NMSU Secondary Education

Methods Pre-Teaching Questions

(adapted from Danielson, 1996)

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| **Question** | **Response/Rationale** |
| Briefly describe the students in the class I will be observing. *Please protect confidentiality* |  |
| What are your learning goals & objectives for the lesson? (What do you want the student to learn and be able to demonstrate?) |  |
| Why are these goals and objectives suitable for this group of students? What evidence do you have that you have high and reasonable expectations for your students?  |  |
| What difficulties do students typically experience in this area and how do you plan to anticipate these difficulties?  |  |
| Describe how your goals and objectives align with a.) national and/or state standards, b.) district standards, goals, or scope and sequence? |  |
| How do you plan to engage students in the content? What will you do? What will the students do?  |  |
| What instructional materials, methods, resources, and/or technology will you use?  |  |
| How do you plan to formatively assess student achievement of the goals? In other words, how and when will you know whether the students have learned what you intend? |  |
| Do you have any concerns about the class I will be observing?  |  |
| Is there anything you would like me to pay particular attention to during my observation?  |  |
| What are your personal teaching goals at this time? |  |