

Evaluation of Certificated Personnel

The District has a firm commitment to performance evaluation of District personnel, whatever their category and level, through the medium of a formalized system. The primary purpose of such evaluation is to assist personnel in professional development and in achieving District goals. This policy applies to certificated personnel.

Each certificated staff member shall receive at least one (1) written evaluation to be completed by no later than March 1 for each annual contract year of employment.

Objectives

The formal performance evaluation system is designed to:

- Maintain or improve each employee's job satisfaction and morale by letting him/her know that the supervisor is interested in his/her job progress and personal development.
- Serve as a systematic guide for supervisors in planning each employee's further training.
- Assure considered opinion of an employee's performance and focus maximum attention on achievement of assigned duties.
- Assist in determining and recording special talents, skills, and capabilities that might otherwise not be noticed or recognized.
- Assist in planning personnel moves and placements that will best utilize each employee's capabilities.
- Provide an opportunity for each employee to discuss job problems and interests with his/her supervisor.
- Assemble substantiating data for use as a guide, although not necessarily the sole governing factor, for such purposes as wage adjustments, promotions, disciplinary action, and termination.

Responsibility

The **Superintendent**, or the Superintendent's designee, shall have the overall responsibility for the administration and monitoring of the Performance Evaluation Program and will ensure the fairness and efficiency of its execution, including:

- Distributing proper forms in a timely manner.

- Ensuring completed forms are returned for filing by a specified date.
- Reviewing forms for completeness.
- Identifying discrepancies.
- Ensuring proper safeguard and filing of completed forms.
- Creating a plan for ongoing training for evaluators and teachers on the District's evaluation standards, forms, and process. The plan will include identification of the actions, if any, available to the District as a result of the evaluation as well as the procedure(s) for implementing each action.
- Creating a plan for ongoing review of the District's Performance Evaluation Program that includes stakeholder input from teachers, Board members, administrators, and other interested parties.
- Creating a procedure for remediation for employees that receive evaluations indicating that remediation would be an appropriate course of action.

The **Immediate Supervisor** (Evaluator) is the employee's "evaluator" and has the responsibility for:

- Continuously observing and evaluating an employee's job performance.
- Holding periodic counseling sessions with each employee to discuss job performance.
- Completing Performance Evaluation Forms as required.

Procedures

Evaluation Form: An Evaluation Form will be completed for each certificated employee. A copy will be given to the employee. The original will be retained by the immediate supervisor. This form should be reviewed annually and revised as necessary to indicate any significant changes in duties and/or responsibilities. The form is designed to increase planning and relate performance to assigned responsibilities through joint understanding between the immediate supervisor (evaluator) and the employee as to the job description and major performance objectives.

Periodic classroom observations will be included in the evaluation process.

The evaluation form will identify the sources of data used in conducting the evaluation.

The evaluation form will include a section for input received from parents or guardians. Parental or guardian input forms will be made available on the main District webpage. The Board shall determine the manner and weight of parental input on the evaluation form.

At least fifty percent (50%) of the evaluation will be based on objective measures of growth in student achievement as determine by the Board. The Board has selected the following as the District's measure(s) of growth in student achievement for evaluating certificated staff:

The evaluation form will be aligned with minimum State standards and based upon Charlotte Danielson's Framework for Teaching and will include, at a minimum, the following general criteria upon which the performance evaluation system will be based:

- Planning and Preparation
 - Demonstrating Knowledge of Content and Pedagogy
 - Demonstrating Knowledge of Students
 - Setting Instructional Goals Outcomes
 - Demonstrating Knowledge of Resources
 - Designing Coherent Instruction
 - Designing Student Assessments
- Classroom Learning Environment
 - Creating an Environment of Respect and Rapport
 - Establishing a Culture for Learning
 - Managing Classroom Procedures
 - Managing Student Behavior
 - Organizing Physical Space
- Instruction and Use of Assessment
 - Communicating with Students
 - Using Questioning and Discussion Techniques
 - Engaging Students in Learning
 - Using Assessment in Instruction
 - Demonstrating Flexibility and Responsiveness
- Professional Responsibilities
 - Reflecting on Teaching
 - Maintaining Accurate Records
 - Communicating with Families
 - Participating in a Professional Community
 - Growing and Developing Professionally
 - Showing Professionalism

Counseling Sessions: Counseling sessions between supervisors and employees may be scheduled periodically. During these sessions, an open dialogue should occur which allows the exchange of performance oriented information. The employee should be informed of how he/she has performed to date. In the case of derogatory comments, the employee should be informed of the steps necessary to improve performance to the desired level. Counseling sessions should

include, but not be limited to, the following: job responsibilities, performance of duties, and attendance. A memorandum for record will be prepared following each counseling session and maintained by the supervisor.

Meeting with the Employee

Each evaluation shall include a meeting with the affected employee. At the scheduled meeting with the employee, the supervisor will:

- Discuss the evaluation with the employee, emphasizing strong and weak points in job performance. Commend the employee for a job well done if applicable and discuss specific corrective action if warranted. Set mutual goals for the employee to reach before the next performance evaluation. Recommendations should specifically state methods to correct weaknesses and/or prepare the employee for future promotions.
- Allow the employee to make any written comments he/she desires. Inform the employee that he/she may turn in a written rebuttal of any portion of the evaluation within seven (7) days and outline the process for rebuttal. Have the employee sign the evaluation form indicating that he/she has been given a copy and initial after supervisor's comments.

No earlier than seven (7) days following the meeting, if the supervisor has not received any written rebuttal, the supervisor will forward the original evaluation form in a sealed envelope, marked Personnel-Evaluation Form to the Superintendent, or the designee, for review. The supervisor will also retain a copy of the completed form.

Rebuttals

Within seven (7) days from the date of the evaluation meeting with their supervisor the employee may file a written rebuttal of any portion of the evaluation form. The written rebuttal shall state the specific content of the evaluation form with which the employee disagrees, a statement of the reason(s) for disagreement, and the amendment to the evaluation form requested.

If a written rebuttal is received by the supervisor within seven (7) days, the supervisor may conduct additional meetings or investigative activities necessary to address the rebuttal. Subsequent to these activities, and within a period of ten (10) working days, the supervisor may provide the employee with a written response either amending the evaluation as requested by the employee or stating the reason(s) why the supervisor will not be amending the evaluation as requested.

If the supervisor chooses to amend the evaluation form as requested by the employee then the amended copy of the evaluation form will be provided to, and signed by, the employee. The original amended evaluation form will then be forwarded to the Superintendent, or the designee, for review in a sealed envelope, marked Personnel-Evaluation Form. The supervisor will also retain a copy of the completed form.

If the supervisor chooses not to amend the evaluation form as requested by the employee then the evaluation form along with the written rebuttal, and the supervisor's response, if any, will be forwarded to the Superintendent, or the designee, for review in a sealed envelope, marked Personnel-Evaluation Form. The supervisor will also retain a copy of the completed form including any rebuttals and responses.

Action

Should any action be taken as a result of an evaluation to not renew an individual's contract the District will comply with the requirements and procedures established by State law.



LEGAL REFERENCE:

Idaho Code Sections

33-514 - Issuance of Annual Contracts – Support programs – Categories of Contracts –
Optional Placement – Written Evaluation

33-515 - Issuance of Renewable Contracts

33-518 - Employee Personnel Files

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Gunter v. Board of Trustees, 123 Idaho 910 (1993)

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