Sample Pre-Conference Questions to Guide a Coaching Conversation

The questions provided are intended to guide thinking and conversation; every question DOES NOT need to be answered and may not be relevant to every observation.

**INSTRUCTIONAL PLANNING**

**FOCUS FOR LEARNING**
- What content will students know/understand? What skills will they demonstrate?
- How has high-quality student data been utilized to set developmentally appropriate goals for student learning?
- What connections does this lesson make to previous and future learning, to other disciplines, to real life and/or possible careers?
- How do the activities, assessments and resources align with student needs, school and district priorities, and Ohio’s Learning Standards?

**KNOWLEDGE OF STUDENTS**
- What should the evaluator know about the student population?
- How was it determined that this is a developmentally appropriate learning activity?
- How does this lesson connect to students’ experiences and/or culture?

**INSTRUCTION AND ASSESSMENT**

**LESSON DELIVERY**
- How will the goals for learning be communicated to students?
- What questioning techniques will be used to check for understanding and encourage higher-level thinking?
- What collaborative and whole class instructional strategies will be used to engage all students?
- How will feedback be used to support student learning?
- What opportunities for student choice about learning paths and/or ways to demonstrate learning will be offered?

**CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT**
- How do you demonstrate regard for student perspectives, experiences and culture?
- How do you ensure interactions are respectful and supportive?
- How are students involved in establishing and maintaining classroom routines and procedures?

**ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT LEARNING**
- How will you check for student understanding during the lesson?
- What potential learning obstacles might students encounter?
- What different methods of assessment are used in this lesson?
- How will you use assessment data to inform your next steps?
- What evidence does high-quality student data provide about student learning?

**PROFESSIONALISM**

**PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES**
- Discuss ways you reflect on and analyze your teaching.
- How do you collaborate with colleagues to improve student learning and instructional practice?
- How do you promote two-way communication with students? With families?