

# Oceanside Written Update

## Alignment of PD to Communicating Reasoning

**Vision Outcome** - *The percentage of OUSD students scoring “below standard” on the communicating reasoning claim will decrease by 10%.*

### Communicating Reasoning Claim

*The student demonstrates the thorough ability to clearly and precisely construct viable arguments to support their own reasoning and to critique the reasoning of others*



Monitoring of progress includes collecting evidence of students' communicating reasoning through our observation tool (See Outcome 3).



#### Embedded Days (Teachers)

Teachers work collaboratively to analyze student work, design and facilitate tasks prompting students' to communicate their understanding of



#### CGI (Teachers)

Cognitively Guided Instruction (CGI) is a professional development program that increases teachers' understanding of the knowledge that students bring to the math learning process and how they connect that knowledge with formal concepts and



#### Centralized Training (Teachers)

Teachers explore the use of rich tasks, integrating SMPs into instruction, and formative assessment part of regular instruction including advancing students' abilities to communicate their reasoning.

## OUSD Classroom Observation Tool

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Site: \_\_\_\_\_ Grade level: \_\_\_\_\_ Observer: \_\_\_\_\_

Lesson Focus: \_\_\_\_\_

**Outcome: Instructional practices facilitate rigorous, meaningful, cohesive and accessible math instruction for all students.**

<b>Expectations:</b>	
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<p><i>A. Teachers pose high quality questions and problems that prompt students' engagement and thinking about the content of the lesson.</i></p> <p><b>Level: (0) (1) (2) (3)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions are cognitively demanding (DOK Level 2)</li> <li>Questions are open-ended</li> <li>Questions and prompts are set within real-world context</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions are cognitively demanding (DOK Level 3)</li> <li>Prompts have two entry points</li> <li>Questions and prompts are mathematically relevant and used to solve real-world problems</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Questions are cognitively demanding (DOK Levels 3-4)</li> <li>Prompts have multiple entry points</li> <li>Questions and prompts require students to explore and understand the mathematical concepts, processes, and /or relationships</li> </ul>
<p><i>B. Teachers use variation in students' solution methods to strengthen other students' understanding of the content</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cognitively engage some students</li> <li>Afford students time to share out different strategies for solving the problem</li> <li>Have students write</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cognitively engage most students</li> <li>Provide time to examine and address solutions that are incorrect</li> <li>Have students agree or disagree with each other'</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cognitively engage all students</li> <li>Have students expand on each other's mathematical solutions</li> <li>Connect different students' responses to key mathematical ideas</li> <li>Create mathematical visual records of the class discussion to show varying</li> </ul>

**TRU Framework**  
(Site leads and some teachers)

Facilitated by David Foster and his team, participants deep dive into the 5 dimensions of TRU including "Agency, Identity, Authority" - "The extent to which students have opportunities to **conjecture, explain..**"

**Learning Walks**  
(Principals)

Principals are paired with project specialists to identify the current reality of mathematics teaching and learning at their sites, and design next steps to support advancement towards our vision and outcomes including developing students' abilities to **communicate their reasoning.**

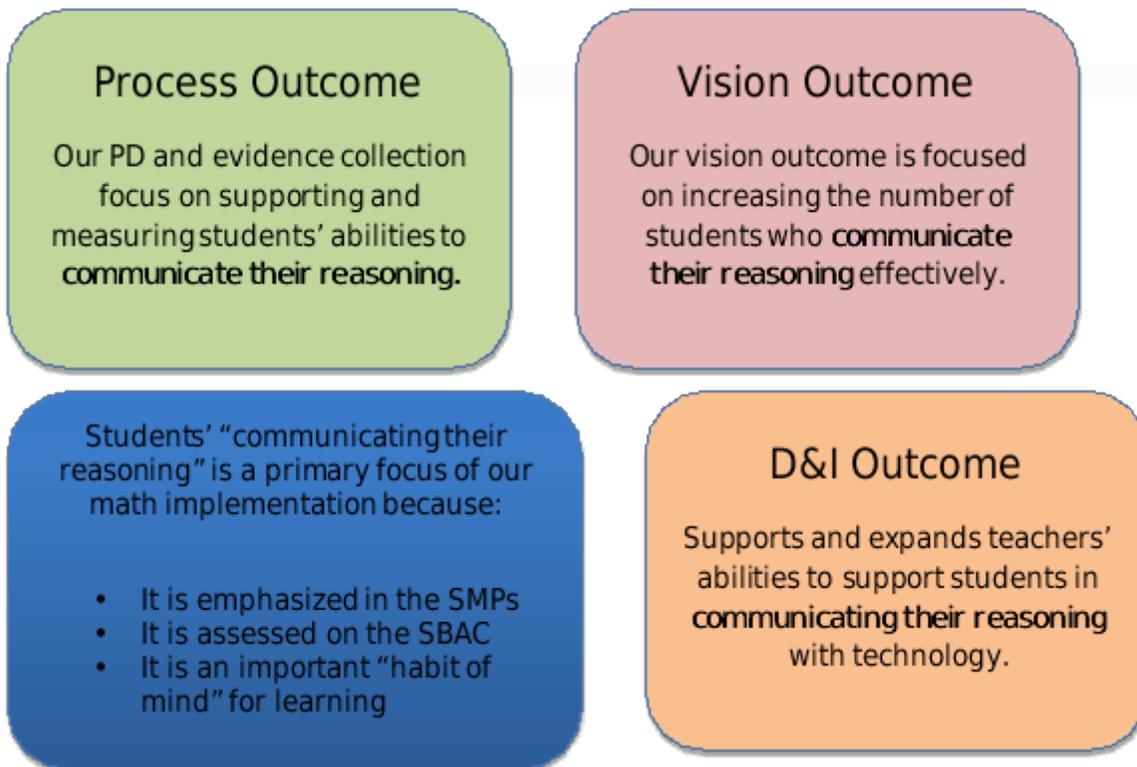
<p><i>C. Teachers provide opportunities for students to convey their thinking and construct arguments</i></p> <p><b>Level: (0) (1) (2) (3)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promote the use of sentence starters to facilitate academic conversations</li> <li>Students use academic language, with support and/or prompting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students use academic language without stems and minimal prompting</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students use stems to engage in debates; defend and challenge thinking; explain how they solve problems.</li> </ul>
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<p><i>D. Teachers ask students to explain and justify work and provide feedback that helps students revise their thinking and work.</i></p> <p><b>Level: (0) (1) (2) (3)</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use number talks that engage students in discourse</li> <li>• Identify misconceptions through meaningful discussions</li> <li>• Coaches students to use academic language in explanations that help clarify their thinking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facilitate discussions of students' explanations and use probing questions</li> <li>• Provide timely task-specific feedback after instruction</li> <li>• Explore how students respond to feedback</li> <li>• Require students to explain their thinking</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Prompt student to re-organize and consolidate their mathematical thinking and understanding</li> <li>• Provide ongoing and timely task-specific feedback during and after instruction</li> <li>• Provide time and expect that students revise their work based on feedback, including revision of explanations and justifications</li> <li>• Have students explain and justify mathematical ideas and strategies with sufficient and significant mathematical details</li> </ul>
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## Alignment of our MiC outcomes

Over the summer and Fall of 2015 we worked to increase the coherence between our MiC outcomes in order to better focus and streamline our work. After reviewing the 2015 CAASPP results, surveying the content of the CCSS-M and considering what major “teaching/learning” variable we might best be able to impact, we decided to focus on developing students’ abilities to communicate their reasoning. The diagram below demonstrates how our current MiC outcomes are related to each other and “communicating reasoning.”

Vision for math instruction - *Teachers inspire all students to be responsible learners through the development and facilitation of rigorous, meaningful, cohesive, and accessible math instruction.*



## Content Outcome

PD events support teachers and administrators in developing students' abilities to **communicate their reasoning.**

