Comment Writing Framework

What are the purposes of grading?

- Communicate the achievement status of students to parents, (students), and others.
- Provide information that students can use for self-evaluation.
- Select, identify, or group students for certain educational paths or programs
- Provide incentives to learn
- Evaluate the effectiveness of instructional programs

Grading Practices/Principles

Accurate	- Use triangulation or varied evidence - Give greater consideration to recent learning - Individual student achievement
Meaningful	- Plan for assessment based on competencies and curriculum outcomes and indicators - Gather and document evidence based on curricular expectations - Use collections of evidence to identify best learning and conversations about learning and instruction
Consistent	Use competencies rubrics, Personal & Social Growth(PSG) rubrics, Factors Affecting Achievement(FAA) rubrics and descriptors on which to base values given.

Framework for Comment Writing

- Strengths
- Challenges
- Next steps to improve learning

Quality Criteria

Language	- Jargon free language - Respectful, constructive - Brief and concise - Is congruent with the competency rubric
Strengths & Learning Goals	- Unique to learner - Specific to the level of achievement and competencies - Evidence based from a wide variety of assessment sources