MCPS High School Process for Effective Instruction		
0	PEN	Notes
	Learning Intentions identifying what students will know, understand and be able to do O Communicates to students the learning intentions and the context and significance of the content Communicates to students the success criteria Activates prior knowledge to build connections to the known and stimulate student interest	
TE	EACH	
Content Knowledge, Instructional Strategies, & Assessment What are teachers doing?		Notes
	Routines and procedures that maximize instructional time and minimize disruptions O Completes administrative tasks efficiently O Transitions between activities smoothly O Paces instruction effectively	
	Direct Instruction O Models/thinks aloud O Provides examples/demonstrates I do (Teacher)	
	Guided Practice O Asks purposeful questions beyond recall level O Monitors, provides feedback, and coaches We do (Teacher and Students)	
	Checks for Understanding	
Relationships, Engagement, & Application What are students doing?		Notes
	Independent Practice o Application and problem solving requiring higher-order thinking intended to build and extend understanding You do (Students)	
	Student Engagement High student response rates Active learning versus passive learning Meaningful student conversations (pairs/small group/whole class) Higher-order tasks Effective pacing to maintain attention and promote engagement	
CLOSE		Notes
	Closure to connect past and future learning Summarizing and synthesizing the learning Students reflecting on what and how they have learned Students tracking their progress toward learning goals	