

1. Research Base

The Framework for Teaching (FFT) is a research-based set of components of Instruction developed by Charlotte Danielson in 1996. The FFT is aligned with the Interstate New Teachers Assessment and Support Consortium (INTASC) standards, which represent the professional consensus of what a beginning teacher should know. The Framework is grounded in a constructivist view of learning and teaching. The FFT divides the complex activity of teaching into 22 components (and 76 smaller elements) clustered into four domains of teaching responsibility: 1) Planning and preparation; 2) Classroom environment; 3) Instruction; 4) Professional responsibilities.¹

2. Identity and qualifications of the author

Charlotte Danielson is an internationally recognized expert in the area of teacher effectiveness, specializing in the design of teacher evaluation systems that both ensure teacher quality and promote professional learning. She has taught at all levels, kindergarten through university, has worked as a curriculum director and staff development director, and is the founder of the Danielson Group. She also advises State Education Departments and National Ministries and Departments of Education, both in the United States and Overseas.²

3. Evidence of reliability, validity, and efficacy

FFT has been subjected to several validation studies over the course of its development and refinement, including an initial validation by ETS. Later studies—including one conducted by the Consortium for Policy Research in Education (CPRE) and others assessing the application of the FFT for teacher evaluation in Cincinnati and Chicago— have identified small but consistently positive correlations between FFT ratings and student learning outcomes.³

¹ MET Project: Danielson’s Framework for Teaching for Classroom Observations. Page 2
Link: http://collegeready.gatesfoundation.org/wp-content/uploads/2015/12/Danielson-FFT_10_29_101.pdf

² Charlotte Danielson Biography from Danielson Group Web Page. Link:
<https://www.danielsongroup.org/charlotte-danielson/>

³ MET Project: Danielson’s Framework for Teaching for Classroom Observations. Page 3
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