AERO UNIT REVIEW

Design Criteria

Directions: Apply the following criteria to the components of a unit to determine the extent to which the various parts contribute to produce a viable, challenging learning experience for students.

Stages of Design				
Identify desired	Meets Criteria	Partially Meets Criteria	Does Not Meet Criteria	REVIEWER
results				COMMENTS
What content knowledge and skills are required by the standard(s) /benchmark(s)?	The instructional goals and objectives are specific and directly related to identified curriculum content standards/benchmarks.	The instructional goals and objectives are vague and only loosely aligned to the identified curriculum content standards/benchmarks.	The instructional goals and objectives are not aligned to the identified curriculum content standards/benchmarks.	
What is (are) the unit's enduring understanding(s)?	The unit is built upon a "big idea" or enduring understanding central to the heart of the discipline.	The unit is built upon a big idea which is important but not central to the discipline.	The unit design is based on student knowledge of factual content.	
What are the unit's essential questions which prompt curiosity and challenge thinking?	The unit is framed by challenging and focusing essential questions which relate directly to the standards/benchmarks.	The unit includes challenging questions which relate indirectly to the standards/benchmarks.	The unit includes questions which are neither thought provoking nor related to the standards/benchmarks.	

Identify evidence of learning	Meets Criteria	Partially Meets Criteria	Does Not Meet Criteria	REVIEWER COMMENTS
What type of evidence is required to assess the standard/benchmark? Does the assessment provide the type of evidence needed to determine if students "got it"?	The assessment is clearly aligned with the content standards.	The alignment of the assessment and content standards is uneven or indirect.	There is no evidence of alignment.	
Does the assessment task provide enough evidence to determine if students met the standards?	The assessment provides sufficient evidence of student understanding. The assessment provides students an opportunity to reveal the breadth and depth of their understanding.	The assessment provides some evidence of student understanding but is incomplete and yields insufficient data about student understanding.	The assessment is too limited or incomplete to provide confident inferences about student understanding.	
Is the assessment task efficient?	The assessment task is efficient. (the evidence could not be achieved in less time.)	The assessment task is somewhat efficient	The assessment task is not efficient (the same evidence could be achieved in a less consuming time)	
Is the task developmentally appropriate?	The assessment task is developmentally appropriate (students are provided various opportunities to demonstrate what they know and can do)	The assessment task is developmentally appropriate (students are provided limited opportunities to demonstrate what they know and can do)	The assessment task is not developmentally appropriate.	
	The assessment provides students with various opportunities for showing what they know and can do.	The assessment provides students with limited opportunities for showing what they know and can do.	The assessment provides only one way for showing what they know and can do.	

Plan the learning experiences	Meets Criteria	Partially Meets Criteria	Does Not Meet Criteria	REVIEWER COMMENTS
Do the tasks provide all students an opportunity to address the prerequisite or enabling skills of the assessment?	The learning experiences are clearly aligned to the content standards.	The alignment of the learning experiences and content standards are uneven or indirect	There is minimal or no evidence of alignment of learning experiences and content standards.	
Have the designed tasks been planned to reach all students?	The learning experiences provide multiple opportunities for student engagement in exploring the "big ideas". For example there are opportunities for several of the following: Inquiry Problem solving Creativity Critical thinking Connections beyond the classroom	The learning experiences provide minimal opportunities for student engagement in exploring the "big ideas". For example there are minimal opportunities for inquiry, problem solving, etc.	The learning experiences are not engaging and have minimal student involvement.	
Do the tasks provide opportunities to gather evidence so one can give feedback and re-teach as needed.	The tasks are designed as formative assessments of the learning process.	The tasks provide limited opportunities to inform the learning process.	The tasks provide no opportunity to inform the learning process.	

Integration of technology	Meets Criteria	Partially Meets Criteria	Does Not Meet Criteria	REVIEWER COMMENTS
	The technology tools used in the unit allow students to accomplish tasks that would not be possible without them.	The technology tools used in the unit allow students to accomplish meaningful tasks	The technology tools are used in a way that are contrived or forced.	
	The technology tools are integral to the learning. For example, they allow students to research, analyze, or synthesize information for real world tasks or creative exploration.	The technology tools are appropriate for the learning tasks.	The technology tools are used for rote tasks.	

Additional Comments:				