

POD —IDEA Center Notes

A RESOURCE TO SUPPORT TEACHING IMPROVEMENT

This project is a collaboration of The IDEA Center and the Professional and Organizational Development Network in Higher Education (POD). Both IDEA and POD have a long history of involvement in faculty development and teaching improvement and both organizations are dedicated to enhancing teaching and learning.

The IDEA form was developed as a diagnostic tool to allow better understanding of the dynamics of teaching and learning and to be able to link teaching behaviors with the instructional objectives teachers have in mind for their students. Thus, the data can and should be used as a guide for enhancing teaching and learning. The purpose of these “Notes” is to provide users with a first reference in support of that goal.

Although, this series of “notes” was developed primarily as a resource for users of the IDEA student ratings system, the topics addressed are important to anyone who teaches and should also serve as a valuable resource to those who do not use the IDEA system as well.

The “Notes” contain four sections:

- **Background.** Provides a context for the item and the rationale for its relevance.
- **Helpful Hints.** Describes three or four ways one might successfully employ this method.
- **Assessment Issues.** Describes ways to assess the teaching method or student learning goals related to the method.
- **References and Resources.** Lists resources that often provide background, theory and additional suggestions for improving teaching.

We hope that this series of notes will serve you well in your continued efforts to deliver high quality instruction.

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