

John Brunner

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Teaching Experience

- 2004-Present Middle School Teacher/AVID instructor
Fontana Unified School District, Fontana, CA, USA
Truman Middle School
- Teaching 7th grade language arts
 - Teaching 7th and 8th grade AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination) students skills needed to succeed in high school and college, including
 - organizing binder, planning, and goal-setting,
 - Cornell note taking,
 - advanced writing and reading techniques,
 - critical thinking,
 - Costa's 3 levels of questioning, and
 - discussions through Socratic seminars
 - Informal leader of 7th grade language arts professional learning community
 - Doing volunteer dramatic readings for 6th grade classes and classes for students with disabilities
 - Teaching GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) students
 - Teaching English language learner
 - Co-leading district-wide workshop on video production
- 2000-2004 Middle School Teacher
Fontana Unified School District, Fontana, CA, USA
Almeria Middle School
- Teaching 7th and 8th grade language arts and social studies
 - Language arts chair for 7th and 8th grades
- 1998-2000 Elementary and Middle School Teacher
T'lisa'lagi'lakw School, Alert Bay, BC, Canada
- Teaching language arts and social studies to students in 4th, 5th, 6th, and 7th grades
 - Working with a students consisting almost entirely of a First Nations population
- 1997 Administrator
Computer Camp for Thinking Kids at Malaspina University-College of Nanaimo, BC, Canada
- Responsible for program proposal to Industry Canada, budgeting, curriculum design, and employee supervision

- Teaching computer skills to K-12 students
- Establishing sponsorships and working relationships with local businesses and schools.

1974-1982	<u>Teacher of English as a Second Language and Director of Language School</u> Tokyo and Takamatsu, Japan
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Teaching English conversation, reading and writing skills at private schools and major corporations, including Mitsubishi and Hitachi • Teaching students elementary, middle school, high school and college students and adults • Managing all non-financial aspects of a language school, including hiring, training, supervising, and evaluating teachers of English and other languages
2007-Present	UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA REDLANDS EXTENSION, Redlands, CA Working on a teaching certificate in Gifted Education
1997	MALASPINA UNIVERSITY-COLLEGE, Nanaimo, BC, Canada Bachelor of Education Degree (UNIVERSITY OF VICTORIA)
1985	UNIVERSITY OF BRITISH COLUMBIA, Vancouver, BC, Canada Law degree
1972	SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY, Burnaby, BC, Canada Bachelor of Arts Degree, majoring in English literature

Credentials

Present Single Subject English Credential

Leadership/Additional Experience

2003-2004	Language Arts chair, Almeria Middle School, Fontana, CA
1985-1993	Attorney at law, Stiver Vale Leck Monteith, Newmarket, Ontario, Canada
1975-1979	Director of World Languages, Tokyo, Japan

Harry S. Truman Middle School
CLASSROOM OBSERVATION AND CONFERENCE F



TEACHER: John Brunner

DATE: May 1, 2008

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 37

EVALUATOR: Stringer, Tammy

SUBJECT & GRADE: AVID/7th & 8th Grade **ABILITY LEVEL:** FBB & Above

PERIOD: 5

OBSERVATION LENGTH: 50 Min.

Student Work Present	Evident	SOAR (Standard, Objective, Assessment Review) Posted	Evident
Students Engaged	Evident	Technology Used	Evident
Cooperative Structures Used	Evident	Aesthetic Environment	Evident
Classroom Procedures	Evident	Rules Posted/Used	Evident
Transitions Used	Evident		

General Observations:

Mr. Brunner had his AVID students review math for the upcoming district test. They worked in cooperative structures to support each other in math. This review was excellent because it entailed various types of math problems, such as, geometry and fractions.

Mr. Brunner also had his students develop a goal for the lesson. They were to work toward accomplishing that goal during the review. In addition, the students were to complete an evaluation form discussing the group's performance and what they learned individually.

SOAR

Standard: Various Standards; Standard MG1.0 – MG3.0; Standard NS1.0 - NS3.0

Objective: Students will work various grade level math problems

Assessment: Worksheet; Questions & Answers

Review: Worksheet; Questions & Answers

Strengths

- Your students work well in cooperative groups. They used this as a time for meaningful discussion about math.
- It is clear that your students are aware of your behavior expectations.

Recommendations

- To ensure that all students understand, be sure to stop a few times within the math review to work out difficult problems.

OBSERVATION OF LEARNING

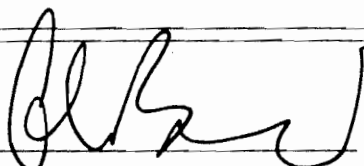
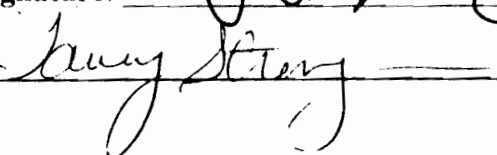
	TEACHER ACTIONS	STUDENT ACTIONS
Beginning	<p>Mr. Brunner had a student pass out an evaluation work sheet as students walked in the class.</p> <p>He explained that the class would do a Math Tutorial. He called on about six students and moved their seats around and formed groups. Each table had a group leader who would initiate the discussion. He instructed the class to fill in their name, date, etc.</p> <p>The students would write a goal on their worksheet, explaining what they wanted to accomplish during the tutorial.</p> <p>The teacher instructed the group leaders to pick up white boards, markers, and math handout.</p>	<p>Students moved to other tables.</p> <p>The table groups gave input on the type of goals that they could set. They wrote their individual plan to accomplish that goal.</p> <p>The group leaders went up to get folders and materials needed for the assignment. All students were on task. He/she was to write the group members' name on the math practice handout.</p>
Next 30 min.	<p>Mr. Brunner had the groups began the math review. The teacher went to various students to answer questions and check student work. This continued for the next thirty minutes.</p>	<p>The leader presented the problem and each student wrote it on their white board. The group members then had a discussion on how to approach the problem. They interacted in a positive manner, which led to meaningful conversations about math. Most of the students were actively engaged. Students were using math reasoning skills to answer questions.</p>
Next 10 min.	<p>Mr. Brunner stopped the lesson review at 12:45. He had students complete their evaluation form individually.</p> <p>Mr. Brunner put one of the difficult problems on the board, which he would work out the next day.</p>	<p>Students completed their evaluation forms. The group leaders picked up the supplies and put them away.</p> <p>The students were to think about the problem and see if they had the solution.</p>
Closure	<p>Students were instructed to clear their areas.</p>	<p>Students cleared their areas and waited to be dismissed. They were dismissed at 12:51.</p>

Teacher Signature: _____

Date: _____

Observer: _____

Date: _____

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CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL EVALUATION

PERMANENT

Name: <u>John Brunner</u>	School: <u>Truman Middle School</u>	School Year: <u>2007-2008</u>	Evaluator: <u>Tammy Stringer</u>
Contract Status: <u>Permanent</u>		Assignment: <u>Language Arts/AVID Teacher</u>	

Standard selected by the teacher: <u>6</u> Teacher's Initials: <u>JB</u>	Goal: To develop as a professional educator, I will work conscientiously with my LA colleagues during PLC meetings to develop a standards-based program for our 7th grade LA students.
Standard selected by the evaluator: <u>2</u> Evaluator's Initials: <u>JS</u>	Goal: To establish and maintain student behavior, I will teach and implement the hierarchy of behavior (anarchy, bullying, cooperation, democracy), and hold students accountable for behaving at the cooperative level and encourage them to strive to reach the democratic level.
Standard selected jointly by teacher and evaluator: <u>1</u> Teacher's Initials: <u>JB</u> Evaluator's Initials: <u>JS</u>	Goal: To engage and support all students in learning, I will use a variety of instructional strategies and resources to respond to students' diverse needs.

(Attach separate page, if necessary)

The goals written to Standards have been reviewed and agreed upon as of this date but may be modified per Article 9 of the Contract.

Evaluator Signature: Tammy Stringer Date: 8/7/07 Employee Signature: JB Date: 8/7/07

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OVERALL RATING: Proficient **Recommendation:** Re-employ

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**EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS:
ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS IN LEARNING
STANDARD 1**

RATING	KEY ELEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
D	a) Connecting students' prior knowledge, life experience, and interests with learning goals	The teacher makes no connections between the learning goals and the students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests. The teacher does not elicit student questions or comments during a lesson.	The teacher makes some connections between the learning goals and the students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests. The teacher elicits some questions from students during a lesson to monitor their understanding.	The teacher makes substantial connections between the learning goals and the students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests. The teacher elicits and uses students' questions and comments during a lesson to extend their understanding.	The teacher facilitates as students connect and apply their prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests to new learning and the achievement of learning goals. The teacher builds on students' questions and comments during lessons to modify instruction.
P	b) Using a variety of instructional strategies to respond to students' diverse needs	The teacher uses instructional strategies, but they lack variety, are poorly carried out, or are inappropriate to the students or to the instructional goals. No adjustments are made to respond to students' needs.	The teacher uses a selection of instructional strategies that are largely appropriate to the students and the instructional goals, but they may lack variety or may not be responsive to students' needs.	The teacher uses a variety of instructional strategies that are appropriate to the students and the instructional goals. The teacher carries these strategies out thoughtfully, making some adjustments to respond to students' needs.	The teacher makes skillful use of a wide repertoire of instructional strategies to engage all students in learning, making adjustments while teaching to respond to students' needs.
P	c) Facilitating learning experiences that promote autonomy, interaction, and choice	Learning experiences are directed by the teacher, permitting no student autonomy, interaction, or choice.	Learning experiences are directed by the teacher and allow limited student autonomy, interaction, and choice.	Learning experiences are facilitated by the teacher to promote constructive interactions, autonomy, and choice, and to encourage and support student involvement in learning.	Learning experiences are facilitated by the teacher and students to promote and support a variety of constructive interactions, autonomy, and choice in the pursuit of significant learning.
P	d) Engaging students in problem solving, critical thinking, and other activities that make subject matter meaningful	No learning opportunities are provided for students to engage in problem solving, analysis, or inquiry within or across subject matter areas.	Some learning opportunities are provided for students to engage in problem solving within or across subject matter areas, but little support is given to develop necessary skills.	Learning opportunities and support are provided for students to engage in problem solving and in investigating and analyzing subject matter concepts and questions within or across subject matter areas.	Learning opportunities are provided that extend student thinking, and engage and support all students in problem posing, problem solving, inquiry, and analysis of subject matter concepts and questions within or across subject matter areas.
D	e) Promoting self-directed, reflective learning for all students	No opportunities are provided for students to initiate their own learning or to monitor their own work.	Students' learning is directed and monitored by the teacher, and some opportunities are provided for students to reflect on their work individually.	Students are supported in developing the skills needed to monitor their own learning during activities. Students reflect on and talk about their own work with peers.	Students take initiative for their own learning, and reflect on, talk about, and evaluate their own work with peers.

P Overall Rating (U – Unsatisfactory, N – Needs Improvement, P – Proficient, D – Distinguished)

Evaluator Comments: You have an excellent relationship with your students. From visiting your room many times in the year, it is clear that you hold your students responsible for their own learning.


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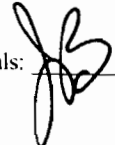
**EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS:
CREATING AND MAINTAINING EFFECTIVE ENVIRONMENTS FOR STUDENT LEARNING
STANDARD 2**

RATING	KEY ELEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
D	a) Creating a physical environment that engages all students	The physical environment does not support student learning. There are one or more safety hazards and materials are difficult to access when needed.	The physical environment is arranged for safety and accessibility, and it facilitates individual student engagement in learning.	The arrangement of the physical environment ensures safety and accessibility. Most students work well individually or together as they participate in learning activities.	The arrangement of the physical environment ensures safety and accessibility, and facilitates constructive interaction and purposeful engagement for all students in learning activities.
P	b) Establishing a climate that promotes fairness and respect	The classroom climate is characterized by unfairness or disrespect, either between the teacher and students or among students. Students are unwilling to take risks. Teacher response to inappropriate behavior is unfair or inequitable.	A climate of fairness, caring, and respect is established by the teacher for most students, but few students take risks and the teacher does little to encourage them. For the most part, the pattern of teacher response to inappropriate behavior is fair and equitable.	A climate of fairness, caring, and respect is maintained by the teacher, and students are encouraged to take risks and be creative. The pattern of teacher response to inappropriate behavior is fair and equitable.	Students ensure that a climate of equity, caring, and respect is maintained in the classroom, and students take risks and are creative. The pattern of teacher response to inappropriate behavior is fair and equitable.
D	c) Promoting social development and group responsibility	Does not foster the social development and self-esteem of students. Does not foster and maintain respect for diversity and students sense of responsibility for themselves and others.	Foster and maintain an environment in which students respect each other's differences most of the time and work together moderately well. The teacher provides limited opportunities for students to assume responsibility.	Foster and maintain an environment in which students respect each other's differences and work independently and collaboratively taking responsibility for themselves and their peers.	Students work independently and collaboratively and maintain a classroom community in which they respect each other's differences, assume leadership, and are responsible for themselves and their peers.
P	d) Establishing and maintaining standards for student behavior	No standards for behavior appear to have been established, or students are confused about what standards are expected.	Standards for behavior have been established by the teacher, and the teacher's response to student behavior is generally appropriate.	Standards for behavior are established, are clear to all students, and are maintained by the teacher. The teacher's response to student behavior is appropriate.	Students and teacher develop standards for behavior together, and students are responsible for helping each other maintain standards.
P	e) Planning and implementing classroom procedures and routines that support student learning	Classroom procedures and routines have not been established or are not being enforced.	Procedure and routines have been established and work moderately well with little loss of instructional time.	Procedures and routines work smoothly with no loss of instructional time.	Students and teacher ensure that classroom procedures and routines operate seamlessly and efficiently.
P	f) Using instructional time effectively	Learning activities are often rushed or too long, and transitions are rough or confusing, resulting in a loss of instructional time.	Instructional time is paced so that most students complete learning activities. Transitions used to move students into new activities are generally effective.	Pacing of the lesson is appropriate to the activities and enable all students to engage successfully with the content. Transitions are smooth.	Pacing of the lesson is adjusted as needed to ensure the engagement of all students in learning activities. Transitions are seamless.

P Overall Rating (U – Unsatisfactory, N – Needs Improvement, P – Proficient, D – Distinguished)

Evaluator Comments: You room is organized for learning. Daily, students enter a safe environment where they will be treated fairly.

Evaluator Initials: 

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**EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS:
DEVELOPING AS A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARD 6**

RATING	KEY ELEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
P	a) Establishing professional goals and pursuing opportunities to grow professionally	Professional goals are not established to guide practice. The teacher rarely pursues opportunities to develop new knowledge or skills, or to participate in the professional community.	Professional goals are established with assistance. The teacher pursues opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills, but infrequently participates in the professional community.	Professional goals are developed and the teacher pursues opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills, and participates in the professional community.	N/A
P	b) Working with communities to improve professional practice	The teacher has limited knowledge of students' communities or of how to access them to provide learning experiences for students or to promote collaboration with the school.	The teacher understands the importance of students' communities, but is not sure how to apply this to benefit students and families, provide experiences to support learning, or promote collaboration with the school.	The teacher values students' communities and develops knowledge of them to benefit students and families, provide some experiences to support students learning, and support collaboration between school and community.	N/A
P	c) Working with families to improve professional practice	The teacher may demonstrate respect for students' families or their backgrounds, but has limited communication with families, and is not sure how to provide opportunities for participation in the classroom or school community.	The teacher respects some students' families, initiates communication and develops an understanding of their diverse backgrounds, and may provide some opportunities for families to participate in the classroom or school community.	The teacher respects students' families, develops positive communication and an understanding of their diverse backgrounds, and provides opportunities for families to participate in the classroom or school community.	N/A
P	d) Working with colleagues to improve professional practice	The teacher rarely converses with colleagues, rarely seeks out other staff to meet student needs, and rarely participates in school or district events or learning activities.	The teacher engages in dialogue with some colleagues, seeks out staff to help meet students' needs, and participates in some school-wide events.	The teacher engages in dialogue with colleagues, collaborates with staff to meet students' needs and participates in school-wide events.	N/A
P	e) Complying with district and school established rules, regulations, policies and laws	Maintenance and submission of records is inconsistent, untimely, and/or incomplete. Professional conduct and integrity is often not demonstrated. Attendance is irregular and arrival is often late. Necessary safety precautions for students and self are not taken. Interventions for student services are inappropriate or inconsistent.	Does not always maintain and submit accurate and complete records and reports in a timely manner. Professional conduct and integrity is not always demonstrated. Regular and prompt attendance is inconsistent. Necessary safety precautions for students and self, along with appropriate interventions for student services, is minimal or inconsistent.	Consistently maintains and promptly submits accurate and complete records and reports. Necessary precautions are taken to protect students and self and is regular and prompt in attendance. Seeks appropriate intervention services for students and demonstrates professional conduct and integrity in the classroom and school-related functions.	N/A
P	f) Reflecting on teaching practice and planning professional development	The teacher may reflect on specific problems or areas of concern in his or her teaching practice, but rarely uses reflection to assess growth over time or to plan professional development.	The teacher reflects on some lesson and areas of concern in his or her teaching practice, assesses growth in these areas with assistance, and may use reflection to plan professional development.	The teacher reflects on his or her teaching practice in relation to areas of concern and student learning, assesses growth over time, and may use reflection to plan professional development.	N/A

P Overall Rating (U – Unsatisfactory, N – Needs Improvement, P – Proficient, D – Distinguished)


Evaluator Comments: You are truly an asset to the Language Arts Department. With your curriculum knowledge, you have made many contributions, such as developing common assessments to benefit all students.

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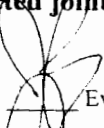
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Contract Status: <u>Permanent</u>		Assignment: <u>Teacher</u>	

Standard selected by the teacher: 1 Teacher's Initials: 	Goal: Engaging and Supporting All Students In Learning I will engage and support students using a variety of instructional strategies, such as, whole class instruction, small group instruction, and peer learning groups of different configurations. In addition, students will learn through different modalities (eg. visual and kinesthetic), and each day engage in reading, writing, speaking, and listening.
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Standard selected by the evaluator: 5 Evaluator's Initials: <u>JS</u>	Goal: Assessing Student Learning Utilize a variety of data such as teacher-made tests or quizzes, observations, district tests, and California Standards Tests (CST's) to plan and modify learning activities. Information will be used to identify appropriate interventions to ensure access to curriculum to foster student learning. Edusoft, SASI and other sources of student data will be used during staff, grade and department meetings.
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Standard selected jointly by teacher and evaluator: 6 Teacher's Initials:  Evaluator's Initials: <u>JS</u>	Goal: Developing As A Professional Educator I will attend AVID Conferences, and implement new AVID strategies into my class instruction. Furthermore, I will assist the AVID Coordinator in developing a school-wide AVID program.
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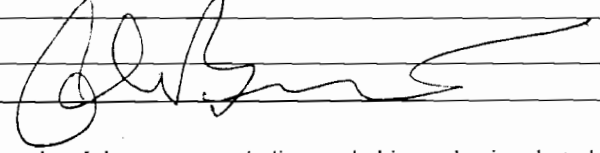
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Evaluator Initials: J.S. Employee Initials: JS

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**EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS:
DEVELOPING AS A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARD 6**

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P	f) Reflecting on teaching practice and planning professional development	The teacher may reflect on specific problems or areas of concern in his or her teaching practice, but rarely uses reflection to assess growth over time or to plan professional development.	The teacher reflects on some lesson and areas of concern in his or her teaching practice, assesses growth in these areas with assistance, and may use reflection to plan professional development.	The teacher reflects on his or her teaching practice in relation to areas of concern and student learning, assesses growth over time, and may use reflection to plan professional development.	N/A

P Overall Rating (U – Unsatisfactory, N – Needs Improvement, P – Proficient, D – Distinguished)

Evaluator Comments: _____

Evaluator Initials: J.S.

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EVALUATOR COMMENTS IN SUPPORT OF A DISTINGUISHED RATING

Please note the Standard(s) and Key Element(s) and describe specific behavior.

Standard 1c - It is evident that your students were well-prepared to conduct a Socratic discussion. Once the discussion began, the assigned students took over to give their groups' input. As students gave input, they related the short story to their life experiences. In addition, students asked their peers probing questions, which helped to increase learning. You facilitated the verbal exchanges between students, and only interferred to encourage more thinking. You are to be commended for your effort in preparing your students to use Socartic discussion effectively, on a weekly basis.

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Harry S. Truman Middle School
CLASSROOM OBSERVATION AND CONFERENCE FORM

TEACHER: John Brunner

DATE: 2/24/06

NUMBER OF STUDENTS: 27

EVALUATOR: Tammy Stringer

SUBJECT & GRADE: 6th/7th/8th - ELD

ABILITY LEVEL: Proficient and Below

PERIOD: 6th Period

LENGTH OF OBSERVATION: 50 Min

Student Work Present	Evident	Goals and Objectives	Evident
Students Engaged	Evident	Standards Posted	Evident
Cooperative Structures Used	Evident	Technology Used	Not Evident
Classroom Procedures	Evident	Aesthetic Environment	Evident
Transitions Used	Evident	Rules Posted/Used	Evident

Observations:

Class started at 12:52. Each student received a handout and clipboard as they walked in the room. They sat down in chairs arranged in a circle. The students listened to the school announcements. Mr. Brunner took attendance. He gave the names of the "Clean-Up Crew", for the day. He asked for the Reclassification Forms.

The teacher explained that the lesson would involve a Socratic Discussion on, "The Knight's Tale." He would read the short story aloud. The class would complete individual and small group work. Then the whole class would have a discussion. Four students were assigned to observe during the group discussion. Mr. Brunner read the short story. He stopped to clarify when necessary. He gave the students a few minutes to read the short story again, silently.

A student asked the question, "How could Palamon be talking to Arcite when he is in prison?" One student answered that Palamon may be talking in his mind, to himself. Mr. Brunner acknowledged the student's answer, and he further explained that the conversation took place before they went into prison.

After the reading was completed, the students had to think about both princes and tell the advantages/disadvantages of their situation. Mr. Brunner read the questions and gave an example. Students worked quietly for about 10 minutes. The teacher then walked around to check progress. He spoke to students, giving them feedback on improvement.

Next, the teacher explained the group work and quickly assigned four students to a group. Each group needed a chairperson and a secretary. The group had to decide which prince was more fortunate. Immediately, the students began their discussion. Most groups worked effectively.

Mr. Brunner called the students back to the circle. He held his hand up and stated, "Waiting". The students stopped talking. The secretaries began to report out. The four observers assessed the interaction. As students gave answers, others asked questions to get more information.

In the end, the observers reported what they noticed about the Whole Group discussion. The observers used a list of assessment questions to properly analyze. The class ended at 1:45.

Lesson Analysis

Standard 1: Engaging and Supporting All Students in Learning

Key Element: Facilitating Learning Experiences

- The lesson was very well organized. It included individual, small group, and whole class activities. This allowed most students to get involved on some level, and be successful.

Key Element: Engaging Students in Problem Solving

- You created a lesson which encouraged students to use critical thinking. Your students gave constructive answers during the discussion. Many of them compared that situation to similar situations of today.

Standard 5: Assessing Student Learning

Key Element: Guiding All Students in Assessing Their Own Learning

- While the Whole Group instruction went on, four students were assigned to assess the interaction. It was clear that these students were familiar with this process.

Standard 6: Developing as a Professional Educator

Key Element: Working With Colleagues to Improve Professional Practice

- You attended the first four professional Buy Back sessions at Truman Middle School. This gave you an opportunity to collaborate with your peers, to meet the needs of our students.

Key Element: Establishing Professional Goals/Pursuing Growth Opportunities

- You pursue opportunities to obtain knowledge and grow professionally. You will be attending the upcoming GATE Conference.

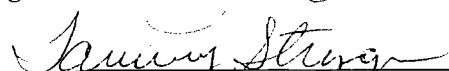
Strengths

- You have a good rapport with your students.
- You hold your students to very high standards.

Recommendations

- Allow more time for group interaction.
- Encourage other students to get involved in the discussion.

Teacher Signature: 

Observer: 

Position: Assistant Principal

Teacher Comments:

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL EVALUATION

PERMANENT

Name John Brunner School Almeria M.S. School Year 2003-04

Assignment 7th Lang Arts / S.S. 8th Lang Arts S.S. Date 8/21/03

Overall Rating P

- Ratings: D - Distinguished: Exceeds CSTP Standards
P - Proficient: Meets CSTP Standards
N - Needs Improvement to Meet CSTP Standards
U - Unsatisfactory: Does Not Meet CSTP Standards

The evaluation process begins with the selection of three Standards and goals written to meet those Standards.

- One Standard selected by the teacher (Standard 1) Teacher's Initials [Signature]
- One Standard selected by the evaluator (Standard 5) Evaluator's Initials CG
- One Standard selected jointly by the teacher and evaluator (Standard 6) Teacher's Initials [Signature] / Evaluator's Initials CG

This evaluation document is based on the California Standards for the Teaching Profession (CSTP).

- The evaluation includes a rating for each Element of the Standard and an overall rating for the Standard.
- Giving a Distinguished rating requires the evaluator to provide written justification and evidence as to how the evaluatee exceeds the Key Element or Standard.
- Ratings of Unsatisfactory or Needs Improvement require the evaluator to provide written evidence to support the rating.

Recommendation: Re-employ Release

[Signature]
Evaluator Signature Date

Carroll A. Green
Evaluator's Name (Printed)

[Signature] 8/21/03
Employee Signature Date

My signature acknowledges that I have seen and discussed this evaluation, but does not necessarily imply agreement with conclusions of the evaluator.

Employee's Comments: Attached Separate Page
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**EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS:
ENGAGING AND SUPPORTING ALL STUDENTS IN LEARNING
STANDARD 1**

P

Overall Rating (U – Unsatisfactory, N – Needs Improvement, P – Proficient, D – Distinguished)

RATING	KEY ELEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
P	a) Connecting students' prior knowledge, life experience, and interests with learning goals	The teacher makes no connections between the learning goals and the students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests. The teacher does not elicit student questions or comments during a lesson.	The teacher makes some connections between the learning goals and the students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests. The teacher elicits some questions from students during a lesson to monitor their understanding.	The teacher makes substantial connections between the learning goals and the students' prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests. The teacher elicits and uses students' questions and comments during a lesson to extend their understanding.	The teacher facilitates as students connect and apply their prior knowledge, life experiences, and interests to new learning and the achievement of learning goals. The teacher builds on students' questions and comments during lessons to modify instruction.
P	b) Using a variety of instructional strategies to respond to students' diverse needs	The teacher uses instructional strategies, but they lack variety, are poorly carried out, or are inappropriate to the students or to the instructional goals. No adjustments are made to respond to students' needs.	The teacher uses a selection of instructional strategies that are largely appropriate to the students and the instructional goals, but they may lack variety or may not be responsive to students' needs.	The teacher uses a variety of instructional strategies that are appropriate to the students and the instructional goals. The teacher carries these strategies out thoughtfully, making some adjustments to respond to students' needs.	The teacher makes skillful use of a wide repertoire of instructional strategies to engage all students in learning, making adjustments while teaching to respond to students' needs.
P	c) Facilitating learning experiences that promote autonomy, interaction, and choice	Learning experiences are directed by the teacher, permitting no student autonomy, interaction, or choice.	Learning experiences are directed by the teacher and allow limited student autonomy, interaction, and choice.	Learning experiences are facilitated by the teacher to promote constructive interactions, autonomy, and choice, and to encourage and support student involvement in learning.	Learning experiences are facilitated by the teacher and students to promote and support a variety of constructive interactions, autonomy, and choice in the pursuit of significant learning.
P	d) Engaging students in problem solving, critical thinking, and other activities that make subject matter meaningful	No learning opportunities are provided for students to engage in problem solving, analysis, or inquiry within or across subject matter areas.	Some learning opportunities are provided for students to engage in problem solving within or across subject matter areas, but little support is given to develop necessary skills.	Learning opportunities and support are provided for students to engage in problem solving and in investigating and analyzing subject matter concepts and questions within or across subject matter areas.	Learning opportunities are provided that extend student thinking, and engage and support all students in problem posing, problem solving, inquiry, and analysis of subject matter concepts and questions within or across subject matter areas.
P	e) Promoting self-directed, reflective learning for all students	No opportunities are provided for students to initiate their own learning or to monitor their own work.	Students' learning is directed and monitored by the teacher, and some opportunities are provided for students to reflect on their work individually.	Students are supported in developing the skills needed to monitor their own learning during activities. Students reflect on and talk about their own work with peers.	Students take initiative for their own learning, and reflect on, talk about, and evaluate their own work with peers.

Teacher Goal(s)/Objective(s): I intend to work with the RSP Teacher to ensure that I am meeting IEP goals for each special education student.

Evaluator Comments: Evidence has been noted of articulation between classroom teacher and support instructional staff. Students are supported in the development of skills needed to monitor their own learning during activities. They regularly talk about given topics in their cooperative groups or with a partner.

**EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS:
ASSESSING STUDENT LEARNING
STANDARD 5**

P Overall Rating (U – Unsatisfactory, N – Needs Improvement, P – Proficient, D – Distinguished)

RATING	KEY ELEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
P	a) Establishing and communicating learning goals for all students	Few or no learning goals are established. Learning goals are not revised or clearly communicated to students or families.	Learning goals are established to meet school and district expectations. Goals are communicated to all students without revision.	Learning goals are established in relation to students' needs and the curriculum; and goals meet district and state expectations. Goals are communicated to all students and their families and are revised as needed.	Learning goals are established by the teacher, students, and families, are appropriate to students' needs and the curriculum; and goals meet district and state expectations. Goals are communicated to all students and families, and are revised as needed.
P	b) Collecting and using multiple sources of information to assess student learning	The teacher uses no consistent sources of information to assess student learning and/or uses assessment strategies that are not appropriate to students' learning.	The teacher uses one or two sources of information to assess student learning and one or two assessment strategies to understand student progress.	The teacher uses a variety of sources to collect information about student learning. Several appropriate assessment strategies are used to understand student progress.	The teacher uses a variety of sources to collect information about student learning and a wide range of appropriate assessment strategies are used to understand student progress.
P	c) Involving and guiding all students in assessing their own learning	The teacher does not encourage students to reflect on or assess their own work.	Student reflection is encouraged and guided by the teacher during some activities. Opportunities are provided for students to discuss work with peers.	Student reflection and self-assessment are included in most learning activities. The teacher models skills and assessment strategies to help students understand their own work and discuss their work with peers.	Ongoing student reflection and self-assessment are integrated into the learning process. Students demonstrate assessment strategies and discuss work with peers.
P	d) Using the results of assessment to guide instruction	Information about student learning is inappropriate or not used by the teacher to plan, guide, or adjust instruction.	Information from a limited range of assessments is used to plan learning activities and may support students' needs and achievement. Assessments are not used to adjust instruction while teaching.	Information from a variety of assessments is used to plan and modify learning activities, as well as to meet class and individual student needs and achievement. Assessments are occasionally used to adjust instruction while teaching.	Information from a variety of ongoing assessments is used to plan and modify learning activities, and to support class and individual student needs and achievement. Assessments are used to adjust instruction while teaching in response to student needs.
P	e) Communicating with students, families, and other audiences about student progress	The teacher provides some information about student learning to students, families, and support personnel, but the information is incomplete or unclear.	The teacher provides information about student learning to students, families, and support personnel to promote understanding and academic progress.	The teacher regularly exchanges information about student learning with students, families, and support personnel in ways that improve understanding and encourage academic progress.	Students participate with the teacher to exchange information about their learning with families and support personnel in ways that improve understanding and encourage academic progress.
P	f) Progressing students toward academic standards	Given extenuating circumstances and using multiple measures, students are not making academic progress.	Given extenuating circumstances and using multiple measures, students demonstrate limited academic progress.	Given extenuating circumstances and using multiple measures, students demonstrate reasonable academic progress.	

Teacher Goal(s)/Objective(s): Throughout the school year, I will use a variety of sources to assess student learning. I will encourage students to reflect on their own learning.

Evaluator Comments: Information from a variety of assessment sources is used to plan and modify instruction. Mr. Brunner has used observations and notes, multiple choice teacher generated and student generated test. Students are given a rubric for essays and use drawings to demonstrate understanding. Public recitation is used in small group and whole class settings.

**EVALUATION DESCRIPTORS: DEVELOPING AS A PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR
STANDARD 6**

P

Overall Rating (U – Unsatisfactory, N – Needs Improvement, P – Proficient, D – Distinguished)

RATING	KEY ELEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
P	a) Establishing professional goals and pursuing opportunities to grow professionally	Professional goals are not established to guide practice. The teacher rarely pursues opportunities to develop new knowledge or skills, or to participate in the professional community.	Professional goals are established with assistance. The teacher pursues opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills, but infrequently participates in the professional community.	Professional goals are developed and the teacher pursues opportunities to acquire new knowledge and skills, and participates in the professional community.	N/A
P	b) Working with communities to improve professional practice	The teacher has limited knowledge of students' communities or of how to access them to provide learning experiences for students or to promote collaboration with the school.	The teacher understands the importance of students' communities, but is not sure how to apply this to benefit students and families, provide experiences to support learning, or promote collaboration with the school.	The teacher values students' communities and develops knowledge of them to benefit students and families, provide some experiences to support students learning, and support collaboration between school and community.	N/A
P	c) Working with families to improve professional practice	The teacher may demonstrate respect for students' families or their backgrounds, but has limited communication with families, and is not sure how to provide opportunities for participation in the classroom or school community.	The teacher respects some students' families, initiates communication and develops an understanding of their diverse backgrounds, and may provide some opportunities for families to participate in the classroom or school community.	The teacher respects students' families, develops positive communication and an understanding of their diverse backgrounds, and provides opportunities for families to participate in the classroom or school community.	N/A
P	d) Working with colleagues to improve professional practice	The teacher rarely converses with colleagues, rarely seeks out other staff to meet student needs, and rarely participates in school or district events or learning activities.	The teacher engages in dialogue with some colleagues, seeks out staff to help meet students' needs, and participates in some school-wide events.	The teacher engages in dialogue with colleagues, collaborates with staff to meet students' needs and participates in school-wide events.	N/A
P	e) Complying with district and school established rules, regulations, policies and laws	Maintenance and submission of records is inconsistent, untimely, and/or incomplete. Professional conduct and integrity is often not demonstrated. Attendance is irregular and arrival is often late. Necessary safety precautions for students and self are not taken. Interventions for student services are inappropriate or inconsistent.	Does not always maintain and submit accurate and complete records and reports in a timely manner. Professional conduct and integrity is not always demonstrated. Regular and prompt attendance is inconsistent. Necessary safety precautions for students and self, along with appropriate interventions for student services, is minimal or inconsistent.	Consistently maintains and promptly submits accurate and complete records and reports. Necessary precautions are taken to protect students and self and is regular and prompt in attendance. Seeks appropriate intervention services for students and demonstrates professional conduct and integrity in the classroom and school-related functions.	N/A

RATING	KEY ELEMENT	UNSATISFACTORY	NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	PROFICIENT	DISTINGUISHED
P	f) Reflecting on teaching practice and planning professional development	The teacher may reflect on specific problems or areas of concern in his or her teaching practice, but rarely uses reflection to assess growth over time or to plan professional development.	The teacher reflects on some lesson and areas of concern in his or her teaching practice, assesses growth in these areas with assistance, and may use reflection to plan professional development.	The teacher reflects on his or her teaching practice in relation to areas of concern and student learning, assesses growth over time, and may use reflection to plan professional development.	N/A

Teacher Goal(s)/Objective(s): In order to improve my instructional skills, I intend to continue reading extensively in the fields of teaching reading & writing and to implement new ideas with a view to assessing their effectiveness & applicability to my students. I will also attend conferences in reading & writing.

Evaluator Comments: There is evidence of extensive reading that has been done in the field of the teaching of reading and writing. Mr. Brunner has also registered for literacy conference and AVID training to further assist his students with their achievement in the area of Language Arts.