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3126 INDUCTION PROGRAM FOR PROVISIONAL TEACHERS

The Board of Education may employ a holder of a certificate of eligibility (CE) or certificate of eligibility with advanced standing (CEAS) after its mentoring plan has been approved pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.4.

The State-approved district training program shall provide essential knowledge and skills through training that includes on-going mentoring, observations and evaluations, formal instruction in professional education aligned with the Professional Standards for Teachers, and other provisions as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.3(b). The training may be provided by the school district or consortia of districts in conjunction with a college or university in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.4(c). The district or consortium shall submit a written plan for the department's approval. In the event that joint sponsorship with a college or university cannot be achieved, the department may authorize the district or consortium to provide the formal instruction independently or in joint sponsorship with a non-collegiate entity. The district or consortium's written plan shall include documentation of its efforts to secure college or university participation. In the event the district is unable to provide formal instruction to provisional teachers in their employ, the district may provide access to formal instruction through a network of Department of Education authorized providers.

The district's local mentor plan shall be in accordance with the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.4. All novice teachers are required to participate in a mentoring program that takes place over a period of thirty weeks for provisional teachers holding a CEAS and thirty-four weeks for provisional teachers holding a CE. Provisional teachers shall participate for a proportionally longer period of time if in a part-time teaching position. The mentoring program shall be implemented by the mentor teacher, supervised by the school Principal, and conducted within the parameters of a school district's local mentor plan and the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.3. In the event that no State funds are available to pay the costs of mentoring fees, candidates who are required to complete a provisional year of teaching in order to obtain standard certification shall be responsible for payment of mentoring fees during the provisional year.

A local Professional Development Committee shall be established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-15.3(d) and this Committee shall develop a local mentor plan that includes the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.4(c). The Professional

Development Committee shall submit the local mentor plan to the



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Board of Education for initial approval. The Professional Development Committee shall submit the addendum for the twenty-day clinical experience pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.3(b)1 to the Board of Education for initial approval and to the Executive County Superintendent for final approval. After plan review, the Board shall submit the plan to the Executive County Superintendent for final review and approval. The Executive County Superintendent shall notify the Department of Education of plan approval. Every three years, the district's mentor plan shall be revised and re-submitted to the Executive County Superintendent based on program evaluation.

The Board of Education shall be responsible for the implementation of the local mentor plan and the district shall submit a report on the effectiveness of the local mentor plan to the Department on an annual basis. The report, using data collected on a Department of Education developed form, shall include program impact on job satisfaction, adequacy of time and training, and recommended program changes and additions. The district shall align the mentor plan with the Professional Standards for Teachers.

The Board of Education shall be responsible to budget any State funds appropriated for the novice teacher mentoring program. The Board shall ensure that State funds appropriated for this program shall supplement, and not supplant, any Federal, State or local funds already devoted to planning and implementing a novice teacher mentor program. The Board of Education shall ensure that State funds shall be used for stipends for mentor teachers, the costs associated with release time, substitutes for mentor teachers and novice teachers, and/or professional development and training activities related to the program.

An appropriately certified Building Principal or administrative designee authorized to supervise instructional staff shall observe and evaluate the provisional teacher three times during the first year of mentoring for purposes of certification. All performance evaluations shall be aligned with the Professional Standards for Teachers as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.3 and reported on Statedeveloped forms. Performance evaluations for career and technical education teachers shall also include career and technical education knowledge and skills. Evaluations shall be completed in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.6 et seq. Mentor teachers shall not assess or evaluate the performance of provisional teachers. Interactions between provisional teachers and experienced mentor teachers are formative in nature and considered a matter of professional privilege. Mentor teachers shall not be compelled to offer testimony on the



performance of provisional teachers.

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Within thirty days after the conclusion of the State-approved district training program, the Principal shall submit the final evaluation directly to the Secretary of the New Jersey State Board of Examiners that shall contain a recommendation regarding standard certification for each provisional teacher. The final evaluation for each provisional teacher shall include a recommendation of approved, insufficient, or disapproved. Candidates who receive a recommendation of "disapproved" or two recommendations of "insufficient" may petition the Board of Examiners for approval of additional opportunities to seek provisional employment in districts other than those in which they received unfavorable recommendations pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.18.

N.J.S.A. 18A:26-2; 18A:26-2a N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.3; 6A:9-8.4; 6A:9-8.6; 6A:9-8.7

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3159 <u>TEACHING STAFF MEMBER/SCHOOL DISTRICT</u> <u>REPORTING RESPONSIBILITIES</u>

All certificate holders shall report their arrest or indictment for any crime or offense to the Superintendent of Schools within fourteen calendar days in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.1. For purposes of this policy, "certificate holders" shall include all individuals who hold certificates, credentials, certificates of eligibility (CEs), and certificates of eligibility with advance standing (CEASs) issued by the State Board of Examiners. For purposes of this policy, the term "certificate" shall include all standard, emergency and provisional certificates, all credentials, and all CEs and CEASs issued by the State Board of Examiners.

The report submitted to the Superintendent shall include the date of arrest or indictment and charge(s) lodged against the certificate holder. Such certificate holders shall also report to the Superintendent the disposition of any charges within seven calendar days of the disposition. Failure to comply with these reporting requirements may be deemed "just cause" for revocation or suspension of certification pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.5. The school district shall make these reporting requirements known to all new employees upon initial employment and to all employees on an annual basis.

The Superintendent of Schools shall notify the New Jersey State Board of Examiners when:

- 1. Tenured teaching staff members who are accused of criminal offenses or unbecoming conduct resign or retire from their positions;
- 2. Nontenured teaching staff members, including substitute teachers, who are accused of criminal offenses or unbecoming conduct resign, retire, or are removed from their positions;
- 3. A certificate holder fails to maintain any license, certificate, or authorization pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:9-4.1(b) that is mandated in order for the holder to serve in a position;



4. The Superintendent of Schools becomes aware that a

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certificate holder has been convicted of a crime or criminal offense while in the district's employ; or

5. The Superintendent has received a report from the Division of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) substantiating allegations of abuse or neglect or establishing "concerns" regarding a certificated teaching staff member.

In the event the New Jersey State Board of Examiners issues an order to show cause based on the information that the school district provided about the certificate holder, it shall be the responsibility of the school district to cooperate with the Board of Examiners in any proceeding arising from the order to show cause.

The Superintendent of Schools shall also notify the New Jersey State Board of Examiners, in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.3, whenever a nontenured, certificated employee is dismissed prior to the end of the school year for just cause as a result of misconduct in office. This notification requirement shall not apply in instances where the employee's contract is not renewed. The Superintendent of Schools will comply with the additional notice requirements to the New Jersey State Board of Examiners in the event it is subsequently determined by a disciplinary grievance arbitration, a court, or an administrative tribunal of competent jurisdiction that the basis for the dismissal did not constitute misconduct in office. In addition, whenever the Superintendent of Schools notifies the New Jersey State Board of Examiners of an employee's dismissal for reasons of misconduct in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.3, the employee shall receive a simultaneous copy of the notifying correspondence.

N.J.S.A. 18A:16-1.3 N.J.A.C. 6A:9-17.1; 6A:9-17.4

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3221 EVALUATION OF NONTENURED TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of implementing a program for the evaluation of nontenured teaching staff members in accordance with law for the purposes of identifying and correcting deficiencies, improving professional competence, improving the quality of instruction received by pupils of this district, and assisting the Board in determining the member's reemployment.

The program of evaluation of nontenured teaching staff members shall include the observation and evaluation of each such employee in the performance of his or her duties by an appropriate supervisor no fewer than three times during each school year, but not less than once during each semester. Evaluations are to take place before April 30 of each year. The evaluations may cover that period between April 30 of one year and April 30 of the succeeding year except in the case of the first year of employment where the three evaluations must be completed prior to April 30. The number of required observations and evaluations may be reduced proportionately when an individual teaching staff member's term of service is less than one academic year. Each evaluation shall be followed by a conference between the teaching staff member and his or her superior or supervisor(s). The purpose of the observation and evaluation of nontenured teaching staff members shall be to improve professional competence, identify deficiencies, extend assistance for the correction of such deficiencies, provide a basis for recommendations regarding reemployment, and improve the quality of instruction received by the pupils served by the school(s) in the district.

Supervisors shall make every effort to assist nontenured teaching staff members in the remediation of deficiencies disclosed by observation and evaluation and may conduct additional observations and evaluations. Supervisors should recognize the purposes of this policy cannot be realized by evaluations that do not record the weaknesses as well as the strengths of teaching staff members.

Assessments that are less than honest and candid serve neither the professional growth of the employee nor the interest of the district in building a staff of highly competent, well-trained personnel.



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This Policy shall be distributed to each teaching staff member at the beginning of his or her employment.

N.J.S.A. 18A:27-3.1 et seq. N.J.A.C. 6A:9-8.6; 6A:32-4.5

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3222 EVALUATION OF TEACHING STAFF MEMBERS, EXCLUDING TEACHERS AND ADMINISTRATORS

The Board of Education recognizes the importance of teaching staff member effectiveness to further the development of a professional corps of educators and to increase student achievement. The Board of Education adopts Policy and Regulation 3222 for the evaluation of teaching staff members consistent with the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey Act (TEACHNJ) and the Achieve NJ administrative codes. This Policy and Regulation provides the provisions and requirements for teaching staff member evaluations consistent with TEACHNJ and Achieve NJ.

For the purposes of Policy and Regulation 3222, "teaching staff member" includes, but is not limited to, educational services staff members, guidance counselors, school nurses, library/media specialists, occupational therapists, and other teaching staff members working under an educational services certificate. For the purposes of Policy and Regulation 3222, "teaching staff member" does not include teachers, Principals, Vice Principals, Assistant Principals, and administrators, including, but not limited to, directors and/or supervisors.

The rules in N.J.A.C. 6A:10 – Educator Effectiveness shall not override any conflicting provision(s) of collective bargaining agreements or other employment contracts in effect on July 1, 2013 and no collective bargaining agreement entered into after July 1, 2013, shall conflict with the educator evaluation system established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et seq. or any other specific statute or regulation, nor shall topics subject to bargaining involve matters of educational policy or managerial prerogatives. All information contained in written performance reports and all information collected, compiled, and/or maintained by employees for the evaluation process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et seq. shall be confidential and shall not be subject to public inspection or copying pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.

The Board shall annually adopt evaluation rubrics for teaching staff members which shall be submitted to the Commissioner by June 1 for approval by August 1 of each year. The evaluation rubrics shall have four defined annual ratings: ineffective, partially effective, effective, and highly effective. The Board shall



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meet the requirements as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.2(a) for the annual evaluation of teaching staff members and shall ensure the training procedures as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.2(b) are followed when implementing the evaluation rubrics for all teaching staff members. A District Evaluation Advisory Committee shall be established in accordance with the requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.3.

The minimum requirements for the evaluation procedures for teaching staff members as outlined in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.4 shall be followed. For each teaching staff member rated ineffective or partially effective on the annual summative evaluation rating, as measured by the evaluation rubrics, a corrective action plan shall be developed in accordance with the provisions of N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.5.

Observations and evaluations for nontenured teaching staff members shall be in accordance with the provisions of N.J.S.A. 18A:27-3.1. Evaluations for nontenured teaching staff members shall be completed prior to the May 15 notice requirement date for continued employment. Evaluations for tenured teaching staff members shall be completed prior to June 30.

The Superintendent shall annually notify all teaching staff members of the adopted evaluation policies and procedures/regulations no later than October 1. If a teaching staff member is hired after October 1, the Superintendent shall notify the teaching staff member of the policies and procedures/regulations at the beginning of his or her employment. All teaching staff members shall be notified of amendments to the policy and procedures/regulations within ten teaching staff member working days of adoption.

N.J.S.A. 18A:6-117 et seq.; N.J.S.A. 18A:27-3.1 N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 through 1.4; 6A:10-2.1 through 2.5

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A. Definitions – N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.2

The following words and terms shall have the following meanings when used in Policy and Regulation 3222 unless the context clearly indicates otherwise:

"Announced observation" means the person conducting an evaluation for the purpose of evaluation will notify the teaching staff member of the date and the time period the observation will be conducted.

"Annual performance report" means a written appraisal of the teaching staff member's performance prepared by the teaching staff member's supervisor based on the evaluation rubric for his or her position.

"Annual summative evaluation rating" means an annual evaluation rating that is based on appraisals of educator practice and student performance, if applicable, and includes all measures captured in a teaching staff member's evaluation rubric. The four summative performance categories are ineffective, partially effective, effective, and highly effective.

"Chief School Administrator" means the Superintendent of Schools or the Administrative Principal if there is no Superintendent.

"Commissioner" means Commissioner of the New Jersey Department of Education.

"Corrective Action Plan" means a written plan developed by a teaching staff member serving in a supervisory capacity in collaboration with the teaching staff member to address deficiencies as outlined in an evaluation. The corrective action plan shall include timelines for corrective action, responsibilities of the individual teaching staff member and the school district for implementing the plan, and specific support that the district shall provide.

"Department" means the New Jersey Department of Education.

"District Evaluation Advisory Committee" means a group created to oversee and



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guide the planning and implementation of the Board of Education's evaluation policies and procedures as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.3.

"Educator practice instrument" means an assessment tool that provides: scales or dimensions that capture competencies of professional performance; and differentiation of a range of professional performance as described by the scales, which must be shown in practice and/or research studies. The scores from the educator practice instrument may be components of the teaching staff member's evaluation rubrics and the scores may be included in the summative evaluation rating for the individual.

"Evaluation" means an appraisal of an individual's professional performance in relation to his or her job description, professional standards, and Statewide evaluation criteria that incorporates analysis of multiple measures of student achievement or growth, as applicable, and multiple data sources.

"Evaluation rubrics" means a set of criteria, measures, and processes used to evaluate all teaching staff members in a specific school district or local education agency. Evaluation rubrics consist of measures of professional practice, based on educator practice instruments and student outcomes. Each Board of Education will have an evaluation rubric specifically for teachers, another specifically for Principals, Vice Principals, and Assistant Principals, and evaluation rubrics for other categories of teaching staff members.

"Indicators of student progress and growth" means the results of assessment(s) of students as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:8, Standards and Assessment.

"Individual professional development plan" means a written statement of goals developed by a teaching staff member serving in a supervisory capacity in collaboration with a teaching staff member, that: aligns with professional standards for teachers set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-3.3 and the New Jersey Professional Development Standards: derives from the annual evaluation process; identifies professional goals that address specific individual, district or school needs, or both; and grounds professional development activities in objectives related to improving teaching, learning, and student achievement. The individual professional development plan shall include timelines for implementation, responsibilities of the employee and the school district for implementing the plan, and specific support and periodic feedback that the district shall provide.



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"Job description" means a written specification of the function of a position, duties and responsibilities, the extent and limits of authority, and work relationships within and outside the school and school district.

"Observation" means a method of collecting data on the performance of a teaching staff member's assigned duties and responsibilities. An observation for the purpose of evaluation will be included in the determination of the annual summative evaluation rating and shall be conducted by an individual employed in the school district in a supervisory role and capacity and possessing a school administrator, Principal, or supervisor endorsement as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-1.1.

"Post-observation conference" means a meeting, either in-person or remotely, between a supervisor who conducted the observation and the teaching staff member for the purpose of evaluation to discuss the data collected in the observation.

"Scoring guide" means a set of rules or criteria used to evaluate a performance, product, or project. The purpose of a scoring guide is to provide a transparent and reliable evaluation process. Educator practice instruments include a scoring guide that an evaluator uses to structure his or her assessments and ratings of professional practice.

"Signed" means the name of one physically written by oneself or an electronic code, sound, symbol, or process attached to or logically associated with a record and executed or adopted by a person with the intent to sign the record.

"Student growth objective" is an academic goal that teaching staff members and evaluators may set for groups of students.

"Superintendent" means Superintendent of Schools or Chief School Administrator.

"Supervisor" means an appropriately certified teaching staff member, as defined in N.J.S.A. 18A:1-1, employed in the school district in a supervisory role and capacity, and possessing a school administrator, Principal, or supervisor endorsement as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-1.1.



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"Teaching staff member" means a member of the professional staff of any district or regional Board of Education, or any county vocational school district Board of Education, holding office, position, or employment of such character that the qualifications for such office, position, or employment require him or her to hold a valid, effective, and appropriate standard, provisional, or emergency certificate issued by the State Board of Examiners. Teaching staff members include the positions of school nurse and school athletic trainer. There are three different types of certificates that teaching staff members work under:

- 1. An instructional certificate (holders of this certificate are referred to in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et seq. as "teachers");
- 2. Administrative certificate; and
- 3. Educational services certificate.

For the purposes of Policy 3222 and this Regulation, "teaching staff member" includes, but is not limited to, educational services staff members, guidance counselors, school nurses, library/media specialists, occupational therapists, and other teaching staff members working under an educational services certificate and does not include teachers, Principals, Vice Principals, Assistant Principals, and administrators, including, but not limited to, Directors and/or Supervisors.

"Unannounced observation" means the person conducting an observation for the purpose of evaluation will not notify the teaching staff member of the date or time the observation will be conducted.

B. Applicability of Rules on Collective Bargaining Agreements – N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.3

The rules in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et seq. shall not override any conflicting provision(s) of collective bargaining agreements or other employment contracts entered into by a school district in effect on July 1, 2013. No collective bargaining agreement entered into after July 1, 2013, shall conflict with the educator evaluation system established pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et seq. or any other specific statute or regulation, nor shall topics subject to bargaining involve matters of educational policy or managerial prerogatives.



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C. Educator Evaluation Data, Information, and Written Reports – N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.4

All information contained in written performance reports and all information collected, compiled, and/or maintained by employees of the Board of Education for the purposes of conducting the educator evaluation process pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et seq. shall be confidential. Such information shall not be subject to public inspection or copying pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq. Nothing contained in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et seq. shall be construed to prohibit the Department from, at its discretion, collecting evaluation data pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:6-123.e or distributing aggregate statistics regarding evaluation data.

- D. Evaluation of Teaching Staff Members N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.1
 - 1. The Board of Education annually shall adopt evaluation rubrics for all teaching staff members. The evaluation rubrics shall have four defined annual ratings: ineffective, partially effective, effective, and highly effective.
 - 2. Evaluation rubrics shall be submitted to the Commissioner by June 1 for approval by August 1 of each year.
- E. Duties of the Board of Education N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.2
 - 1. The Board of Education shall meet the following requirements for the annual evaluation of teaching staff members, unless otherwise specified:
 - a. Establish a District Evaluation Advisory Committee to oversee and guide the planning and implementation of the Board of Education's evaluation policies and procedures as set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-1.1 et seq.
 - b. Annually adopt policies and procedures developed by the Superintendent pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.4, including the evaluation rubrics approved by the Commissioner pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.1(c).



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- c. Ensure the Superintendent annually notifies all teaching staff members of the adopted evaluation policies and procedures no later than October 1. If a teaching staff member is hired after October 1, the Board/Superintendent shall notify the teaching staff member of the policies and procedures at the beginning of his or her employment. All teaching staff members shall be notified of amendments to the policy and procedures within ten teaching staff member working days of adoption.
- d. Annually adopt by June 1, any Commissioner-approved educator practice instruments and, as part of the process described at N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.1(c), notify the Department which instruments will be used as part of the school district's evaluation rubrics.
- e. Ensure the Principal of each school within the school district has established a School Improvement Panel pursuant to N.J.A.C. 6A:10-3.1. The panel shall be established annually by August 31 and shall carry out the duties and functions described in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-3.2.
- f. Ensure data elements are collected from the implementation of the educator practice instrument and store the data in an accessible and usable format. Data elements shall include, but not be limited to, scores or evidence from observations for the purpose of evaluation.
- g. Ensure each Principal in the district certifies any observer who conducts an observation of a teaching staff member for the purpose of evaluation as described in N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.4(h); N.J.A.C. 6A:10-4.4; and N.J.A.C. 6A:10-5.4, shall meet the statutory observation requirements of N.J.S.A. 18A:6-119; 18A:6-123.b(8); and N.J.S.A. 18A:27-3.1 and the teacher member of the School Improvement Panel requirements of N.J.A.C. 6A:10-3.2.
- 2. The Board of Education shall ensure the following training procedures are followed when implementing the evaluation rubric for all teaching staff members and, when applicable, applying the Commissioner-approved educator practice instruments:



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- a. Annually provide training on and descriptions of each component of the evaluation rubric for all teaching staff members who are being evaluated in the school district and provide more thorough training for any teaching staff member who is being evaluated for the first time. Training shall include detailed descriptions of all evaluation rubric components including, when applicable, detailed descriptions of student achievement measures and all aspects of the educator practice instruments;
- b. The Superintendent may be required to annually certify to the Department that all supervisors of teaching staff members in the school district who are utilizing educator practice instruments have completed training on the instrument and its application and have demonstrated competency in applying the educator practice instruments.
- F. District Evaluation Advisory Committee N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.3
 - 1. Members of the District Evaluation Advisory Committee shall include representation from the following groups: teachers from each school level represented in the school district; central office administrators overseeing the teacher evaluation process; supervisors involved in teacher evaluation, when available or appropriate; and administrators conducting evaluations, including a minimum of one administrator conducting evaluations who participates on a School Improvement Panel. Members also shall include the Superintendent, a special education administrator, a parent, and a member of the Board of Education.
 - 2. The Superintendent may extend membership on the District Evaluation Advisory Committee to representatives of other groups.
 - 3. Beginning in 2017-2018, the District Evaluation Advisory Committees shall no longer be required and the Board of Education shall have the discretion to continue the District's Evaluation Advisory Committee.
- G. Evaluation Procedures for Teaching Staff Members N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.4
 - The provisions outlined in Policy and Regulation 3222 and N.J.A.C.



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6A:10-2.4 shall be the minimum requirements for the evaluation procedures for teaching staff members.

- 2. Evaluation policies and procedures requiring the annual evaluation of all teaching staff members shall be developed under the direction of the Superintendent, who may consult with the District Evaluation Advisory Committee or representatives from School Improvement Panels, and shall include, but not be limited to, a description of:
 - a. Evaluation rubrics for all teaching staff members;
 - b. Roles and responsibilities for implementation of evaluation policies and procedures;
 - c. Job descriptions and applicable evaluation criteria based upon school district goals, student achievement, instructional priorities, and the evaluation regulations set forth in N.J.A.C. 6A:10 et seq.;
 - d. Methods of data collection and reporting appropriate to each job description, including, but not limited to, the processes for observations for the purpose of evaluation and post-observation conference(s) by the teaching staff member's supervisor, or his or her designee;
 - e. The process for preparation of individual professional development plans; and
 - f. The process for preparation of an annual written performance report by the teaching staff member's supervisor or designee, and an annual summary conference between the teaching staff member and his or her supervisor, or the supervisor's designee.
- 3. The annual summary conference between the supervisor and the teaching staff member shall be held before the written performance report is filed. The conference shall include, but not be limited to, a review of the following:



a. The performance of the teaching staff member based upon the job description and, when applicable, the scores or evidence compiled

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using the teaching staff member's evaluation rubric, which may include the educator practice instrument;

- b. The progress of the teaching staff member toward meeting the objectives of the individual professional development plan or, when applicable, the corrective action plan;
- c. Available indicators or scores of student achievement or growth, when applicable, such as student growth objective scores and student growth percentile scores; and
- d. The preliminary annual written performance report.
- 4. If any scores for the teaching staff member's evaluation rubric are not available at the time of the annual summary conference due to pending assessment results, the annual summative evaluation rating shall be calculated once all component ratings are available.
- 5. The annual written performance report shall be prepared by the teaching staff member's supervisor and shall include, but not be limited to:
 - a. A summative rating based on the evaluation rubric;
 - b. Performance area(s) of strength and area(s) needing improvement based upon the job description, observations for the purpose of evaluation and, when applicable, the educator practice instrument;
 - c. An individual professional development plan developed by the supervisor and the teaching staff member or, when applicable, a corrective action plan from the evaluation year being reviewed in the report; and
 - d. A summary of student achievement or growth indicators, when applicable.
- 6. The teaching staff member and the preparer of the annual written performance report shall sign the report within five teaching staff member working days of the review.



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- 7. The annual summary conference and annual written performance report shall be completed prior to June 30.
- 8. The Board of Education shall add all written performance reports and supporting data, including, but not limited to, indicators of student progress and growth for a teaching staff member, if applicable as part of his or her personnel file. The records shall be confidential and shall not be subject to public inspection or copying pursuant to the Open Public Records Act, N.J.S.A. 47:1A-1 et seq.
- H. Corrective Action Plans for Teaching Staff Members N.J.A.C. 6A:10-2.5
 - 1. For each teaching staff member rated ineffective or partially effective on the annual summative evaluation, as measured by the evaluation rubrics, a corrective action plan shall be developed by the teaching staff member and the Superintendent or the teaching staff member's supervisor.
 - 2. If the summative evaluation rating is calculated before the end of the school year, then the corrective action plan shall be developed and the teaching staff member and his or her supervisor shall meet to discuss the corrective action plan prior to September 15 of the following school year. The conference to develop and discuss the corrective action plan may be combined with the teaching staff member's annual summary conference that occurs at the end of the year of evaluation.
 - 3. If the ineffective or partially effective summative evaluation rating is received after the start of the school year following the year of evaluation, then a corrective action plan must be developed, and the teaching staff member and his or her supervisor shall meet to discuss the corrective action plan within fifteen teaching staff member working days following the school district's receipt of the teaching staff member's summative rating.
 - 4. The content of the corrective action plan shall replace the content of the individual professional development plan required in N.J.A.C. 6A:9-15.4(c) and 15.7(c) until the next annual summary conference.
 - 5. The content of the corrective action plan shall:



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- a. Address areas in need of improvement identified in the teaching staff member evaluation rubric;
- b. Include specific, demonstrable goals for improvement;
- c. Include responsibilities of the evaluated employee and the school district for the plan's implementation; and
- d. Include timelines for meeting the goal(s).
- 6. The teaching staff member's supervisor, or his or her designee, and the teaching staff member on a corrective action plan shall discuss the teaching staff member's progress toward the goals outlined in the corrective action plan during each post-observation conference.
- 7. Progress toward the teaching staff member's goals outlined in the corrective action plan, and data and evidence collected by the supervisor and/or the teaching staff member to determine progress between the time the corrective action plan began and the next annual summary conference, shall be documented in the teaching staff member's personnel file and reviewed at the annual summary conference.
- 8. Progress toward the teaching staff member's goals outlined in the corrective action plan may be used as evidence in the teaching staff member's next annual summative evaluation; however, such progress shall not guarantee an effective rating on the next summative evaluation.
- 9. Responsibilities of the evaluated teaching staff member on a corrective action plan shall not be exclusionary of other plans for improvement determined to be necessary by the teaching staff member's supervisor.
- I. Teaching Staff Member Observations and Evaluations
 - 1. The Superintendent shall determine the duration of observations required for nontenured teaching staff members pursuant to N.J.S.A. 18A:27-3.1.
 - 2. Each nontenured teaching staff member shall be observed and evaluated in the performance of his or her duties at least three times during each school year, but not less than once during each semester.



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- 3. Each tenured teaching staff member shall be observed and evaluated in the performance of his or her duties at least once each school year. The Superintendent shall determine the duration of observations.
- 4. Observations include, but are not limited to, observations of meetings, student instruction, parent conferences, and a case-study analysis of a significant student issue.
- 5. Each observation shall be followed within fifteen teaching staff member working days by a conference between the administrator or supervisor staff member who made the observation and written evaluation and the teaching staff member.
- 6. The required observations for the purposes of the annual evaluation for nontenured teaching staff members shall take place before April 30 each year. These observations may cover that period between April 30 of one year and April 30 of the succeeding year excepting in the case of the first year of employment where the three observations must have been completed prior to April 30.
- 7. The number of required observations and the annual evaluation for nontenured teaching staff members may be reduced proportionately when an individual teaching staff member's term of service is less than one academic year.
- 8. Evaluations for nontenured teaching staff members shall be completed prior to May 15.
- 9. Evaluations for tenured teaching staff shall be completed prior to June 30.
- 10. Each evaluation of nontenured and tenured teaching staff members shall be followed by a conference between that teaching staff member and the administrative or supervisory staff member who has made the observation and written evaluation. Both parties to such a conference shall sign the written evaluation report and each shall retain a copy for his or her records. The purpose of this procedure is to recommend as to reemployment, identify any deficiencies, extend assistance for correction, and improve professional competence.



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11. The teaching staff member may submit his or her written objection(s) of the evaluation within ten teaching staff member working days following the conference. The objection(s) shall be attached to each party's copy of the annual written performance report.

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3233- POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes and encourages the right of all citizens, including teaching staff members, to engage in political activity. The Board prohibits the use of school premises and school time, however, for partisan political purposes.

The Board establishes the following guidelines to govern teaching staff members in their political activities:

- 1. A teaching staff member shall not engage in political activity on school premises unless permitted in accordance with Board Policy No. 7510 Use of School Facilities and/or applicable Federal and State laws;
- 2. A teaching staff member shall not post political circulars or petitions on school premises nor distribute such circulars or petitions to students nor solicit campaign funds or campaign workers on school premises;
- 3. A teaching staff member shall not display any material that would tend to promote any candidate for office on an election day in a school facility that is used as a polling place;
- 4. A teaching staff member shall not engage in any activity in the presence of students while on school property, which activity is intended and/or designed to promote, further or assert a position(s) on labor relations issues.

A certificated staff member employed by this district who is a member of the Senate or General Assembly of the State of New Jersey shall be entitled to time off from school district duties, without loss of pay, during the periods of his/her attendance at regular or special sessions of the legislature and hearings or meetings of any legislative committee or commission.

A certificated staff member employed by this district who is a member of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of any county of New Jersey shall be entitled to time off from his/her duties, without pay, during the periods of his/her attendance at regular or special meetings of the Board and of any committee thereof and at such other times as he/she shall be engaged in performing the necessary functions and duties of his/her office as a member of the Board.



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No other teaching staff member who holds elective or appointive office is so entitled to time off, except as such time off may be provided for by Board policy or negotiated agreement.

The provisions of this policy do not apply to the discussion and study of politics and political issues appropriate to the curriculum, the conduct of student elections, or the conduct of employee representative elections.

Nothing in this Policy shall be interpreted to impose a burden on the constitutionally protected speech or conduct of a staff member or student.

N.J.S.A. 11:17-2 N.J.S.A. 18A:6-8.1; 18A:6-8.2; 18A:6-8.4; 18A:42-4 N.J.S.A. 19:34-42 Green Township v. Rowe, Superior Court of New Jersey - Appellate Division A-2528-98T5

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3233- POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

A. Prohibited Activities

The following political activities are prohibited on school district premises:

- 1. Posting of political circulars or petitions on bulletin boards that are not sponsored by the school and included as part of the school curriculum and/or program;
- 2. The distribution to employees, whether by placing in their school mailboxes or otherwise, of political circulars or petitions, except as delivered by the U.S. Postal Service;
- 3. Collection of and solicitation for campaign funds;
- 4. Solicitation for campaign workers;
- 5. Use of students for writing or addressing political materials or the distribution of such materials to or by students;
- 6. Display of any materials that promote the candidacy of any candidate for office by a person working on an election day in a district facility used as a polling place; and
- 7. Any activity in the presence of students while on school property, which activity is intended and/or designed to promote, further or assert a position(s) on labor relations issues.
- B. Permitted Activities

The following political activities are permitted on school premises.

- 1. Conduct of student and employee elections and any campaigning connected with those elections.
- 2. Classroom discussion and study of politics and political issues, when such discussion and study are appropriate to studies such as history, current events, or political science.



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- 3. Distribution of political materials when approved by the principal and when relevant to the class, curriculum, and maturity of the students. Any such material shall be presented by the teacher without bias or discrimination.
- C. Nothing in this Regulation shall be interpreted to impose a burden on the constitutionally protected speech or conduct of a staff member or student.

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4233- POLITICAL ACTIVITIES

The Board of Education recognizes and encourages the right of all citizens, including school employees, to engage in political activity. However, the Board prohibits the use of school premises and school time for partian political purposes.

The Board establishes the following guidelines to govern all support staff members in their political activities:

- 1. An employee shall not engage in political activity on school premises unless permitted in accordance with Policy No. 7510 Use of School Facilities and/or applicable Federal and State laws;
- 2. An employee shall not post political circulars or petitions on school premises nor distribute such circulars or petitions to students nor solicit campaign funds or campaign workers on school premises;
- 3. An employee shall not display any material that would tend to promote any candidate for office on an election day in a school facility that is used as a polling place;
- 4. An employee shall not engage in any activity in the presence of students while on school property, which activity is intended and/or designed to promote, further or assert a position(s) on labor relations issues.

The provisions of this policy do not apply to the conduct of employee representative elections.

Nothing in this Policy shall be interpreted to impose a burden on the constitutionally protected speech or conduct of a staff member or student.

N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Green Township v. Rowe, Superior Court of New Jersey - Appellate Division A-2528-98T5

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9120- PUBLIC RELATIONS PROGRAM

The Board of Education believes all reasonable means should be employed to keep the community served by the school district informed on matters of importance regarding district programs, finances, personnel, policies, and operations.

The Board will determine which of its official actions have sufficient community impact and interest to warrant special release; the Board alone will release to the news media information about those matters of importance. The Board President may release information regarding Board actions of lesser importance as they have been recorded in the minutes of the Board meetings and upon the request of media representatives. The release of all other publications, photographs, and documents depicting the accomplishments of the students and staff of the district shall be approved by the Superintendent of Schools or designee.

The school district will not release or publish photographs or release other personal identifying information of an individual district student without the prior written permission of the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or from the adult student. Written permission slips for such release from each parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or adult student will be obtained by the Principal or designee for the students in their school building or by the Program Administrator for students in programs where a Principal is not assigned. These written permission forms shall be maintained by the Principal or Program Administrator. Group photographs may be released by the district without permission, but in no event will an individual student in a group photograph be identified by name and/or by other personal identifier without written permission from the parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or adult student.

The Superintendent of Schools shall direct an information program designed to acquaint residents of the community and the public generally with the achievements and the needs of the schools. As a minimum, information shall be disseminated regarding the district's educational goals; the district's guarantee of equal educational opportunity; the district's programs for basic skills improvement, special education, bilingual education, and English as a second language; and summary reports of the administration of Statewide assessment tests. Every effort shall be made to foresee and avoid problems caused by misunderstanding or lack of information.

The public information program may include the publication and distribution of a district newsletter, meetings with parent(s) or legal guardian(s) and interested residents, a presentation and interpretation of the proposed annual budget, periodically distributed

calendars and notices of events, the Superintendent's annual report, and a



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student handbook, as well as the release of news and photographs of school activities for publication. Notices, publications, and other written materials may be prepared in languages other than English when necessary and appropriate for understanding.

The Board of Education adopts the following strategies to minimize the cost of public relations as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14 in accordance with N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2.

School district publications shall be produced and distributed in the most cost-efficient manner possible that will enable the school district to inform and educate the target community. The use of expensive materials or production techniques where lower cost methods are available and appropriate, such as the use of multi-color glossy publications instead of suitable, less expensive alternatives, is prohibited.

The school district will not distribute, via mass mailings or other means to the district community at large, any publications that are connected with any election.

The provisions of this policy do not apply to the discussion and study of politics and political issues appropriate to the curriculum, the conduct of student elections, or the conduct of employee representative elections.

Nothing in this Policy shall be interpreted to impose a burden on the constitutionally protected speech or conduct of a Board member, staff member or student.

Public relations activities, such as booths at Statewide conferences, marketing activities and celebrations for opening schools and community events, and TV productions that are not part of the instructional program or do not provide information about district or Board operations to the public, that are excessive in nature are prohibited. All activities involving promotional efforts to advance a particular position on school elections or any referenda are prohibited.

Nothing in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-5.2 and this Policy shall preclude the school district from accepting donations or volunteer services from community members, local private education foundations and local business owners to conduct or assist in public relations services. Examples include, but are not limited to: providing school district flyers, newsletters, or other materials containing school-related information of public concern to local businesses, public meeting places, or other local organizations to display or make available for dissemination; making school district related information of public concern available to local newspapers to publish related articles; and utilizing volunteered



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organizations or local businesses with expertise in related areas such as printing, advertising, publishing, or journalism.

The Board of Education will establish annually prior to budget preparation, a maximum dollar limit for public relations, as defined in N.J.A.C. 6A:23A-9.3(c)14. In the event it becomes necessary to exceed the established maximum dollar limit for public relations, the Superintendent of Schools shall recommend to the Board of Education an increase in the maximum dollar amount for public relations. Any increase in the maximum dollar amount shall require formal Board action.

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9120R- PUBLIC INFORMATION PROGRAM

- A. Standards of Presentation
 - 1. Material released in the district's public information program should:
 - a. Be factual, topical, newsworthy, and consistent with the educational goals adopted by the Board of Education;
 - b. Represent the activities at all grade levels, subject areas, and schools and not favor one school population or activity over another;
 - c. Strive to interpret the educational program to the lay public and avoid the use of professional terminology; and
 - d. Present an integrated district-wide picture of district-wide programs rather than fragmented information.
 - 2. Information regarding an individual student, other than information classified as directory information in Policy No. 8330, shall be released only with the express written permission of the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or the adult student. Student "information" includes verbal and photographic material, whether or not the student depicted is individually identified. Directory information regarding an individual student may be released only if the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s) or the adult student has not prohibited its release in accordance with Policy No. 8330.
- B. Preparation of Information for Public Distribution
 - 1. Information will be released in a systematic manner to avoid confusion and misunderstanding.
 - 2. Information planned for general public consumption should first be reviewed by interested district employees.
 - 3. News bulletins issued by individual schools or departments within the district must identify the issuing school or department as a part of the



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school district. Thus all letterheads, bulletins, and publications must carry the full name of the Nutley School District.

- 4. The Principal of each school should prepare a bulletin or news item of interest in his/her building. A copy of the item will be sent to the Superintendent for clearance before the bulletin or item may be released to the press.
- 5. The office of the Superintendent will prepare and disseminate:
 - a. An annual calendar of Board, district, and school events open to the public;
 - b. Information about the proposed budget, in accordance with Policy No. 6230;
 - c. News releases about Board activities and district-wide activities.
- 6. The Principal of each school will prepare, submit to the Superintendent for approval, and disseminate the following public information publications.
 - a. A student handbook will be given to each student enrolled in the school or to the student's parent(s) or legal guardian(s). The handbook will include, as appropriate to the grade levels in the school:
 - (1) The organization of the school;
 - (2) Rules for student conduct;
 - (3) Student rights and responsibilities;
 - (4) Information about school operations, health services, attendance, emergency closings, and the like;
 - (5) Descriptions of student activities and programs;
 - (6) The student grievance procedure; and
 - (7) Academic requirements.



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- b. A calendar of school events will be distributed to all students, parent(s) or legal guardian(s), and staff members.
- c. As appropriate to the grade levels of the school, a listing of course offerings and requirements will be distributed to all parents or legal guardians and students.
- d. Programs for specific performances and athletic contests will be distributed to attendees and participants.
- C. Release of Information to the Press
 - 1. In accordance with Policy No. 9120, information determined by the Board to be of particular community impact and interest will be released to the press only by the Board.
 - 2. Information regarding Board actions of lesser importance may be released to the press by the Superintendent.
 - 3. Information regarding the activities of the schools and of individuals in the schools may be released to the press on the approval of the Superintendent.
 - 4. All inquiries from members of the press will be referred to the Superintendent for response. A staff member who is requested to give an interview to a member of the press shall so inform the Superintendent, who may request to be present at the interview.
 - 5. In the event of an unusual development in the school district that arouses substantial public interest, the Superintendent will accommodate the needs of the press by establishing a temporary press center.
 - a. A room will be prepared, as close to the main office as feasible, and equipped with a telephone, computer, access to copying equipment, paper, and other equipment and supplies as may reasonably facilitate the tasks of reporters and photographers.
 - b. Members of the press will be directed to gather in the pressroom, where they will hear and may question the district's spokesperson.



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- c. All information about the unusual development will be relayed through the designated district spokesperson, who should be given direct access to the information and people necessary to the gathering of accurate data.
- d. School officials who are asked to give statements to the press regarding the development should seek the assistance of the Superintendent in drafting their statements.
- D. Displays
 - 1. Displays of the accomplishments of district students and the results of educational programs may be placed in locations that afford a high level of public visibility, such as in local commercial establishments, municipal offices, health facilities, libraries, and banks.
 - 2. Any display must be approved in advance by the school Principal.
 - 3. The staff member planning the display must request and receive in writing the permission of the facility in which the display will be placed. The request will clearly indicate the duration of the display, the time when it will be installed, and any particular accommodations that are necessary to the display.
 - 4. A letter of appreciation shall be sent to the facility after the display is removed.

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