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Automatic Save Feature and the Notes Section in SFS

As a point of information: When Standard for Success saves automatically during an observation, it saves the scripting in the script box. In order for Notes to save, you must record and save the observation.

This issue does not come into play often, as connectivity is usually pretty strong. However, you may wish to record and save periodically during observations to make sure Notes are accessible.

When you record and save, the observation is not sent to the teacher. It is only sent to the teacher when you click the "make available to the teacher" button.

What Do We Do about Evidence Descriptors That Are Identical in Both the Effective and Highly Effective Boxes?

As groups have worked on the rubrics over the last two years, we've found that often times, especially in the observable evidence area, there is very little if any distinction possible in the evidence definition between Effective and Highly Effective.

In these cases, the distinction between Highly Effective and Effective should be determined by the overall definition of Highly Effective/Effective. In order for the Indicator to be marked as a 4, the quality of the artifact or quality of the instructional practice may be defined as "exemplary," "extraordinary," "expert level," etc.

Also, in these cases, start with the Effective definition – assume that the starting point is there. Then ask yourself the necessary series of questions to determine if the evidence rises to the level of Highly Effective.

If you have a difficult time applying the definitions as outlined above, send Dr. Milleman a note. We will address the revisions of the rubric on an ongoing basis. It may be put on a list as a potential change and upgrade for next year. Your experiences in the classroom with this rubric are the best way for us to measure the success of the process.

Work with your colleagues. Collaborate and ask questions of each other – the more we share our perceptions and definitions of Highly Effective and Effective, the more consistent we will become.

We will also tackle these topics during our trainings this year.

Thank You

Thank you for another great week. Continue to send questions to SFS through the ticket system if you have trouble with functionality of the system or have a question about the SFS system.

Thank you for sending questions to Dr. Milleman, Mr. Kneebone, and Mr. Oestreich regarding our Teacher Evaluation process and our guidelines. We will answer questions in person and many times the questions will end up in the weekly Evaluator Briefs.

Have a great weekend.