Putting It All Together

You will now have the opportunity to use the Instructional Practice Guide to practice observing a lesson.

To use the Instructional Practice Guide, you will need to observe a lesson (video or live). In addition to the observation, it may be helpful to look at artifacts that support the lesson such as: the lesson plan, student work, and/or a transcript of the lesson.

Directions:

1. Read the lesson plan to get an idea of what the lesson is about.

2. As you observe the lesson take notes in the Instructional Practice Guide. Gather evidence on both teacher actions and student behaviors.

3. Use the notes you’ve taken to reflect on each indicator. Provide evidence for each rating in the notes section of the Instructional Practice Guide.

   If there are any indicators that you are not able to reflect on, note what questions you would ask to gather the evidence needed to reflect on each indicator.

4. Share your reflections and evidence for each indicator with a small group. Try to come to consensus on the ratings.