Domain 1 – Shared Vision of Learning

An education leader promotes the success of every student by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by all stakeholders.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Culture ¹ (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	claims to have a vision and mission for the school, but keeps it private	identifies the school's vision and mission, and makes them public	collaborates with key stakeholders in the school to develop and implement a shared vision and mission for learning	engages stakeholders representing all roles and perspectives in the school in the development, monitoring and refinement of a shared vision ² and mission for learning
	school vision and mission are unrelated to the district vision and mission	school vision and mission are created in isolation of the district's vision and mission and aligned as an afterthought	school vision and mission aligns with the vision and mission of the district	school vision and mission intentionally align with the vision and mission of the district and contribute to the improvement of learning district wide
	disregards the need to use the school's vision and mission to guide goals, plans and actions	refers to the school vision and mission as a document unconnected to programs, policies or practices	explicitly links the school's vision and mission to programs and policies	uses the school's vision and mission as a compass to inform reflective practice, goal-setting, and decision- making
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	assumes that the school's improvement is either an event or the responsibility of a single individual	provides selected staff with opportunities to discuss school improvement efforts	has a process and structure in place for organizational improvement and uses it to assess the school	uses and regularly evaluates strategic processes and structures to promote the school's continuous and sustainable improvement

¹ In the electronic version, Culture is hyperlinked to an input PowerPoint.
² In the electronic version, shared vision is hyperlinked to an annotated shared visioning activity.

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Domain 2 – School Culture and Instructional Program

An education leader promotes the success of every student by advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

	Ineffective	Developing 2	Effective 3	Highly Effective
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school environment and are shared by its	acknowledges the need for communication and collaboration	considers proposals for collaborative structures and projects	supports various teaming opportunities, common planning and inquiry time, and visitations within the organization to increase learning and improve practice	establishes different ways of accessing staff expertise and work by promoting activities such as lab sites, peer coaching, mentoring, collegial inquiry, etc. as an embedded part of practice
stakeholders)	provides selected individuals with basic information about various collaborative teaching, learning and work-related concepts or practices to several individuals	encourages selected staff to expand their understanding of particular practices that support collaboration such as collaborative planning, co-facilitation or integrated curriculum design	develops a culture of collaboration, trust, learning, and high expectations by encouraging staff to work together on key projects (e.g., induction processes, program design, integrated curriculum, or other individual or organizational projects)	nurtures and sustains a culture of collaboration, trust, learning, and high expectations by providing structured opportunities for cross role groups to design and implement innovative approaches to improving learning, work and practice
	creates a learning environment that relies on teacher-controlled classroom activities, rote learning, student compliance and learning opportunities that are disconnected from students' experiences, needs or cultures	creates a learning environment in which students are passive recipients in learning opportunities that are only peripherally connected to their experiences or cultures	creates a personalized and motivating learning environment for students in which they are involved in meaningful and relevant learning opportunities that they recognize as connected to their experiences, needs and cultures	engages stakeholders (e.g., students, staff, parents) in developing and sustaining a learning environment that actively involves students in meaningful, ³ relevant learning that is clearly connected to their experiences, culture and futures, and require them to construct meaning of concepts or processes in deductive or inductive ways

³ In the electronic version, *meaningful* will hyperlink to an activity on engagement and meaningfulness

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Domain 2 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Instructional Program (design and delivery of high quality curriculum that produces clear evidence of learning)	promotes a curricular program that provides students with limited, surface or cursory exposure to a topic, concept or skill set and establishes or defines meaning for students, focusing on the recall of isolated concepts, skills and/or facts	establishes a curricular program focused primarily on recall, comprehension and factual knowledge acquisition that enables students to develop a basic understanding of a topic and/or process and includes few, if any, opportunities for them to construct meaning	creates a comprehensive, rigorous, and coherent curricular program that address all levels of thinking, enables students to develop knowledge and skills related to a concept, problem, or issue, and supports their construction of meaning during the most important lessons and tasks	engages students and teachers in designing and revising a learner-centered curricular program that integrates basic and higher levels of thinking throughout and provides opportunities for students to emulate professionals and construct meaning as they engage in a thorough exploration of a concept, problem, issue, or question
	maintains a hands off approach to instruction	provides mixed messages related to expectations for instructional methodology and own understanding of "best practices"	supervises instruction and makes explicit the expectation that teachers remain current in research-based, best practices and incorporate them into their own work	supervises instruction on an ongoing basis, and engages in collegial opportunities for learning, action research and/or inquiry related to best practices in teaching and learning
	initiates actions that interrupt instructional time and distract from learning (e.g., meetings, announcements, unplanned assemblies, phone calls to teachers in classrooms, etc.)	allows actions that disrupt instructional time and distract from learning (e.g. meetings, announcements, unplanned assemblies, phone calls to teachers in classrooms, etc.)	maximizes time spent on quality instruction by protecting it from interruptions and inefficient scheduling, minimizing disruption to instructional time	involves diverse stakeholders in uncovering issues that challenge time spent on quality instruction and in innovative approaches to dealing with them

Domain 2 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing 2	Effective 3	Highly Effective
Capacity Building (developing potential and tapping existing internal expertise to promote learning and improve practice)	assumes titled leaders are able to handle administrative responsibilities and teachers to be able to instruct students	invests in activities that promote the development of a select group of leaders	develops the instructional and leadership capacity of staff	develops and taps the instructional and leadership capacity of all stakeholders in the school organization to assume a variety of formal and informal leadership roles in the school
	is unaware of effective and appropriate technologies available	provides the necessary hardware and software, and establishes the expectation that teachers will integrate technology into student learning experiences	promotes the use of the most effective and appropriate technologies to support teaching and learning and ensures that necessary resources are available	engages varied perspectives in determining how to best integrate the use of the most effective and appropriate technologies into teaching, learning and the daily workings of the school organization
Sustainability ⁴ (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	uses "accountability" to justify a system that links student achievement with accolades and blame	assessment and accountability systems, though in place, are misaligned so that it is difficult to see how data from one explicitly relates to or informs the other	develops assessment and accountability systems to monitor student progress, uncover patterns and trends, and provide a way to contextualize current student strengths and needs inside a history that connects changes in teaching and learning to student achievement.	facilitates regular use of easily accessible assessment and accountability systems that enable students, teachers, and parents to monitor student progress, teacher learning, uncover patterns and trends, and provides a way to contextualize student achievement, both inside history and projected into the future.

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⁴ In the electronic version, *Sustainability* will hyperlink to a PowerPoint providing input on Sustainability.

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Domain 2 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Strategic Planning	judges the merit of the	evaluates the impact of the	gathers input from staff and	provides time and the
Process:	instructional program based	instructional program based	surveys students as well as	expectation for students and
	on what is used by others	on results of standardized	formal assessment data as	staff to participate in
monitoring/inquiry		assessments	part of process to monitor	multiple cycles of field
(the implementation and			and evaluate the impact of	testing, feedback and
stewardship of goals,			the instructional program	revision of the instructional
decisions and actions)				program in order to monitor
				and evaluate its impact and
				make necessary refinements
				to support continuous
				improvement

Domain 3 – Safe, Efficient, Effective Learning Environment

An education leader promotes the success of every student by ensuring management of the organization, operation, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Capacity Building (developing potential and tapping existing internal expertise to promote learning and improve practice)	obtains and uses human, fiscal and technological resources based on available funds or last year's budget instead of need considers self as the sole leader of the organization while allocating limited responsibilities for unwanted tasks to others	obtains human, fiscal and technological resources and allocates them without an apparent plan shares "leadership" by providing others with limited responsibilities for tasks and functions but no decision making ability	obtains, allocates, aligns, and efficiently utilizes human, fiscal, and technological resources develops the capacity for distributed leadership by providing interested individuals with opportunities and support for to assuming leadership responsibilities and roles	considers vision and solicits input from various stakeholders in determining, obtaining, allocating and utilizing necessary human, fiscal and technological resources, aligning them with present and future needs embeds distributed leadership into all levels of the organization by enabling administrative, teacher, student and parent leaders to assume leadership roles and cocreates a process by which
				today's leaders identify, support and promote the leaders of tomorrow
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	speaks to the importance of school safety, but is inconsistent in creating and implementing specific plans to ensure it	establishes rules and related consequences designed to keep students safe, but relies on inconsistent procedures	promotes and protects the welfare and safety of students and staff	engages multiple, diverse groups of stakeholders in defining, promoting and protecting the welfare and safety of students and staff, within and beyond school walls

Domain 3 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	avoids engaging with management or operations systems	monitors and evaluates the management and operational systems	monitors, evaluates and revises management and operational systems	establishes processes for the ongoing evaluation, monitoring and revision of management and operational systems, ensuring their continuous, sustainable improvement
Instructional Program (design and delivery of high quality curriculum that produces clear evidence of learning)	allocates time as required to comply with regulations and mandates	schedules time outside of the typical school day for teachers to support instruction and learning	ensures teacher and organizational time is focused to support quality instruction and student learning	engages groups of students and teachers in determining how to best allocate and manage time to support ongoing and sustainable improvements in quality instructional practices and student learning

Domain 4 - Community

An education leader promotes the success of every student by collaborating with faculty and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective 3	Highly Effective
Strategic Planning Process: Inquiry (gather and analyze data to monitor effects of actions and decisions on goal attainment and enable mid-course adjustments as needed to better enable success)	makes decisions about whether or not to change the educational environment based on own impressions and beliefs	collects and analyzes data and information pertinent to the educational environment	collects and analyzes data and information pertinent to the educational environment, and uses it to make related improvements	engages in ongoing collection and analysis of data on the educational environment and information from diverse stakeholders to ensure continuous improvement
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	considers the community as separate from the school	provides isolated opportunities for including the community in a school activity or for engaging students in community outreach or service projects	promotes understanding, appreciation, and use of the community's diverse cultural, social, and intellectual resources through diverse activities	engages students, educators, parents, and community partners in employing a range of mechanisms and technology to identify and tap the community's diverse cultural, social and intellectual resources, promote their widespread appreciation, and connect them to desired improvements in teaching and learning
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	identifies lack of family and caregiver involvement as a key explanation for lack of achievement	takes actions intended to increase family and caregiver support for the school	builds and sustains positive relationships with families and caregivers	builds sustainable, positive relationships with families and caregivers and enables them to take on significant roles in ongoing improvement efforts

Domain 5 – Integrity, Fairness, Ethics

An education leader promotes the success of every student by acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	associates "accountability" with threats and blame for students' academic and social difficulties	focuses on accountability for academic and social success of students whose test results threaten the school's standing	ensures a system of accountability for every student's academic and social success	enables an approach to "accountability" that upholds high ethical standards and inspires stakeholders (educators, parents, students and community partners) to own and be responsible for every student's academic and social success
	makes decisions based on self-interest and is caught off guard by consequences of decisions and responds by denying, becoming defensive or ignoring them.	makes decisions and takes actions without considering consequences, dealing with them if and when they occur	considers and evaluates the potential moral and legal consequences of decision-making	engages the diverse perspectives of various stakeholders in using multiple sources of data to explore potential intended and unintended moral, legal and ethical consequences of decisions and actions that support the greater good
	blames mandates for decisions or actions that challenge the integrity or ethics of the school or its various stakeholders	assumes responsibility for decisions and actions related to mandates	assumes responsibility for thoughtfully considering and upholding mandates so that the school can successfully tread the line between compliance and moral and ethical responsibility	promotes resiliency by involving stakeholders in considering how to negotiate and uphold mandates in ways that preserve the integrity of the school's learning and work and align with its ethical and moral beliefs

Domain 5 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	mourns the lack of the self- awareness, reflective practice transparency and ethical behavior in others	proclaims the importance of self-awareness, reflective practice transparency and ethical behavior and seeks it in others	models principles of self- awareness, reflective practice, transparency, and ethical behavior	engages stakeholders in identifying and describing exemplars of self and cultural awareness, reflective practice, transparency and ethical behavior from within and outside the school, and determining how to
	pays lip service to values related to democracy, equity and diversity	holds others accountable for upholding the values of democracy, equity and diversity	safeguards the values of democracy, equity, and diversity	replicate them provides opportunities for all stakeholder groups to define, embrace and embody the values of democracy, equity, and diversity
	implements strategies that group and label students with specific needs, isolating them from the mainstream	asserts that individual student needs should inform all aspects of schooling, but has difficulty putting these beliefs into action	promotes social justice and ensures that individual student needs inform all aspects of schooling	creates processes that embed social justice into the fabric of the school, seamlessly integrating the needs of individuals with improvement initiatives, actions and decisions

Domain 6 – Political, Social, Economic, Legal and Cultural Context

An education leader promotes the success of every student by understanding, responding to, and influencing the political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	appears unaware of decisions affecting student learning made outside of own school or district	reacts to district, state and national decisions affecting student learning	acts to influence local, district, state, and national decisions affecting student learning, within and beyond their own school and district	engages the entire school community and all of its stakeholders in collaborating to make proactive and positive change in local, district, state and national decisions affecting the improvement of teaching and learning
	waits to be told how to respond to emerging trends or initiatives	continues to rely on the same leadership strategies, in the face of emerging trends and initiatives, or copies others who they view as leaders in the field	assesses, analyzes, and anticipates emerging trends and initiatives in order to adapt leadership strategies	draws upon the perspectives, expertise and leadership of various stakeholders in responding proactively to emerging challenges to the shared vision, ensuring the resilience of the school, its growth, learning and improvements
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	advocates for self and own interests	advocates for selected causes	advocates for children, families, and caregivers	guided by the school vision, enables self, children, families and caregivers to successfully and appropriately advocate for themselves and one another

Other: Goal Setting and Attainment

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Uncovering Goals • Align • Define	"does" goal setting in order to be in compliance with mandates or regulations	completes goal setting activities to satisfy external expectations and assumptions about the connection between principal practice and student learning	engages in the goal setting process as part of own professional improvement as related to improving student learning	embraces the goal setting process as part of ongoing work to improve learning by decreasing the distance between the school's current reality and the vision
	operates from own opinion and perceptions without attending to vision and data	considers data gathered about teacher practice, academic results and/or school learning environment in isolation of the school and district vision	works with the superintendent to consider the school and district vision and student learning needs, as well as information gathered about teacher practice, academic results and/or the school learning environment	engages a cross role group, including the superintendent, teachers and other administrators, to triangulate the school and district vision with data depicting the current reality of student learning, teacher practice, academic results and/or the school learning environment
	extracts goals from own interests	establishes goals that focus on improving teacher practice, and academic results and/or school learning environment	creates goals that connect changes in principal practice to the improvement of teacher practice, academic results, and/or school learning environment in order to improve student learning	generates goals that maximize on the principal's role in improving teacher practice, academic results, and/or school learning environment in the service of improving learning
	goals are isolated action steps, unaligned to a goal that can actually be worked toward	goals are broad, general, aspirational statements that are too big to be assessed	goals are stated in ways that allow progress toward them to be assessed	goals are expressed in statements that are both actionable and measurable

Goal Setting and Attainment (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Strategic Planning ⁵ • Prioritize • Strategize	considers goals in no special order	prioritizes goals based on own interests	prioritizes goals by considering what can be gained by pursuing each	prioritizes goals by considering the potential benefits and unintended consequences of pursuing certain goals vis-a-vis others
	changes commitment to goals as new ones emerge	relies on own perspective to assert the importance and alignment of identified goals	uses superintendent's perspective to test own assumptions about goals to see if they are truly connected to the school/district vision and needs	uses the perspectives of others to test own assumptions about the goals articulated and to see if they are truly connected to the school/district vision and needs
	lists generic strategies that could apply to a variety of goals	lists strategies that will be used to accomplish goals identified	articulates strategies supporting actions, and reasons for selecting them	articulates strategies supporting actions and also for overcoming obstacles to the plan, with rationale for selecting them that includes anticipated results, implementation intentions ⁶ related to each, and evidence of strategy's impact.
	states the benefits of attaining the goal(s)	describes, in general terms, what successful goal attainment will look like and accomplish	identifies anticipated specific measures of success for each goal	describes the evidence that, when collected and annotated, will support that attending to these goals actually decreases the distance between current reality and the vision

⁵ In this electronic version, *Strategic Planning* will hyperlink to a scaffolded, strategic planning worksheet. ⁶ In the electronic version, *implementation intentions* will be a hyperlinked definition with examples.

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Goal Setting and Attainment (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing 2	Effective 3	Highly Effective
Taking Action • Mobilize • Monitor • Refine	refers in general to working toward goals, but is unable to articulate related steps or strategies	identifies a series of individual actions for each goal without specifying whether the goals are long or short term	creates an action plan that delineates steps and strategies for all goals, regardless of whether they are short or long term	designs an action plan that clearly differentiates between short and long term goals and their associated steps and strategies
	speaks about taking actions, but has trouble committing and getting started	implements the action plan quietly and privately	implements the action plan publically, and invites others to use it as a model for goal setting that they can do as well	shares and implements the action plan publically, and uses it as an opportunity to build a culture of inquiry by inspiring others to engage in their own goal setting to improve learning
	changes goals to better match what is currently happening or uses what is happening to rationalize giving up	adjusts goals and actions based on instinct and self-perceptions	monitors and refines goals and/or action steps, based on formative assessment of evidence collected	seeks multiple, diverse perspectives to review evidence collected and contribute to own questions about process, actions, strategies and progress, to support revisions to the action plan

Goal Setting and Attainment (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Evaluating Attainment • Document • Insights • Accomplishments • New questions • Implications for moving forward • Next steps	documentation is a beginning and end event and focuses on restating actions taken and noting obstacles to goal achievement	sporadically documents thinking related to key moments, obstacles or achievements	periodically documents own thinking and reactions to the progress made obstacles encountered, and insights or questions that arise	throughout the implementation of the action plan, systematically documents and reflects upon emerging insights, questions, perceived accomplishments, obstacles encountered, and unintended consequences
	categorically claims goal attainment or uses failure to meet goals set as evidence that the goal setting process does not work	evaluates goals and goal attainment based on own impressions of what success should have looked like and what was actually achieved	evaluates goals and goal attainment by assessing "evidence of success," establishing the degree to which the goal has been achieved, and determining next steps towards attaining the school vision	taps the perspectives of those who supported the initial data analysis to help evaluate goal attainment and related impact on learning by assessing "evidence of success," establishing the degree to which the goal has been achieved, and determining next steps in attaining the school vision and improving learning
	dismisses the possibility of using goals to define next steps	considers new goals based on success in achieving current goals, adjusting them to match perceived ability of the school to actually improve	determines next steps and future actions to improve student learning, teacher practice, academic results and/or the school learning environment in light how successful the recent work was in making improvements	engages stakeholders ⁷ in planning, future goals, actions and next steps to improve student learning, teacher practice, academic results and/or the school learning environment based on how much closer the school and district are to the vision

⁷ In the electronic version, stakeholders would be a hyperlink to a definition and stakeholder identification activity.

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