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**Educator Evaluation - Ed Law §3012-d, amended in 2019**

Task 1. General Information - Disclaimers and Assurances

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**Disclaimers**

For guidance related to Educator Evaluation plans, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms related to Educator Evaluation, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

The Department will review the contents of each local educational agency's (LEA) Educator Evaluation plan as submitted using this online form, including required attachments, to determine if the plan rigorously complies with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. Department approval does not imply endorsement of specific educational approaches in an LEA's plan.

The Department reserves the right to request further information from an LEA to monitor compliance with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. Each LEA is required to keep detailed records on file for each section of the currently implemented Educator Evaluation plan. Such detailed records must be provided to the Department upon request. The Department reserves the right to disapprove or require modification of an LEA's plan that does not rigorously adhere to the requirements of Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.



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**Required Student Performance Subcomponent**

For guidance on the required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

*100% of the Student Performance category if only the required subcomponent is used or locally determined if the optional subcomponent is selected.*

**Each teacher shall have a locally determined Student Learning Objective (SLO) consistent with the goal-setting process determined by the Commissioner.**

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**Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)**

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance.

**SLOs shall be used as the required student performance measure for all teachers. The following must be used as the evidence of student learning within the SLO.**

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**MEASURES**

*SLO measures may be either individually attributed or collectively attributed.*

**Individually attributed measures**

An individually attributed SLO is based on the student population of a course for which the teacher directly contributes to student learning outcomes.

> Individually attributed results: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

**Collectively attributed measures**

A collectively attributed SLO is based on a student population across multiple sections of the same course or across multiple courses where more than one teacher either directly or indirectly contributes to student learning outcomes. When determining whether to use a collectively attributed SLO, the LEA should consider:

- identifying which measures and assessments could be used to encourage partnerships or teams where teachers have an opportunity to collectively impact student learning;
- identifying which assessments could be used to help foster and support the LEA's focus on a specific priority area(s);
- the impact on the LEA's ability to make strong and equitable inferences regarding an individual educator's effectiveness; and
- when using multiple measures, the appropriate weight of each measure that reflects individually and collectively attributed results.

> Collectively attributed results: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program or students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.

> Collectively attributed group or team results: scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses or students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

> Collectively attributed linked results: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

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**ASSESSMENTS**

*Any of the measures above may be used with one or more of the following assessment types.*

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- **State assessment(s)**; or

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Use the table below to list all applicable teachers with the corresponding measure and assessment(s).

\*Note on common branch/departmentalized options\*

Grades 4-8

- If all core content area instruction (ELA/math/science/social studies) is delivered by a single teacher, please select each applicable common branch grade level below.
- If core content area instruction is departmentalized (i.e., separate ELA, math, science, and social studies teachers), please select the applicable grade level/content area combination(s).
- If both common branch and departmentalized instruction occurs in a particular grade level, please select both options for the applicable grade level(s).

Grades K-3 that use both a common branch and departmentalized model

- Check each applicable common branch grade level below.
- On the non-core/elective teachers page, select the "Elementary" option for applicable subjects in the "Subject" column with the corresponding grade(s).

Choose "Add Row" to include an additional group of teachers with a different measure and assessment(s).

Applicable Teachers <i>Select all that apply</i>	Measure <i>Prior to making a selection, please read the description of each measure provided above.</i>	State or Regents Assessment(s) <i>Select all that apply</i>	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s) <i>Select all that apply</i>	Third Party Assessment(s) <i>Select all that apply</i>	Applicable School or BOCES-Program <i>Please leave blank unless instructed by the Department to complete this column.</i>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All teachers(all grade levels, subjects and courses)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Collectively attributed results (program, school or district-wide measure)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELA Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US History Regents			(No Response)





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**Optional Student Performance Subcomponent**

For guidance on the optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

*Percentage of Student Performance category to be locally determined if selected.*

Such second measure shall apply in a consistent manner, to the extent practicable, across all classrooms in the same grade/subject in the LEA and be a locally selected measure of student growth or achievement based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments.

Options for measures and associated assessments include:

- Option (A) A second SLO, provided that this SLO is different than that used in the required subcomponent;
- Option (B) A growth score based on a statistical growth model, where available, for either State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (C) A measure of student growth, other than an SLO, based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (D) A performance index based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (E) An achievement benchmark on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments; or
- Any other collectively bargained measure of student growth or achievement included in the LEA's evaluation plan.

**Please indicate if the optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.**

NO, the optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used in the Student Performance category for any teacher.

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Using the dropdown menus below, please indicate the locally-determined rubric scoring ranges based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents for each of the rating categories.

Please select a minimum value between 3.50 and 3.75 and choose 4.00 as the maximum value for the Highly Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.50	4.00

Please select a minimum value between 2.50 and 2.75 and a maximum value between 3.49 and 3.74 for the Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.50	3.49

Please select a minimum value between 1.50 and 1.75 and a maximum value between 2.49 and 2.74 for the Developing range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.50	2.49

Please choose 0.00 as the minimum value and select a maximum value between 1.49 and 1.74 for the Ineffective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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**Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting**

For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

**Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)**

- At least 80% of the Teacher Observation category score

**Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)\***

- At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Teacher Observation category score

**Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)**

- No more than 10% of the Teacher Observation category score when selected

**Please be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.**

*\* The process selected for conducting observations, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.*

**Please indicate the weight of each observation type and be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.**

Principal/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer Observer(s) [Optional]	Group of teachers for which this weighting will apply <i>If only one group of teachers is applicable, please list "All teachers"</i>
90%	10%	0% (N/A)	All teachers.

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**Teacher Observation****The teacher observation category is made up of two (2) required and one (1) optional subcomponents.**

- The frequency and duration of observations are locally determined.
  - Observations may occur in person, by live virtual observation, or by recorded video, as determined locally.
  - LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one observation by any of the required observers. Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of administrators to conduct observations in addition to those required by this section for non-evaluative purposes.
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**Required Subcomponents**

- At least one of the required observations **must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**

**Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)**

- At least one observation **must be conducted by the building principal or other trained administrator.**

**Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)\***

- At least one observation **must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.**
- Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA. They may be employed within the LEA, but may not be assigned to the same school building as the teacher being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs, or peers (e.g., teacher leaders on career ladder pathways), so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the teacher being evaluated.

\* *The process selected for conducting observations, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.*

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**Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)**

- **If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by a trained peer observer.**
- Peer teachers are trained and selected by the LEA. Trained peer teachers must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.

**Observation Assurances****Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that the following elements will not be used in calculating a teacher's Observation category score and rating: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of teacher practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the Department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; and/or use of professional goal-setting as evidence of teacher effectiveness. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.
  - Assure that the length of all observations for teachers will be conducted pursuant to the locally-determined durations.
  - Assure that at least one of the required observations will be unannounced.
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trained administrator (supervisor).

- **Required Subcomponent 2:** At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator (independent evaluator).
- **Optional Subcomponent:** If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by a trained peer observer (peer observer).

Please use the table below to enter the minimum number of observations and method of observation for each type listed.

	Minimum Number of Observations	Method of Observation <i>Select all that apply</i>
Announced Supervisor Observation (Required Subcomponent 1)	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person
Unannounced Supervisor Observation (Required Subcomponent 1)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Announced Independent Evaluator Observation (Required Subcomponent 2)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Unannounced Independent Evaluator Observation (Required Subcomponent 2)	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person
Announced Peer Observation (Optional)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Unannounced Peer Observation (Optional)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

Does the information in the table above apply to all teachers?

No, there are 2 groups of teachers who receive a different number and/or method of observation of each type (e.g., tenured teachers and probationary teachers; identify the first subgroup below).

Please identify the first subgroup of teachers to whom the information in the table above applies.

Probationary teachers.

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**Peer Observation Assurances**

**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that peer observers, as applicable, will be trained and selected by the LEA.
- Assure that, if observations are being conducted by trained peer observers, these teachers received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.

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**Appeals Assurances**

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**Training Assurance**

**Please read the assurance below and check the box.**

The LEA assures that all evaluators will be properly trained and lead evaluators will be certified on the below elements prior to completing a teacher's evaluation. Note: independent observers and peer observers need only be trained on, at a minimum, elements 1, 2, and 4 below.

1. The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators
2. Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research
3. Application and use of any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the LEA to evaluate its teachers
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**Approximately how many hours of initial training will new evaluators receive?**

- 2-6 hours

***Retraining***

**Approximately how many hours of re-training (annual, periodic, or other frequency) will evaluators receive?**

- 1-3 days

**Certification of Lead Evaluators**

**How often are lead evaluators certified?**

- Annually

**Please identify the party responsible for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators.**

- Superintendent/District Superintendent

**Please read the assurance below and check the box.**

- If the Superintendent/District Superintendent or other party is the entity certifying evaluators, and also acts in the capacity of an evaluator, please assure that the certification process, including such self-certification, is implemented with fidelity.

**Inter-rater Reliability**

**Inter-rater reliability refers to the extent to which different evaluators produce similar ratings in judging the same abilities or characteristics in the same target person or object. Within the context of educator evaluation, inter-rater reliability requires all evaluators trained in the observation process to reach independent consensus on observable behaviors to ensure the accuracy, consistency, and precision of the implementation of the chosen evaluation rubric(s). It also requires administrators to analyze and track educator evaluation data and ensure that observations are being completed with fidelity.**

**Select the option(s) below that best describe the process in place for maintaining inter-rater reliability.**

***Please check all that apply.***

- Periodic comparisons of an evaluator's assessment of the same classroom teacher
- Periodic calibration meetings and/or trainings

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**Required Student Performance Subcomponent**

For guidance on the required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

*100% of the Student Performance category if only the required subcomponent is used or locally determined if the optional subcomponent is selected.*

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**Required Student Performance Measures**

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**INPUT MODEL**

*Selection of the Input Model will require:*

- a description of the areas of principal practice that will be evaluated;
- a description of how the selected areas of principal practice promote student growth;
- a description of the evidence of student growth and principal practice that will be collected; and
- a description of how the district will use the evidence to differentiate effectiveness resulting in a score from 0 to 20 and ratings of Highly Effective, Effective, Developing, or Ineffective.

**Measure Type(s)**

**Please indicate below which type(s) of measures will be used to evaluate principals. Please check all that apply.**

- Student Learning Objective (SLO)

**Assurances**

**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that processes are in place for the superintendent to monitor SLOs and/or input models.
- Assure that the final Student Performance category rating for each principal will be determined using the weights and growth parameters specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and the approved Educator Evaluation plan.

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**HEDI Scoring Bands**

Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective												
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
97-	93-	90-	85-	80-	75-	67-	60-	55-	49-	44-	39-	34-	29-	25-	21-	18-	15-	12-	9-	6-



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**Use of the Optional Subcomponent and Student Performance Category Weighting**

- If the Optional subcomponent is not used, the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.
- If the Optional subcomponent is used, the percentage of the Student Performance category attributed to the Required subcomponent will be locally determined.

**Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.**

NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.

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**Optional Student Performance Subcomponent**

For guidance on the optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

*Percentage of Student Performance category to be locally determined if selected.*

Such second measure shall apply in a consistent manner, to the extent practicable, across all programs or buildings with the same grade configuration in the LEA and be a locally selected measure of student growth or achievement based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments.

Options for measures and associated assessments include:

- Option (A) A second SLO, provided that this SLO is different than that used in the required subcomponent;
- Option (B) A growth score based on a statistical growth model, where available, for either State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (C) A measure of student growth, other than an SLO, based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (D) A performance index based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (E) An achievement benchmark on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;
- Option (F) Four, five, or six-year high school graduation rates;
- Option (G) An input model where the principal's overall rating shall be determined based on evidence of principal practice that promotes student growth related to the Leadership Standards; or
- Any other collectively bargained measure of student growth or achievement included in the LEA's evaluation plan.

**Please indicate if the optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.**

NO, the optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used in the Student Performance category for any principal.

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**Principal School Visit Category**

For guidance on the Principal School Visit category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

For the school visit category, principals' shall be evaluated based on a State-approved rubric using multiple sources of evidence collected and incorporated into the school visit protocol. Where appropriate, such evidence may be aligned to building or district goals; provided, however, that professional goal-setting may not be used as evidence of teacher or principal effectiveness. Such evidence shall reflect school leadership practice aligned to the Leadership Standards and selected practice rubric.

**Principal Practice Rubric**

Select a principal practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess principal practice based on ISLLC 2008 Standards (PSEL standards beginning in 2024-25).

Rubric Name	<b>If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of principals each rubric applies to.</b>
Multidimensional Principal Performance Rubric	(No Response)

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all principals in the same or similar programs or grade configurations across the LEA, provided that LEAs may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for a principal assigned to different programs or grade configurations as indicated in the table above.
- Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all school visits for a principal across the school visit types in a given school year.

**Rubric Rating Process**

For more information on the Principal School Visit category see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

The following is one example of how an LEA might score principal school visits using the selected practice rubric: *Domains 1-4 of the MPPR rubric have been negotiated as observable. Domains 2 and 3 are weighted as 40% each, and Domains 1 and 4 are weighted as 10% each. For each school visit, evidence is collected for all observed subcomponents in a domain. A holistic score is then determined for each domain. These domain scores are weighted as indicated above to reach a final score for each school visit. Scores for each school visit are weighted equally and averaged to reach a final score for each school visit type. The LEA will ensure that all subcomponents designated as observable will be addressed at least once across the school visit cycle.*

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**Principal School Visit Subcomponent Weighting**

For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

**Required Subcomponent 1: School visits by Supervisor(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)**

- At least 80% of the Principal School Visit category score

**Required Subcomponent 2: School visits by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)\***

- At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Principal School Visit category score

**Optional Subcomponent: School visits by Trained Peer Principal(s)**

- No more than 10% of the Principal School Visit category score when selected

**Please be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.**

*\* The process selected for conducting school visits, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.*

**Please indicate the weight of each school visit type and be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.**

Supervisor/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer School Visit(s) [Optional]	Group of principals for which this weighting will apply  <i>If only one group of principals is applicable, please list "All principals"</i>
90%	10%	0% [N/A]	All Principals.

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**Principal School Visits****The principal school visit category is made up of two (2) required and one (1) optional subcomponents.**

- The frequency and duration of school visits are locally determined.
  - School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.
  - LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one school visit by any of the required observers. Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of administrators to conduct school visits in addition to those required by this section for non-evaluative purposes.
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**Required Subcomponents**

- At least one of the required school visits **must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**

**Required Subcomponent 1: School Visits by Supervisor(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)**

- At least one school visit **must be conducted by the superintendent or other trained administrator.**

**Required Subcomponent 2: School visits by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)\***

- At least one school visits **must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.**
- Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA. They may be employed within the LEA, but may not be assigned to the same school building as the principal being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs, or peers, so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the principal being evaluated.

*\* The process selected for conducting school visits, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.*

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**Optional Subcomponent: School Visits by Trained Peer Principal(s)**

- **If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by a trained peer principal.**
- Peer principals are trained and selected by the LEA. Trained peer principals must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.

**School Visit Assurances****Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that the following elements will not be used in calculating a principal's school visit category score and rating: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of principal practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the Department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; and/or use of professional goal-setting as evidence of principal effectiveness. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.
- Assure that the length of all school visits for principals will be conducted pursuant to the locally-determined durations.
- Assure that at least one of the required school visits will be unannounced.
- Assure that school visits will not be conducted via video.

**Number of School Visits**

- At least one of the required school visits **must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**
  - **Required Subcomponent 1: At least one school visit must be conducted by the superintendent or other trained**
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administrator (supervisor).

- **Required Subcomponent 2:** At least one school visit must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator (independent evaluator).
- **Optional Subcomponent:** If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by a trained peer principal (peer principal).

Please use the table below to enter the minimum number of school visits for each type listed.

	Minimum Number of School Visits
Announced Supervisor School Visits (Required Subcomponent 1)	1
Unannounced Supervisor School Visits (Required Subcomponent 1)	N/A



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**Peer School Visit Assurances**

**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that peer principals, as applicable, will be trained and selected by the LEA.
- Assure that, if school visits are being conducted by trained peer principal(s), these principal(s) received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.

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Task 10. PRINCIPALS: Overall Scoring - Category and Overall Ratings

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**Category and Overall Ratings**

For guidance on Educator Evaluation scoring, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

**Category Scoring Ranges**

*The overall Student Performance category score and the overall School Visit category score will be converted into a HEDI rating based on the ranges listed in the tables below.*





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Task 11. PRINCIPALS: Additional Requirements - Principal Improvement Plans

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**Additional Requirements**

For guidance on additional requirements for principals, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

**Principal Improvement Plan Assurances**

**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that the LEA will formulate and commence implementation of a Principal Improvement Plan (PIP) for all principals who receive an overall rating of Developing or Ineffective by October 1 following the school year for which such principal's performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- Assure that PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or their designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under article 14 of the Civil Service Law, shall include: identification of needed areas of improvement, a timeline for achieving improvement, the manner in which the improvement will be assessed, and, where appropriate, differentiated activities to support a principal's improvement in those areas.

**Principal Improvement Plan Forms**

All PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or their designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, must include:

- 1) identification of needed areas of improvement;
- 2) a timeline for achieving improvement;
- 3) the manner in which the improvement will be assessed; and, where appropriate,
- 4) differentiated activities to support a principal's improvement in those areas.

**As a required attachment to this Educator Evaluation plan, upload the PIP forms that support the identification of needed areas of improvement.**

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Task 11. PRINCIPALS: Additional Requirements - Appeals

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**Appeals Assurances**

**Please read the assurances below and check each box.**

- Assure that the LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the regulations and provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal.
- Assure that an appeal shall not be filed until a principal's receipt of their overall rating.

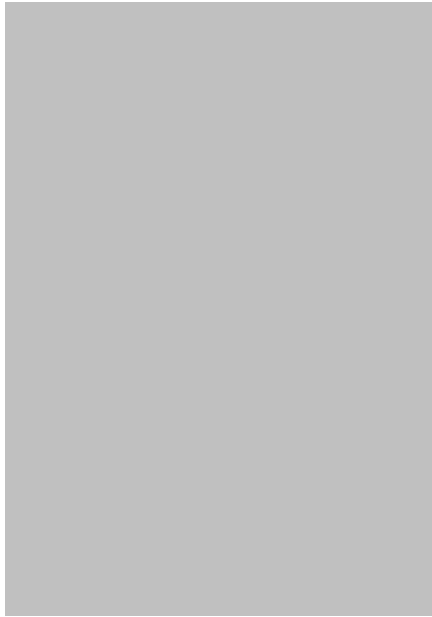
**Appeals**

Pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, a principal may only challenge the following in an appeal to their LEA:

- (1) the substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following:
  - (i) in the instance of a principal rated Ineffective on the student performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the school visit category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;
- (2) the LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d;
- (3) the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and
- (4) the LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

**Please review your negotiated appeal process and use the table below to describe the appeal process available to principals.**

<p><b>Which groups of principals may utilize the appeals process?</b></p> <p><i>Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns.</i></p> <p><i>To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.</i></p>	<p>Please select the ground(s) on which the principals selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating.</p> <p><i>Please select all that apply.</i></p>	<p>What is the maximum length of time for the principals selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Tenured principals who received a rating of Ineffective</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All principals who received a rating of Developing</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following: in the instance of a principal rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the School Visit category based on an anomaly, as determined locally</li> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LEA's adherence to the standards</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-3 months</li> </ul>





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Task 11. PRINCIPALS: Additional Requirements - Training

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Approximately how many hours of initial training will new evaluators receive?

- 2-6 hours

**Retraining**

Approximately how many hours of re-training (annual, periodic, or other frequency) will evaluators receive?

- 2-6 hours

**Certification of Lead Evaluators**

How often are lead evaluators certified?

- Annually

Please identify the party responsible for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators.

- Superintendent/District Superintendent

**Please read the assurance below and check the box.**

- If the Superintendent/District Superintendent or other party is the entity certifying evaluators, and also acts in the capacity of an evaluator, please assure that the certification process, including such self-certification, is implemented with fidelity.

**Inter-rater Reliability**

Inter-rater reliability refers to the extent to which different evaluators produce similar ratings in judging the same abilities or characteristics in the same target person or object. Within the context of educator evaluation, inter-rater reliability requires all evaluators trained in the school visit process to reach independent consensus on observable behaviors to ensure the accuracy, consistency, and precision of the implementation of the chosen evaluation rubric(s). It also requires administrators to analyze and track educator evaluation data and ensure that school visits are being completed with fidelity.

Select the option(s) below that best describe the process in place for maintaining inter-rater reliability.

**Please check all that apply.**

- Periodic comparisons of an evaluator's assessment of the same building principal
- Periodic calibration meetings and/or trainings



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**LEA CERTIFICATION FORM: Please do not sign until you have read and approved the contents of this form. The Commissioner will not accept any form that is not signed by the Commissioner or your school administrator.**

**LEA Certification Form: Educator Evaluation Plan**

By signing this document, the **Commissioner for approval constitutes the school LEA's compliance with the provisions of Article 14 of the Civil Service Law** which requires that a collective bargaining agreement subject to collective negotiations have been reached pursuant to these provisions of Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, and that the plan complies with the provisions of the Education Law, the Regulations promulgated by the Board of Regents, and has been adopted by the governing body of the LEA.

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify, upon information and belief, that all statements made herein are true and accurate and that any applicable collective bargaining agreements for the school year have been amended and/or modified or otherwise revised to the extent required by Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, as necessary to require that all classroom teachers and building principals will be evaluated using the Statewide Educator Evaluation Plan to the Commissioner's approval.

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify that this Educator Evaluation plan is the LEA's Educator Evaluation plan and that this plan will be fully implemented by the LEA. The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s) also certify that the LEA understands and agrees that the Commissioner's approval of this plan is subject to the Commissioner's approval of the plan and the approval of the Commissioner.

The school district and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also acknowledge that if approval of this Educator Evaluation plan is rejected or rescinded for any reason, any State aid increases received as a result of the Commissioner's approval of this Educator Evaluation plan may be withheld or forfeited by the State pursuant to Education Law.

**The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, certify with respect to their Educator Evaluation Plan:**

- Assure that the Statewide Educator Evaluation Plan will be used as a significant tool for employee development, including but not limited to: identifying strengths and weaknesses and teacher and principal improvement plans;
- Assure that the entire Educator Evaluation will be completed for each teacher or principal as soon as practicable but in no case later than September 1 of the school year for which the teacher or principal's performance is being measured;
- Assure that the LEA will identify the category of the teacher's or principal's performance, if available, and for the teacher observation category or Principal School Visit Category or a teacher's or principal's APPR, in writing, no later than the last day of the school year for which the teacher or principal is being measured, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year following the year in which the teacher's or principal's performance is measured;
- Assure that the Educator Evaluation plan will be filed in the LEA's public website available to the public no later than September 10th of each school year or within 30 days of the Commissioner's approval, if later;
- Assure that complete and accurate teacher and principal data will be reported to the Commissioner;
- Assure that the LEA will continue to report to the State individual teacher and principal data in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner;
- Assure that the LEA provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher and building principal to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them;
- Assure that teachers and principals will receive timely and constructive feedback as part of the evaluation process;
- Assure that all evaluators and lead evaluators, including independent evaluators and peer evaluators, where applicable, will be properly trained and that the LEA will ensure that all evaluators and lead evaluators are trained in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations;
- Assure that LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the statute and regulations for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal to the LEA;
- Assure that, for teachers, all observable NYS Teaching Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual observations and, for principals, all observable NYS Teaching Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual observations;



visits;

- Assure that it is possible for a teacher or principal to obtain each subcomponent and that the LEA shall ensure that the process by which weights and scoring ranges are assigned to subcomponents is transparent and available to those being rated before the beginning of the rating cycle.
- Assure that if a specific measure for the Student Performance category is locally selected, then the same locally selected similar building configurations/programs, for principals, in the LEA will be used in a consistent manner to the extent practicable.
- Assure that all growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth.
- Assure that any material changes to this Educator Evaluation Plan will be submitted to the Commissioner for approval by March 1 of each school year.
- Assure that the LEA will provide the Department with any data necessary to conduct annual monitoring pursuant to Subpart 130-3 of the regulations.
- Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are specifically required by state or Federal law shall not exceed 10 percent of the total instructional time for each grade level.
- Assure that the amount of time devoted to test preparation under standardized testing conditions for each grade does not exceed, in the aggregate, two percent of the minimum required annual instructional hours for such grade. Time devoted to teacher administered assessments or exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments shall not be counted towards the limits established by this subdivision. In addition, formative and diagnostic assessments shall not be counted towards the limits established by this subdivision and nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to supersede the requirements of the State Board of Education regarding English language learners or the individualized education program of a student with a disability.

### Signatures, Dates

Superintendent Signature:

Date:

8/24/23

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Superintendent Name (print):

Gregory J. Tolson

Teachers Union President Signature:

Date:

William Breed 8/24/23

Teachers Union President Name (print):

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Administrative Union President Signature:

Date:

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Rachel Wagner

Administrative Union President Name (print):

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Date:

8/17/23

Matthew Kennedy

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