

**Element 3.2: Teacher communicates clearly and accurately with students to maximize their understanding and learning.**

**NYSED Indicators:** *Students understand directions and procedures. Teachers use a variety of questioning techniques to advance student learning and reflection. Students' comments and questions are acknowledged and utilized to advance learning. Students understand lesson content through teachers' use of oral, written and graphic methods. Adjust communication in response to student needs.*

	<b>Indicators</b>	<b>Ineffective</b>	<b>Developing</b>	<b>Effective</b>	<b>Highly Effective</b>
A.	<i>Provides directions and procedures</i>	Teacher directions and procedures are confusing to students. Teacher does not adjust explanation to meet student needs.	Teacher directions and procedures are clarified after initial student confusion. Teacher attempts to adjust explanations to meet student needs.	Teacher directions and procedures are clear to students. Teacher adjusts explanations to meet student needs.	Teacher directions and procedures are clear, complete, and anticipate possible student misunderstanding. Teacher adjusts explanations to meet the needs of individual students.
B.	<i>Uses questioning techniques</i>	Teacher's questions are largely closed in nature. Questions do not invite a thoughtful response or further discussion.	Teacher's questions are a combination of open and closed questions. Some questions invite a thoughtful response and/or further discussion.	Most of teacher's questions are open in nature and engage students in deeper thinking and further discussion.	Teacher's questions are open in nature and challenge students to think and demonstrate reasoning. Students formulate many questions to advance their understanding.
C.	<i>Responds to students</i>	Teacher ignores students' questions/comments and/or provides a response that shuts down student learning.	Teacher responds to some students' questions/comments. Response gives students the answer rather than challenge student thinking.	Teacher responds to students' questions/comments. Responses challenge student thinking.	Teacher and students respond to students' questions/comments. Responses challenge all students' thinking.
D.	<i>Communicates content</i>	Teacher's spoken language is inaudible, and/or written language is illegible. Spoken or written language contains errors. Graphic methods are not used or used ineffectively.	Teacher's spoken language is audible, and written language is legible. Both are used correctly. Graphic methods are used occasionally.	Teacher's spoken and written language is clear and correct. Graphic methods are used regularly to enhance content understanding.	Teacher's spoken and written language is correct and expressive. Graphic methods are used regularly to enhance content understanding. Students offer their own graphic representation of the content.

**Collected Evidence:**

- Teacher called on students who raised their hand.
- Teacher asked: "Who wrote the piece we just listened to?"
- Teacher asked: "In which period does this piece belong?" When student answered incorrectly she called on another volunteer.
- Teacher asked: "How do you know?" Teacher finished student's explanation for her.
- Teacher asked: "What other pieces we have heard does this remind you of?"
- Teacher told students to draw a picture of which season the music reminded them.
- Teacher told student who didn't have anything to write with to borrow from a neighbor.
- When one table group wasn't doing drawing, teacher came over, repeated directions, and students went to work.
- Teacher called on volunteers to share their drawing with the class.
- Teacher called on some students once and some twice; those who didn't raise their hand were not called on at all