

REGULATION

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R 3221 EVALUATION OF NONTENURED TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS

The observation and evaluation of nontenured teaching staff members will be conducted by members of the administrative and supervisory staff who hold appropriate certification for the supervision of instruction. Evaluations will be conducted in accordance with the following procedures:

A. Evaluation Criteria

1. Evaluation criteria for each position will derive from the job description for the position and will relate directly to each of the tasks described. Wherever possible each set of evaluation criteria will be:
 - a. Briefly stated and focused on major criteria of the position,
 - b. Based on observable information rather than on factors requiring subjective judgment,
 - c. Generic, covering a number of specific positions, and
 - d. Written in the same format and in a direct, simple style.
2. Maintenance of job evaluation criteria will be the responsibility of the Superintendent. Evaluation criteria will be reviewed annually and
 - a. Whenever the corresponding job description is revised,
 - b. On the request of a single job holder, or
 - c. On the request of a majority of persons holding a particular job.

3. Each nontenured teaching staff member will be sent a copy of the current evaluation criteria for his/her position by the Building Principal. Any revisions thereto shall be provided to each holder of that job within 30 working days of its adoption. Suggested revisions to evaluation criteria by job holders shall be referred initially to the job holder's immediate supervisor for review.

B. Collection of Evaluation Data

Data will be gathered any one or more of the following evaluation methods:

1. Direct observation of the teaching staff member in the course of performing an assigned duty;
2. Review of a product from the teaching staff member that results from the performance of his/her assigned duties;
3. Interviews of the teaching staff member regarding his/her knowledge of assigned duties;
4. Paper and pencil instruments (such as competency tests, pupil surveys, and the like);
5. Audio-visual monitoring of the teaching staff member in the performance of his/her assigned duties; and
6. Reference to previous performance reports.

C. Observations

1. Nontenured teaching staff members will be evaluated no fewer than three times in every school year and at least once during each semester. A nontenured teaching staff member employed fewer than sixty days in the school year may be observed and evaluated only once during the school year, and a nontenured teaching staff member employed fewer than one hundred twenty days in the school year may be observed and evaluated only twice during the school year.
2. Classroom instructors will be observed in the performance of their duties by a visitation to the assigned work station. The visit will not be less than one class period (secondary level) or for the duration of one complete subject lesson (elementary level). There shall be no fewer than three such

observations annually and at least one in each semester.

3. In the case of the nontenured teaching staff member who is not regularly assigned to classroom instruction, the evaluator shall confer with the employee at the beginning of each three month period, the first of such periods commencing at the beginning of the school year. They shall together determine the job performance that will be observed. The period of the observation will be appropriate to the performance to be observed and will be conducted in as few separate sessions as possible. The evaluator shall record each separate instance of observation and the activity observed.
4. Wherever possible, multiple observations that focus on different areas of responsibility are desirable. Multiple observations should be spread over time to allow time for improvement.
5. Each observation will be recorded on a separate form and a copy sent to the nontenured teaching staff member within twenty-four hours prior to the observation conference.

D. Evaluations

1. A written evaluation of each nontenured teaching staff member in the performance of his/her duties will be prepared within ten days of each observation or before the end of each three-month period during which a nontenured teaching staff member not regularly assigned to classroom instruction has been evaluated.
2. In addition to the evaluation following each observation or period of observation, the evaluator shall prepare an annual written evaluation of each nontenured teaching staff member's total performance as an employee of the school district. This written evaluation will be submitted to the Building Principal, if the Principal did not prepare the annual written evaluation, sufficiently in advance of the conference to provide the Building Principal input on the annual written evaluation. Any such input will be appended to the written evaluation.

E. Post Observation Conferences

1. No later than ten days after the observation of each classroom instructor and no later than the end of each three-month period of observation of non-classroom instructors, the teaching staff member and the evaluating supervisor shall hold a conference to discuss the evaluation reports prepared in accordance with paragraph D1 above.
2. The post observation conference will be conducted for the purpose of confirming the accuracy of the material collected, providing a forum for feedback, and providing assistance to the teaching staff member whenever the need for such aid is indicated. In addition, the evaluator must note the effects of the observation (if any) on the teaching staff member's annual evaluation. Sufficient time should be scheduled for a full discussion of the issues involved.
3. Two copies of the written evaluation will be prepared and both the supervisor and the nontenured teaching staff member shall sign each copy and retain one copy.
4. The nontenured teaching staff member shall have the right to submit his or her written disclaimer of an evaluation within ten days following the conference and such disclaimer shall be attached to each party's copy of the evaluation report.
5. Each observation report will be filed in the teaching staff member's personnel file. A copy will be provided to the teaching staff member within 72 hours of the conference.

F. Annual Summary Conference And Written Evaluation

1. An annual summary conference will be held with each nontenured teaching staff member by the administrator or supervisor who prepared the annual written evaluation (whenever possible) before the staff member's annual written evaluation is filed.
2. The annual written evaluation will include a review of the nontenured teaching staff member's total performance as an employee of the district, including, but not limited to:
 - a. Performance areas of strength;

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- b. Performance areas needing improvement based upon the job description;
 - c. An individual professional development plan developed by the supervisor and the teaching staff member; and
 - d. A summary of indicators of pupil progress and growth, and a statement of how these indicators relate to the effectiveness of the overall program and the performance of the individual teaching staff member.
3. Adequate time will be allotted for the annual summary conference in order to cover the required topics of discussion and to permit a full exploration of the possible solutions to any problems identified.
4. The annual written evaluation prepared by the evaluator will be signed by the evaluator at the time of the conference and by the nontenured teaching staff member within five working days of the conference. The signature of the staff member will not necessarily be construed to indicate assent with the report.
5. The teaching staff member shall have the right to submit a written disclaimer of such evaluation within ten days following the conference and such disclaimer shall be attached to each party's copy of the evaluation report.
6. Each annual written evaluation shall be filed in the teaching staff member's personnel file. A copy will be provided to the staff member within 72 working days of the conference.

G. Review of Pupil Progress and Growth

1. A review will be conducted, at least annually, of pupil progress and growth in each class, for the purpose of determining whether or not changes in the performance of the teacher or in the program would lead to improved results by the pupils during the subsequent school year.
2. The review of pupil progress and growth will be made by a supervisor who is familiar with the pupils involved and the school context against indicators previously determined by the teacher and agreed upon by his/her immediate supervisor.
3. A summary of the pupil progress and growth data and its implications will be placed in the teacher's annual performance report. The pupil progress and growth report will be one measure of the teacher's annual performance evaluation.
4. If the review of the pupil data reveals that pupils have not made the progress expected, the supervisor and staff member shall jointly determine what changes should be made to improve pupil performance. Any such changes are subject to approval of the Building Principal before being implemented.

H. Individual Professional Improvement Plan

1. An Individual Professional Improvement Plan will be prepared annually for each nontenured teaching staff member.
2. All new teachers with standard certificates must complete 100 clock hours of State-approved professional development every five years in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-15.1 et seq. and therefore, must have a Professional Improvement Plan within sixty days of the Board's approval of the employment contract.

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- a. The content of each teacher's professional improvement plan shall align with the Professional Standards for Teachers as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.3.
 - b. The activities in each teacher's professional improvement plan shall align with the professional development standards as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-15.2(d).
3. At the time the Professional Improvement Plan is prepared, a review will also be made of the staff member's efforts to achieve the prior year's plan.
4. Copies of the Individual Professional Improvement Plan will be placed in the teaching staff member's annual performance report and given to the teaching staff member. The degree to which the teaching staff member achieved the requirements of the previous plan will be a measure of the staff member's annual performance evaluation.
5. It is the duty of the teaching staff member to implement the plan as prepared; his/her failure to do so may result in disciplinary action up to and including dismissal.

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