

NTN Project Quality Checklist

Elements to Include	Quality Assessment
Driving question	Authenticity and Adult Connections
Entry event, optional	☐ Problem/question/scenario/process can clearly be made meaningful to students
twists/additional memos,	☐ There's a clear "need to know" for both the project and the Individual Assessment of Knowledge and
etc.	Thinking and Written Communication (IAKT)
Rubric/s	☐ Project products and the IAKT simulate the work of the discipline (i.e. what a
Scaffolding of standards	scientist/historian/mathematician/etc. does) and/or address important disciplinary knowledge
and outcomes	At least ONE of the following*:
Project pathway*, with:	☐ Entities or persons outside of the school will use the product of the student work
 Benchmarks 	☐ Students have multiple contacts with/work alongside outside expert adults
Formative	☐ Students present and defend their work to a real and appropriate audience
assessments	☐ Simulates "real world" activities, i.e. adults are likely to tackle the problem or questions addressed by the
 Opportunities for 	project/individual written assessment
reflection and	Academic Rigor
revision, including	□ Project requires students to demonstrate learning derived from Common Core/standards/Learning Outcomes
ways for students to	☐ Driving question is meaningful and clear and is derived from specific national, state, or district content
monitor progress	standards and Learning Outcomes
Assessments of standards	□ Scaffolding addresses anticipated need to knows and supports students in developing content understanding
and outcomes	and Learning Outcome skills
Final products*, including	□ Scaffolding is interactive, differentiated, promotes discourse, and/or uses models
 Culminating 	□ Project pathway supports students in learning skills and meeting rigorous standards
product/s	
 Individual 	Applied Learning
Assessment of	Project requires students to apply new skills and knowledge toward realistic, complex task
Knowledge and	□ Project/IAKT has several possible responses/solution methods
Thinking and Written	Students build self-, project-, and group-management skills (e.g. through logs, task sheets, work plans,
Communication	prioritization, group contracts, etc.)
(IAKT)	Active Exploration
 Presentation 	☐ In response to NTK's, students conduct research/inquiry into authentic, perhaps limited number of sources,
	including appropriate readings, provided by teacher. Inquiry might involve creating and experimenting with
	models in math and science. When appropriate, students conduct own, independent research
	☐ Students have the opportunity to make choices in regard to the direction of the project
	Assessment Practices
	☐ Students have opportunities to receive feedback, revise work, and reflect
	☐ Assessments include evaluation of content standards and Learning Outcomes
	☐ Rubric/s incorporate/s thoughtfully chosen targeted skills from NTN Learning Outcome rubrics as well as
	indicators based on standards
	☐ Assessment strategy should focus on performance assessments, where students demonstrate ability to
	apply targeted knowledge and skills
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*Items marked with an asterisk may look different in a Problem Based math classroom