



Golden Apple

Mentoring Observation Form Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois

Scholar's Name: _____ Date: _____

Observer: _____ Time In: _____ Time Out: _____

Subject: _____ Grade: _____ School: _____

The Top 10 Best Practices in a Beginning Teacher's Classroom

	Observed
The teacher-student interactions are generally appropriate, and students do not demonstrate negative behavior toward one another.	
The teacher communicates importance of work and has high expectations for student achievement .	
The teacher has created a space that is engaging and attractive, and safe . Student contributions are evident, and the teacher uses physical resources adequately.	
Transitions and routines are efficient.	
Standards of conduct appear to have been established, and the teacher is generally aware of student behavior.	
The teacher displays basic content knowledge .	
The teacher recognizes the value of understanding students' interests/cultural heritage .	
The lesson or unit has recognizable structure, and appropriate materials and resources are available for students.	
The teacher uses a variety of questions, gives feedback, and makes some attempt to engage students in a true discussion .	
The teacher reflects on the day's lessons and accepts responsibility for student success.	

What's Working?

Challenges/Concerns:

Final Reflections: