.

CP7	Curriculum & Pedagogy – Scaffolds for Learning:	Gradual release of responsibility
Actions	 Proficient Teacher uses "I do", "We do", "You do" model Teacher circulates and monitors students spending more time with groups who are not ready to take on full responsibility of task. 	 Distinguished Students are able to go directly to "You do" after instructions. Teacher circulates around classroom monitoring work/conversations offering guidance as needed to all groups.
Evidence	 Proficient Teacher models, practice together, students work independently "Model" is posted in the classroom. 	 Distinguished Teacher presents task: students work independently and successfully without teacher assistance. Refer to posted models independely.