

Sub-Dimension 2.1

Intellectual Work

Key Question: Who is doing the work and what is the nature of that work?

When observing for Intellectual Work, examine the relationship between assigned tasks and specific content demands.

Guiding Questions:

- What is the level and quality of intellectual work in which students are engaged?
- Does the work focus on factual recall or higher order of thinking and what is the evidence?
- Who is doing what work in the classroom and does the work connect directly to student learning?
- What is the role of the student in their learning and how do students own the content?
- Do students participate in generating and sharing understanding?
- Do students take ownership of their learning to develop, test and refine their thinking?