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## THE POWER OF OBSERVATION

Observation is a powerful tool that can be helpful in providing supports to novice teachers. Mentors observing novices can assist in identifying strengths and areas of growth. Novices observing mentors and master teachers can provide insights into instructional strategies and practices.

The schedule listed below provides a sample outline of topics for monthly observations.

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Month	PD Topic	High Leverage Practices (HLP)/ Professional Growth Standards (PGS)	Who is Observing?	Who is Being Observed?
ONE	Starting Strong with Classroom Systems	HLP 7: Establish a consistent, organized, and respectful learning environment	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 7/PGS 6
		PGS 6: Manages classroom space, time, and resources (including technology when appropriate) effectively for student learning	Mentor	Mentee
TWO	Planning for	HLP 18: Use strategies to promote active student engagement	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 18/PGS 5
IWO	Maximum Engagement	PGS 5: Manages a learning-focused classroom community	Mentor	Mentee
THREE	Observation, Collaboration,	<b>HLP 1:</b> Collaborate with professionals to increase student success	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 1 /PGS 8
ITIKEE	and Feedback	PGS 8: Engages in professional learning	Mentor	Mentee
FOUR	Managing Instructional	HLP 4: Use multiple sources of information to develop a comprehensive understanding of a student's strength and needs	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 4/PGS 3
10011	Time and Data	PGS 3: Assists students in taking responsibility for learning and monitors student learning	Mentor	Mentee







## OBSERVATION SCHEDULE FOR AN EFFECTIVE MENTORING PROGRAM

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Month	PD Topic	High Leverage Practices (HLP)/ Professional Growth Standards (PGS)	Who is Observing?	Who is Being Observed?
FIVE	Design and Deliver Effective Instruction	HLP 12: Systematically design instruction towards learning goals  PGS 1: Lessons are aligned to standards and represent a coherent sequence of learning	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 12/PGS 1
			Mentor	Mentee
SIX	Addressing Students'	HLP 7: Establish a consistent, organized and respectful learning environment  PGS 7: Creates and maintains a classroom of respect for all students	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 7/PGS 7
SIX	Emotional Needs		Mentor	Mentee
SEVEN	Ensuring Access for Diverse Learners	HLP 8: Provide positive and constructive feedback to guide student's learning and behavior  PGS 2: Lessons have high levels of learning for all students	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 8/PGS 2
			Mentor	Mentee
EIGHT	Understanding the Student Support Framework	HLP 2: Organize and facilitate effective meetings with professionals and families  HLP 11: Identify and prioritize longand short-term learning goals  PGS 9: Collaborate with families/ guardians and professionals	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 2 & HLP 11/PGS 9
			Mentor	Mentee
NINE	Measuring and Supporting Student Learning	HLP 15: Provide scaffolded supports  PGS 2: Lessons have high levels of learning for all students	Mentee	A fellow teacher who has mastered HLP 15/PGS 2
			Mentor	Mentee



