## **Assessing Collaborative Structure Effectiveness Checklist**

Purpose: Use this checklist to evaluate the effectiveness of your collaborative team (frequency determined by team).

Always	Sometimes	Never	Collaborative Teams - Checklist of Characteristics and Behaviors			
DA	DATA					
			Teams have the ability to collect, chart and analyze data, including data by subgroups.			
			Everyone has ready access to data.			
			Student performance data (formative assessment) is gathered as an instructional strategy is implemented to determine its effectiveness.			
			Teacher implementation of the change/instructional strategy is monitored.			
			Data and information is well organized and easily maintained.			
			Teams have easy access to technology to support their work.			
CL	CLEAR COMMUNICATION					
			Everyone on the team feels communication is open, relevant, timely and equally shared.			
			Everyone knows what to do if communication breaks down.			
			Everyone receives ongoing analysis about student needs and findings regarding effective practices.			
			Everyone exchanges information cognizant that individuals operate on different levels and hold different organizational perspectives.			
ATMOSPHERE AND RELATIONSHIPS						
			Everyone is open and friendly with each other and maintains positive working relationships.			
			Processes allow individuals from different levels in the organization to relate to each other in a safe and meaningful manner in order to explore and work toward a shared goal			
			Everyone trusts each other.			
			Everyone has a sense of belonging and there is empathy among members.			
			There are clear rules of conduct in times of conflict that everyone has agreed to.			
CLEAR ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES						
			Everyone knows their individual roles and responsibilities.			
			Everyone is committed to a common purpose, performance expectations and common working approach.			
			Everyone holds themselves and each other mutually accountable for student success or failure.			
DECISION-MAKING						
			Everyone on the team has agreed to the primary and backup decision-making method.			
			Meetings end after the team reaches consensus (or appropriate decision-making method).			
			Strategies to build consensus and commit to decisions are commonly used.			
FA	FAIR WORK DISTRIBUTION					
			Work is perceived to be divided fairly and equitably.			
			Everyone is contributing equally to the conversations.			
			Evolving distribution of the tasks across team members is based on best fit and availability.			

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EFFECTIVE AND APPROPRIATE LEADERSHIP						
			The leadership style of the team leader is effective and appropriate.			
			Support is available to teams, "just in time."			
			Administrators are present or available and have clearly defined roles and take actions to support team decisions.			
			Administrators' model collaboration and an inquiry-based attitude.			
			Administrators monitor behaviors and practices consistent with the expected changes identified by the collaborative team.			
			Administrators protect the collaborative structure time.			
			Successes are celebrated.			
MEMBER PARTICIPATION AND PERFORMANCE						
			Teams include representatives from special education, gifted education and/or LEP.			
			All team members participate adequately, i.e., present, on-task and engaged.			
			All conversation is based on standards, curriculum, instruction and assessment as it relates to improved student achievement.			
			Members appropriately use knowledge, skills and experience of individual members.			
			Underperformers are dealt with immediately.			
			Each member receives sufficient performance feedback.			
ATTENTION TO PROCESS						
			Team meetings are well-run and have established routines, e.g. start and end on time.			
			There are clear procedures to follow for reporting and documentation.			
			Members solicit ideas, successes and challenges from each other.			
			Members assist each other in adhering to timeframes and the purpose of the meeting			
			Agendas are developed for each meeting and include agreed upon norms.			
			Minutes are available to the team after the meeting and serves as a record of key discussion and decisions and assignments or next steps			
			Meetings are scheduled on a regular, consistent basis with dedicated, uninterrupted time			
			Deadlines are met.			