

Sunnyvale School District Best Practices

Climate of High Expectations	CSTP Standards
(what it looks like)	
a. Visuals communicate long term unit learning goals/big ideas.	o 3.1, 4.3
b. Daily agendas reflect specific learning goals understood by	o 4.2
students.	
(how to get there)	
c. Teachers and students focus on mastery learning as	o 5.4
evidenced by results.	
d. Students have opportunities to reflect on their learning.	o 5.5
e. Students ask and answer questions that promote higher	o 1.5
order thinking.	
Frequent Monitoring	CSTP Standards
a. Instruction is based on a variety of assessment data.	o 5.3, 5.6
b. Teachers utilize a system for checking for understanding.	o 1.6, 5.1
 Students are given think time before speaking. 	o 4.4
 Systems are utilized to select non-volunteers. 	o 5.2, 2.4
c. Timely and effective feedback is given during instruction.	o 5.7
 Errors are corrected and misconceptions are 	o 5.4, 2.4
explained.	
Opportunity to Learn	CSTP Standards
a. Effective large and small group lessons based on student	o 4.5, 3.3
needs are evident.	
b. Rigor is evident in lesson plans and pacing.	o 2.4, 3.5
c. Teachers and students use class time effectively.	o 2.7
d. Student to student structured interaction is used effectively.	o 1.4, 3.2
e. Students are on task.	o 2.5, 2.6, 2.7
Opportunity to Learn: Equitable Access for EL	CSTP Standards
a. Current learning is connected to prior knowledge.	o 1.2
b. Vocabulary and linguistic structures are explicitly taught.	o 3.6
c. Students speak in complete sentences and practice oral	0 3.6
language daily.	
d. Teacher utilizes visuals effectively.	0 3.4
e. Models of quality work are shared.	o 3.4, 2.2
Effective Learning Environment	CSTP Standards
a. Teacher builds supportive and caring relationships.	o 2.1, 6.7
b. Content and strategies are culturally responsive.	o 4.1, 1.1, 1.3
c. Teacher movement supports student learning.	0 2.2
d. Effective routines and procedures are implemented.	0 2.6
e. Physical space is neat, orderly, and organized for learning.	o 2.3, 2.2