

EVALUATION/SUPERVISION

The Governing Board believes that regular and comprehensive evaluations ~~can help~~ *designed to hold instructional staff improve their teaching skills and raise students' levels of achievement. Evaluations also serve to hold staff accountable for their performance are key to improving their teaching skills and raising students' level of achievement.*

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.

The Superintendent or designee shall ~~evaluate~~ *assess* the performance of certificated *instructional* staff ~~members in accordance with law, negotiated employee contracts and Board-adopted evaluation standards. as it reasonably relates to the following criteria:~~

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
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 ~~shall be reviewed and may be incorporated in district evaluation standards with the agreement of the employee's exclusive representative of the certificated staff.~~ into district evaluations standards.

~~Evaluation procedures may include observation of teacher performance in the classroom.~~

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 throughout the district.

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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