## Reasoning: Scientific Reasoning

Students' ability to observe, hypothesize, test, analyze, interpret and reflect on scientific phenomena

| Criteria   | Proficient (able or skilled)  | Developing (progressing)   | Insufficient (incomplete or unsatisfactory evidence)                                 |
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| observation observes and describes a phenomena and forms a question                                  | student describes<br>phenomena and forms a<br>question  | student, with guidance,<br>describes phenomena and<br>forms a question                               | student does not describe<br>phenomena or form a<br>question                         |
| hypothesis hypothesizes reasons and identifies the variables for the phenomena                       | student develops a<br>hypothesis and identifies<br>variables correctly                          | student, with guidance,<br>develops a hypothesis and<br>identifies variables                         | student does not develop a<br>hypothesis or identify<br>variables                    |
| experimentation designs and conducts an experiment to test the hypothesis and controls for variables | student designs and conducts an experiment including controls for key variables                 | student, with guidance,<br>designs and conducts an<br>experiment including<br>controls for variables | student does not design and<br>conduct an experiment<br>and/or control for variables |
| <b>analysis</b><br>analyzes results  | student analyzes results while accounting for key variables                                     | student analyzes results   | student does not analyze results   |
| interpretation interprets results to confirm or reject the hypothesis                                | student interprets results to confirm or reject the hypothesis                                  | student attempts to interpret<br>results to confirm or reject<br>the hypothesis                      | student does not interpret<br>results to confirm or reject<br>the hypothesis         |
| reflection reflects on experiment to determine implications and limitations                          | student proposes<br>modifications based on<br>implications and limitations<br>of the experiment | student recognizes implications and limitations of the experiment                                    | student does not recognize implications or limitations of the experiment             |