

EVALUATION/SUPERVISION

The Governing Board believes that regular, comprehensive evaluations designed to hold instructional staff accountable for their performance are key to improving their teaching skills and raising students' levels of achievement.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
(cf. 4315 - Evaluation/Supervision)

Evaluations shall be used to recognize the exemplary skills and accomplishments of staff and to identify areas needing improvement. When areas needing improvement are identified, the Board expects employees to accept responsibility for improving their performance and encourages them to take initiative to request assistance as necessary, including participation in appropriate staff development and/or individualized teacher support and guidance programs.

(cf. 4117.4 - Dismissal)
(cf. 4117.6 - Decision Not to Rehire)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)

The Superintendent or designee shall assess the performance of certificated instructional staff as it reasonably relates to the following criteria: (Education Code 44662)

1. Students' progress toward meeting district standards of expected achievement for their grade level in each area of study and, if applicable, towards the state-adopted content standards as measured by state-adopted criterion-referenced assessments

(cf. 6011 - Academic Standards)
(cf. 6162.5 - Student Assessment)
(cf. 6162.51 - State Academic Achievement Tests)

2. The instructional techniques and strategies used by the employee
3. The employee's adherence to curricular objectives
4. The establishment and maintenance of a suitable learning environment within the scope of the employee's responsibilities

With the agreement of the exclusive representative of the certificated staff when applicable, the Superintendent or designee may incorporate objective standards from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and/or the California Standards for the Teaching Profession into district evaluation standards.

(cf. 4119.21/4219.21/4319.21 - Professional Standards)
(cf. 4140/4240/4340 - Bargaining Units)

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The evaluation of certificated employee performance shall not include the use of publishers' norms established by standardized tests. (Education Code 44662)

Noninstructional certificated employees shall be evaluated on their performance in fulfilling their defined job responsibilities. (Education Code 44662)

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that evaluation ratings have uniform meaning and are uniformly applied throughout the district.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33039 *State guidelines for teacher evaluation procedures*

35171 *Availability of rules and regulations for evaluation of performance*

44660-44665 *Evaluation and assessment of performance of certificated employees (the Stull Act)*

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 *Scope of representation*

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

6319 *Highly qualified teachers*

7801 *Definition of highly qualified teacher*

Management Resources:

COMMISSION ON TEACHER CREDENTIALING PUBLICATIONS

California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 2009

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

California Department of Education: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: <http://www.nbpts.org>

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Evaluation of certificated employees shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established in this administrative regulation and applicable collective bargaining agreements. To the extent that any of those provisions conflict, the procedures in the collective bargaining agreement shall be implemented.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)

The Superintendent or designee shall print and make available to certificated employees written regulations related to the evaluation of their performance in their assigned duties. (Education Code 35171)

(cf. 4112.9 - Employee Notifications)

Frequency of Evaluations

Each probationary certificated employee shall be evaluated at least once each school year. (Education Code 44664)

(cf. 4116 - Probationary/Permanent Status)
(cf. 4117.6 - Decision Not to Rehire)

Each certificated employee with permanent status shall be evaluated and assessed at least every other year. If the employee receives an unsatisfactory evaluation, he/she shall be annually evaluated until he/she achieves a positive evaluation or is separated from the district. (Education Code 44664)

(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)

Alternatively, a permanent employee who has been employed by the district at least 10 years and who was rated in his/her previous evaluation as meeting or exceeding standards shall be evaluated at least every five years, if he/she and the evaluator so agree. Either the evaluator or the employee may withdraw consent for the alternative schedule at any time. (Education Code 44664)

Evaluation Results

Certificated instructional employees shall receive a written copy of their evaluation no later than 30 days before the last scheduled school day of the school year in which the evaluation takes place. Before the last scheduled school day of the school year, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

Noninstructional certificated staff members employed on a 12-month basis shall receive a copy of their evaluation no later than June 30 of the year in which the evaluation takes place. Before July 30, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

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Instructional and noninstructional certificated employees shall have the right to respond in writing to their evaluation. This response shall become a permanent attachment to the employee's personnel file. (Education Code 44663)

(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)

Evaluations shall include recommendations, if necessary, as to areas in need of improvement in the employee's performance. If an employee is not performing satisfactorily according to teaching standards approved by the Governing Board pursuant to Education Code 44662, the Superintendent or designee shall so notify the employee in writing and shall describe the unsatisfactory performance. The Superintendent or designee shall confer with the employee, make specific recommendations as to areas needing improvement, and endeavor to provide assistance to the employee in his/her performance. (Education Code 44664)

The Superintendent or designee may require any certificated employee who receives an unsatisfactory rating in the area of teaching methods or instruction to participate in a program designed to improve appropriate areas of performance and to further student achievement and the district's instructional objectives. (Education Code 44664)

(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)

(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)

Qualifications of Evaluators

The Superintendent or designee shall assign the principal or other appropriate supervisory personnel to evaluate certificated staff. He/she shall ensure that the evaluator:

1. Possesses a valid administrative credential
2. Is competent in the instructional methodologies used by the teachers being evaluated
3. Is skilled in the supervision of instruction and in techniques and procedures related to the evaluation of instruction
4. Is familiar with district curriculum priorities and practices, district standards for student progress, and district policies and procedures related to personnel supervision, performance evaluation, and staff development