

Skills for the Effective Teacher

The first column offers some skills to work on in your professional development as a thinking teacher. Record instances you have used each skill successfully and strategies that help you. Skill development is an ongoing process, so keep this chart handy for easy reference and add to it as you continue to grow as a thinking teacher.

Skill	Successes	Strategies
Observation: Heightened senses, especially the ability to listen		
Streamlining: Dealing efficiently with teacher paperwork		
Curriculum: Mastering the curriculum with a focus on the standards		
Gatekeeper: Determining which proposed practices are efficient and effective		
Experimenter: Constantly trying out and evaluating new technique		