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DISCLAIMER
This handbook is to be used as a reference guide for assessment of employees represented by the Volusia Teachers Organization (VTO) bargaining unit serving the School District of Volusia County. Changes to these procedures may be recommended by the VCTAS Steering Committee at any time. Such changes will be recommended to the Superintendent for approval by the School Board. Neither the handbook, nor its contents, in any way creates an express or implied contract of employment.

STATEMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Evaluation is a continuous, cooperative process designed to improve instruction and the performance of students. It is intended to be positive and growth-oriented and based on fundamental principles of effective evaluation and contemporary research in assessment practices. The assessment system shall be applied equitably and shall conform to legally sound evaluation procedures.

GENERAL GUIDELINES
1. Administrators are responsible for training teachers as it relates to their evaluations.

2. Evaluations shall identify strengths as well as weaknesses.

3. Components of the Volusia County Teacher Assessment System (VCTAS) are designed to reflect the performance of teachers and increased student achievement.

4. Evaluations shall be based on observable data or records pertaining to job performance.

5. The principal or administrative designee shall evaluate teachers. All other members of the bargaining unit shall be evaluated by their immediate supervisor.

6. District personnel may be involved in the evaluation process of teachers to provide technical assistance but shall not have primary responsibility for the final evaluation instrument.

7. Modifications or changes in the evaluation system shall be reviewed by the VCTAS Steering Committee and approved by the School Board.

8. VCTAS folders are to follow the teacher and be stored on site for three (3) years. VCTAS folders, older than three years, should be handled per Records Destruction Guide. (See www.volusia.k12.fl.us/fpwebs/armweb.)
DEFINITIONS
The following definitions shall apply to the Volusia County Teacher Assessment System.

(Administrative) Designee – A school (assistant principal) or district-based administrator who observes, conferences with, and evaluates instructional staff (not Teachers on Assignment [TOAs])

Annual Contract Teacher – A teacher who has not attained tenure under the Volusia County Teacher Tenure Law, and whose contract of employment, therefore, is a duration of one year.

Attachments – For annual contract teachers, all documents, signed by the teacher that impact the evaluation, are to be attached to the final evaluation instrument. For tenured teachers, documents are to be attached to the final evaluation in support of “B” or “U” ratings. Other documentation, including awards and citations, may be attached based on the discretion of the administrator. Any document attached to the final evaluation must be signed and dated by the teacher or signed and dated by a witness that the teacher received a copy.

Base school – The base school is the school responsible for payroll.

Exemplars – Indicators used to describe distinguished performance

Evaluation Report – The instrument used to report data collection from classroom observations and teacher support duties during post-conference sessions

Final Evaluation – An evaluation which is completed by April 30 of each school year.

Holiday – Holiday shall be defined as Spring Break, Thanksgiving Break, and Winter Break.

Holistic Evaluation – A method of evaluating performance for its overall quality

Instructional Performance – Behaviors observed during an observation

Instructional Support Performance – Behaviors not necessarily observed during an observation but which can be documented

Instructional Support Teachers – Certified teachers whose primary responsibility is working with other teachers rather than directly with students on a routine basis, example – reading coach

Itinerant Teacher – An itinerant teacher is a teacher who serves more than one location and who will be evaluated by the building-level administrator of the base school (where the paycheck is received). Observations may be conducted by both administrators who will confer on one final evaluation.

Parent Input Form – A form available to parents at each school location for parent input regarding teacher evaluations

Performance of Students – Will be measured by use of data, not evaluation of student performance

Performance Indicator – Describes the overall performance in high impact areas rather than discrete, isolated descriptors

Phase – The various components and timelines for the evaluation process of annual contract teachers

Pre-Observation Conference – A conference that occurs prior to a scheduled observation

Pre-Observation Form – The form used during a conference held prior to the scheduled observation

Professional Performance Final Evaluation Form – Provides the teacher’s final evaluation status and becomes part of the personnel records

Rating – Shows the degree to which the teacher’s performance aligns with performance indicators

Rubric – Provides the holistic evaluation guidelines to determine the rating for each of the nine performance indicators

Scheduled Observation – The observation by the evaluator which typically follows a pre-observation conference

Success Plan – A form which indicates the need to improve performance

Teachers – All instructional personnel included in the bargaining unit

Technical Assistance – Assistance provided to identified teachers by school and/or district-level personnel

Technical Assistance Observation and Conference Report – A form which may be used by technical assistance specialists during post-conferences

Tenured Teachers – Teachers who have earned tenure under the Volusia County Tenure Law

Transfer – A change in position from one school to another or to a district-level position

Unscheduled Observation – A formal observation by the evaluator that occurs without notice
VCTAS PROCEDURES

Only administrators, not TOAs, may evaluate teachers.
TOAs are to be evaluated as teachers.

Regarding contract status codes, four (4) indicates tenure; any other digit indicates annual contract.

1. First-year annual contract teacher
2. Second-year annual contract teacher
3. Third-year annual contract teacher
4. Tenured teacher
5. Returned to annual contract status 1
6. Returned to annual contract status 3 for fourth year of employment
8. Annual contract DROP teacher
9. Ineligible for tenure

Teachers new to the district who are participants of the Empowering Educators for Excellence Program (E³), both those in the full-year and the modified program, must be evaluated according to all VCTAS procedures for any other annual contract teacher, in addition to meeting the Empowering Educators for Excellence Program requirements. This means that these teachers must complete phases I, II, and III as outlined below for annual contract teachers.

Annual Contract Teachers must be observed at least twice during the school year in accordance with VCTAS guidelines which are described below.

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<td>➢ Unscheduled VCTAS Observations (optional – if conducted, must be followed by review of the Evaluation Report within 10 working days of the observation)</td>
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Note: Development of a Record of Counseling or Success Plan, if needed
Note: Phase I may be extended for a teacher who is employed or transferred after the 30th day, September 26, 2011.

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<td>Review of all data pertinent to the evaluation process for the school year</td>
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<td>➢ Final evaluation conference by April 30, 2012</td>
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<td>➢ Development and/or Review of a Record of Counseling or Success Plan, if needed</td>
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Tenured Teachers are required to be evaluated in accordance with VCTAS guidelines which are described below.

- One unscheduled VCTAS observation
- Post-observation conference to review the Evaluation Report within 10 working days of the observation
- Conference to review and to complete the final evaluation form
- Development and/or review of a Record of Counseling or Success Plan, if needed
- All of the above completed by April 30, 2012***

*** When a teacher is subject to an on-going investigation by the Professional Standards Department or school-based administration, or when a disciplinary action is being processed through the grievance procedure (levels 1, 2 or 3), completion of the final evaluation may be extended beyond April 30, but not beyond June 30.

Note: Additional VCTAS observations of annual contract and tenured teachers may occur when deemed necessary by the administrator.

Electronic Final Evaluations
After April 30, 2012, submit one signed original final evaluation form per teacher to the Office of Employee Performance Assessment, Human Resources, to be received by Friday, May 4, 2012 (address on back cover).

OTHER THAN FULL-YEAR TEACHERS
A. Phase I may be extended for an annual contract teacher who is employed or transferred after the 30th day, September 26, 2011.
B. Teachers who transfer to another school during August or September will be evaluated by the receiving principal.
C. Teachers who transfer after September will require one collaborative final evaluation between the sending and receiving principals.
D. When a teacher terminates employment or takes a Leave of Absence before the 121st day, February 9, 2012, a letter (generated from the electronic final evaluation site) indicating that the teacher has terminated employment or is on a Leave of Absence must be printed and sent to the Office of Employee Performance Assessment by May 4, 2012 (address on back cover).
   Note: The administrator may execute a final evaluation if he/she deems it appropriate.
E. An annual contract teacher who is employed up until the 121st working day, February 20, 2012, must complete Phase I and Phase II and the final evaluation.
F. All teachers terminating employment or taking a Leave of Absence after the 121st working day, February 20, 2012, must abide by Phase I and II for annual contract teachers or procedures for tenured teacher and have a completed and signed final evaluation on file before the final date of employment.
G. If the final evaluation is not completed prior to the teacher’s final date of instruction, or if the teacher is unavailable for signature, but there is sufficient basis for an evaluation, complete and send two copies of the final evaluation along with a self-addressed, postage paid envelope, by certified mail to the teacher. Send the signed returned copy or the school copy with the signed acceptance receipt to the Office of Employee Performance Assessment by May 4, 2012 (address on back cover).
H. Teachers employed after the 121st working day, February 20, 2012, require a Pre-Observation Form conference (annual contract teachers only), observation and Evaluation Report completed and on file in the school. A signed final evaluation must be completed with a note in the comments section that the evaluation of this teacher is based on “X” number of days of instruction and must be submitted to the Office of Employee Performance Assessment by May 4, 2012 (address on back cover).
I. Teachers employed after April 30, 2012, require a Pre-Observation Form Conference (annual contract teachers only), observation and post-conference to review the evaluation report at least one time prior to the conclusion of the school year. In this case, a letter will replace the final evaluation.
ITINERANT TEACHERS
Itinerant teachers (teachers who serve more than one location) will be evaluated by the building-level administrator of the base school (the school/site responsible for payroll). Observations may be conducted by both administrators who will confer on one final evaluation to be submitted by April 30, 2012.

The following teachers are evaluated by their district-level supervisors with input from the site-based administrator(s):
- Vision Teachers
- Speech/Language Clinicians
- Deaf/Hard of Hearing Teachers
- VAATT Teachers
- Pre-K Instructional Support Teachers
- School Social Workers
- PLUS Case Workers
- School Psychologists
- ESE Placement Specialists
- ESE Program Specialists
- ESE Instructional Support Teachers
- Transition Specialists
- IEP Facilitators

TEACHERS WITH MORE THAN ONE JOB FUNCTION
Teachers with more than one job function, on the same site or shared between sites, should be evaluated as one teacher, not per job function.

DISTRIBUTION OF DOCUMENTS
A. Teachers shall receive copies of all documents upon which their signatures are required.
B. Forms and reports shall not be forwarded for placement in the teacher’s official personnel file unless the teacher is given an opportunity for a conference to discuss such report with his/her evaluator and receives a signed copy.
C. After such discussions, the teacher shall sign the form/report. The teacher has the right to submit a written response, which he/she is to sign and date, which shall become a part of the evaluation record.
D. Folders to be used for storing VCTAS paperwork are available from the warehouse, green for annual contract teachers, red for tenured teachers.

OBSERVATIONS
Under routine circumstances, the length of a scheduled or unscheduled VCTAS observation should be a minimum of 30 minutes.

Scheduled and unscheduled VCTAS observations shall not occur:
- On the first or last five days of the school year
- On the first or last day of a course
- On the day before or after a holiday
  (Holiday shall be defined as Spring Break, Thanksgiving Break, and Winter Break.)
- On an FCAT or other standardized testing date (This does not refer to the test window.)
  This refers to all teachers, including those who do not administer FCAT or other standardized tests. A formal VCTAS observation may occur during a test make-up day, if circumstances are conducive to a formal observation. However, it would probably be wise to avoid these days, if possible.
- A second scheduled observation may be performed by a qualified observer upon written request of the teacher.

Note: The above exceptions may not be waived by the teacher.
The following rating guidelines are to be used by administrators when assessing teacher performance.

**Distinguished**
- Performance is aligned with exemplars for each performance indicator.
- Performance is consistent, exemplary, and represents a model for teachers.
- Performance exceeds expectation.
  - An overall rating of “D” may include some “P” ratings.
  - An overall rating of “D” will not include “B” or “U” ratings.

*Note: An overall rating of “Distinguished” must include a “D” in Performance of Students.*

**Proficient**
- Performance is aligned with exemplars for each performance indicator.
- Performance meets expectations.
  - An overall rating of “P” indicates that the areas of performance are being met in a competent manner. The evaluatee is meeting expectations.
  - An overall rating of “P” may reflect an occasional “D” or “B” rating.
  - An overall rating of “P” may not reflect “U” ratings.

*Note: An overall rating of “Proficient” must include a “P” or better in Performance of Students.*

**Basic**
- Performance is minimally aligned with exemplars for one or more performance indicators.
- Performance on one or more of the performance indicators is inconsistent or not evident.
- Performance does not adequately meet expectations.
  - An overall rating of “B” indicates that improvement is necessary. The areas of performance are failing to meet the district’s standards.
  - In order to avoid a “U” rating, improvement is required.
  - Improvement must be demonstrated in order for employment not to be in jeopardy.

*Note: An overall rating of “Basic” may not include “Unsatisfactory” in Performance of Students.*

**Unsatisfactory**
- Performance is poorly aligned with exemplars for one or more performance indicators.
- Performance is ineffective and unacceptable.
  - An overall rating of “U” reflects a serious negative impact on continued employment.
  - Performance has been consistently below that which is required.
  - A rating of “U” indicates a persistent inability to fulfill performance areas in an acceptable manner. The prognosis for correcting the deficiencies is not promising.

*Specific evidence must justify the “U” rating.*

- The superintendent shall notify the Florida Department of Education of any instructional personnel who receives two consecutive unsatisfactory annual evaluations and who has been given written notice by the district that his/her employment is being terminated or is not being renewed or that the school board intends to terminate, or not renew, his/her employment.

*Note: Fifty percent of the final evaluation will be based on student achievement per state statute.*
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PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE FINAL EVALUATION FORM

TEACHER ______________________ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ______________________

SCHOOL ______________________ DATE ______________________

Check evaluation cycle: [ ] ANNUAL CONTRACT TEACHER [ ] TENURED TEACHER

EXPLANATION OF PROCEDURES:
1. All Phase II instructional personnel must be evaluated according to VCTAS procedures.
2. Completed forms are to be signed during a conference between the teacher and the evaluator.
3. The comment section is optional and may be utilized by the evaluator and/or instructional personnel.
4. For annual contract teachers, all documents, signed by the teacher that impact the evaluation, should be attached to the final evaluation. For tenured teachers, documents signed by the teacher that impact the evaluation should be attached to the final evaluation in support of “B” or “U” ratings. Other documentation may be attached based on the discretion of the administrator.
5. The teacher has the right to submit a written response (must be signed and dated) which shall become a part of this document.

RATING SCALE

D Distinguished
P Proficient
B Basic
U Unsatisfactory

The administrator is to rate the teacher in each performance assessment criteria below. For teachers who have NO student contact, “Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline” will be “not applicable.”

INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Performance of Students
- Use of Data
- Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline
- Management of Student Conduct
- Knowledge of Subject Matter

Ability to Plan and Deliver Instruction, and Use of Technology
- Effective Use of Time
- Varied Approaches and Materials
- Teaching Techniques
- Planning for Instruction
- Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs
- Evaluation
- Physical Arrangement
- Materials and Equipment
- Ability to Establish and Maintain Positive Relationships
- With Students, Families, and Colleagues
- Classroom Atmosphere Conducive to Learning
- Staff Services
- Personal Relationships
- Professional Development
- Ethics/Judgment
- Policies and Procedures
- Recordkeeping

Use blue ink and original signatures.

ADMINISTRATOR’S INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE FINAL EVALUATION RATING OF THIS TEACHER

Distinguished [ ] Proficient [ ] Basic [ ] Unsatisfactory [ ]

Attachments

VCTAS Observation Date(s) ______________________

VCTAS Conference Date(s) ______________________

Signature of Teacher denoting receipt of a copy of this form ______________________ Date ______________________

Signature of Evaluator ______________________ Date ______________________

Signature of Principal/District-Level Administrator ______________________ Date ______________________

Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this final evaluation but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this final evaluation.) ______________________ Date ______________________

Original: Office of Employee Performance Assessment
Copies: Teacher and School/Site

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Access this document via http://shaggy/Applications/AppPortal/logon.aspx

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The following materials are available on-line. Go to the district homepage. Find Departments. Find Human Resources. Find Evaluations. Click on VCTAS.

1. Record of Counseling (MIS# 2008-051)
2. Pre-Observation Form – Annual Contract Instructional Personnel (MIS# 2008-052)
4. Stage I Success Plan (MIS# 2008-055) (Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for template and assistance.)
5. Stage II Success Plan (MIS# 2008-056) (Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for template and assistance.)
6. Stage III Success Plan (MIS# 2008-056) (Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for template and assistance.)
7. Professional Performance Final Evaluation Form – access this document via:
8. Letter of Caution
9. Letter of Reprimand
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Pre-Observation Form
Annual Contract Instructional Personnel

Teacher_________________________________________ School____________________________________
Subject/Assignment______________________________ Observer_________________________________
Date of Submission______________________________ Date of Conference_________________________

This form is to be used during the pre-observation conference with the teacher. The teacher is to complete this form based on the lesson that will be taught and observed. It is to be returned to the evaluator approximately two working days prior to the pre-observation conference.

Content to be taught_________________________________________________________________________

I. ANALYSIS OF CONTENT

1. Place a check beside each form of knowledge that will be taught during this lesson. _____Concept _____Value _____Principle _____Rule _____Skill

2. Define the concept, principle, rule, value, or skill as you will present it to the students during instruction.

___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

3. Describe the method(s) you will use to evaluate that student learning has occurred.

___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________
___________________________________________________________________________________

II. IDENTIFICATION OF MATERIALS

1. List the materials that you and your students will use during the lesson.
Materials to be used by the teacher
_____________________________________      Materials to be used by the students
_____________________________________      __________________________________________

III. IDENTIFICATION AND SEQUENCING OF ACTIVITIES

1. List the activities that you and your students will engage in during the lesson and indicate their sequence by numbering the activities in the order in which they will occur during the lesson.

   TEACHER ACTIVITIES                                      STUDENT ACTIVITIES
   ____________________________________________________       __________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________       __________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________       __________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________       __________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________       __________________________________________
   ____________________________________________________       __________________________________________

Signature of Teacher____________________________________ Date______________________________
Signature of Evaluator__________________________________ Date______________________________
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**Evaluation Report**  
(This is not an observation instrument.)

Teacher’s Name _______________________________________ Observation Date ___________________

Social Security # ______________________________________ Site _______________________________

Subject/Area/Grade Level _____________________________________

Check one □ Annual Contract Teacher □ Tenured Teacher

This evaluation report is to be used by the observer during the post conference to indicate findings. This same report may be used during other conferences to provide information to the instructional staff member regarding performance of instructional and instructional support duties.

**Instructional Performance Assessment Criteria**

- Comments are required for each area below.
- Checks are to be placed ONLY in areas of concern.
- Checked areas of concern require Records of Counseling or Success Plans.
- For teachers with no student contact, “Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline” will be “not applicable.”

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Teacher’s Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this form  
Date

Evaluator’s Signature  
Date

Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Evaluation Report but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Evaluation Report.)  
Date

**Original: VCTAS Folder at the School/Site**  
Copy: Teacher

Revised: 8/2009  
Owner: Human Resources  
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RECORD OF COUNSELING

In evaluating the performance of instructional personnel, issues may occasionally arise for which a Success Plan is not the appropriate vehicle for comment. These performance issues may require immediate change and may not fall within the VCTAS descriptors. A Record of Counseling is designed to provide the employee with a description of these issues or concerns that were previously discussed during a conference with the teacher.

The Record of Counseling should be signed and dated by the evaluator and the teacher. A copy is given to the teacher, and the original is retained in the teacher’s VCTAS file at the worksite. For annual contract teachers, a third copy of the Record of Counseling should be attached to the final evaluation. The Record of Counseling will be confidential in the year it was prepared and the following year.

Note: For annual contract teachers, all documents, signed by the teacher that impact the evaluation, should be attached to the final evaluation. For tenured teachers, documents signed by the teacher that impact the evaluation should be attached to the final evaluation in support of “B” or “U” ratings. Other documentation may be attached based on the discretion of the administrator.
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RECORD OF COUNSELING

Teacher’s Name____________________________________  School/Site____________________

Social Security Number __________________________________________________________

This form constitutes a Record of Counseling based on our conference held on ________
date
to discuss the following area(s) of concern.

____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

My expectations are that you will  _____________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________
____________________________________________________________________

I am confident, through your commitment, this will lead to successful performance.

Teacher’s Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Record of Counseling  Date

Administrator’s Signature  Date

Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Record of Counseling but refused to sign it. (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Record of Counseling.)  Date

Note: The teacher has the right to submit a written response (must be signed and dated) which shall become a part of this document.

Original – Teacher’s VCTAS file at the School/Site
Copies – Teacher and, for annual contract teachers, all documents are to be attached to the final evaluation.
For tenured teachers, documents are to be attached to the final evaluation in support of “B” or “U” ratings.
Other documentation may be attached based on the discretion of the administrator.

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SUCCESS PLANS/TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE
Success plans and technical assistance are indicators to the teacher that improvement is expected.

STAGE I
Following a classroom observation and/or the discussion of classroom support duties, and/or the completion of an Evaluation Report, the principal/site administrator or designee may have concerns. These concerns should be discussed with the teacher during a conference and may lead to the completion of a Stage I Success Plan with 4 – 6 weeks provided for improvement. While this is school/site-based technical assistance, the Office of Employee Performance Assessment is available to assist and should be consulted to assure that procedures are followed and that language is clear. (See back cover for contact information.)

STAGE II
Stage II technical assistance is delivered when an area of concern as evidenced by a Stage I Success Plan shows insufficient improvement. The principal/site administrator or designee informs the teacher that he/she is moving to Stage II technical assistance with 4 - 6 weeks to meet expectations. At this stage, it is recommended that the principal/site administrator become involved (if he/she is not already involved) with support from the Office of Employee Performance Assessment. (See back cover for contact information.)

STAGE III
When performance continues to be deficient as evidenced by Stage I and Stage II Success Plans, the principal/site administrator places the teacher into Stage III Technical Assistance. The principal will review Stage I and Stage II documentation, prior to writing a Stage III Success Plan, addressing the area(s) of performance failing to meet satisfactory expectations. Timeline for improvement is 90 calendar days. If sufficient improvement has not been demonstrated by the teacher while in Stage III Technical Assistance, termination of the teacher’s employment will be recommended to the school board. The principal/site administrator, who serves as the evaluator during Stage III, is to work closely with the Office of Employee Performance Assessment at this level of technical assistance. (See back cover for contact information.)

*Stage III requires a Support Team which is coordinated with the Office of Employee Performance Assessment. The Stage III cannot be implemented until the Support Team is in place.
Volusia County Teacher Assessment System

STAGE 1 SUCCESS PLAN

Teacher’s Name ______________________  School/Site ___________________________
Social Security Number _______________  Administrator__________________________

Note: Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for Stage I Success Plan template and assistance.

Instructional Performance Assessment Criteria

Check areas of concern. (√)

Performance of Students
Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline
Knowledge of Subject Matter
Ability to Plan and Deliver Instruction, and Use of Technology
Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs
Ability to Establish and Maintain Positive Relationships with Students, Families, and Colleagues
Professional Development
Ethics/Judgment
Policies and Procedures

First Area of Concern is ______________________________________________________________________

Details of Concern

Improvement Expected

Recommendations for Improvement

In the interest of saving paper, only one area of concern is shown.

Note: Initials of teacher and administrator are required on each page not containing signatures.

Stage I plan developed on ____________________________ date.
Stage I performance assessed on or after ____________________________ (4-6 weeks) date.
Teacher’s Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Success Plan  Date
Evaluator’s Signature  Date
Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Success Plan.)  Date

Original: VCTAS File at the School/Site  Copies: Teacher and Attached to Final Evaluation
RESULTS OF STAGE I SUCCESS PLAN
for ___________________________

Check one box for each area.

Area 1 is

☐ Area 1 - Performance meets expectations.

☐ Area 1 - Additional improvement is required. Area 1 will be re-addressed on another Stage I Success Plan with an additional 3-4 weeks provided for assistance, or the current Stage I Success Plan will be extended until _________ (date).

☐ Area 1 continues to fall below expectations. A Stage II Success Plan will be written.

Note: Do not re-use a Results page. If you are in need of a clean Results page due to extending a plan, contact the Office of Employee Performance Assessment.

Teacher’s Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Success Plan

Evaluator’s Signature

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STAGE II SUCCESS PLAN

Teacher’s Name _____________________________  School/Site _______________________
Social Security Number _______________________  Administrator _____________________

Note: Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for Stage II Success Plan template and assistance.

Instructional Performance Assessment Criteria

Check areas of concern.                             (√)
Performance of Students
Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline
Knowledge of Subject Matter
Ability to Plan and Deliver Instruction, and Use of Technology
Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs
Ability to Establish and Maintain Positive Relationships with Students, Families, and Colleagues
Professional Development
Ethics/Judgment
Policies and Procedures

First Area of Concern is __________________________________________________________________________

Details of Concern

Improvement Expected

Recommendations for Improvement

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Note: Initials of teacher and administrator are required on each page not containing signatures.

Stage II plan developed on _______________________________.
Stage II performance assessed on or after _______________________________. (4-6 weeks)

Teacher’s Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Success Plan

Evaluator’s Signature

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RESULTS OF STAGE II SUCCESS PLAN
for ______________________________

Check one box for each area.

Area 1 is ____________________________________________

☐ Area 1 - Performance meets expectations.

☐ Area 1 - Additional improvement is required. Area 1 will be re-addressed on another Stage II Success Plan with an additional 3-4 weeks provided for assistance, or the current Stage II Success Plan will be extended until ___________________ (date).

☐ Area 1 continues to fall below expectations. A Stage III Success Plan will be written.

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Evaluator’s Signature Date

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Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Success Plan.) Date

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STAGE III SUCCESS PLAN

Teacher’s Name ___________________________________________ School/Site _______________________
Assignment ____________________________________________ School Year ________________________
Social Security Number ____________________________________
Principal/Site Administrator’s Name __________________________
Support Team Members’ Names ______________________________

Note: Contact Office of Employee Performance Assessment for Stage III Success Plan template and assistance.

Instructional Performance Assessment Criteria

Check areas of concern. (✓)

| Performance of Students | Ability to Maintain Appropriate Discipline | Knowledge of Subject Matter | Ability to Plan and Deliver Instruction, and Use of Technology | Ability to Evaluate Instructional Needs | Ability to Establish and Maintain Positive Relationships with Students, Families, and Colleagues | Professional Development | Ethics/Judgment | Policies and Procedures |

First Area of Concern is _______________________________________

Details of Concern

Improvement Expected

Recommendations for Improvement

Note: Initials of teacher and administrator are required on each page not containing signatures.

Original: VCTAS File at the School/Site
Copies: Teacher and Attached to Final Evaluation
Stage III Success Plan developed on ____________________________.

Stage III improvement assessed on or after ____________________________.

(90 calendar days)

Teacher’s Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this Success Plan

Evaluator’s Signature

Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Success Plan.)

RESULTS OF STAGE III SUCCESS PLAN

for ______________________________________

Check one box for each area.

Area 1 is ______________________________________

☐ Area 1 - Performance meets expectations.

☐ Area 1 – Teacher has demonstrated improvement and will be returned to Stage II Technical Assistance with 3-4 weeks provided for additional improvement.

☐ Area 1 – Teacher failed to show sufficient improvement. Termination of the teacher’s employment will be recommended to the school board.

(Duplicate as needed.)

Teacher’s Signature denoting receipt of a copy of this form

Evaluator’s Signature

Signature of Witness denoting that teacher received a copy of this Success Plan but refused to sign it (Witness signature is necessary only if teacher refuses to sign this Success Plan.)

Original: VCTAS File at the School/Site
Copies: Teacher and Attached to Final Evaluation

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Owner: Human Resources
VOLUSIA COUNTY SCHOOLS
PARENT INPUT FORM

This form is to be used by parents, teachers, or other interested parties to provide input towards the assessment of teachers.

TEACHER’S NAME: ____________________________________________

TEACHER’S POSITION: __________________________________________

SITE: __________________________________________________________

Comments:

Signature: _________________________________ Date: ________________

Please print name: __________________________________________________

This signed form will be placed in the Principal’s correspondence file for a period of one year following the current school year.
Rule 6A-5.065 is substantially rewritten to read (see Florida Administrative Code for present text):
6A-5.065 The Educator Accomplished Practices.

(1) Purpose and Foundational Principles.

(a) Purpose. The Educator Accomplished Practices are set forth in rule as Florida’s core standards for effective educators. The Accomplished Practices form the foundation for the state’s teacher preparation programs, educator certification requirements and school district instructional personnel appraisal systems.

(b) Foundational Principles. The Accomplished Practices are based upon and further describe three essential principles:

1. The effective educator creates a culture of high expectations for all students by promoting the importance of education and each student’s capacity for academic achievement.

2. The effective educator demonstrates deep and comprehensive knowledge of the subject taught.

3. The effective educator exemplifies the standards of the profession.

(2) The Educator Accomplished Practices. Each effective educator applies the foundational principles through six (6) Educator Accomplished Practices. Each of the practices is clearly defined to promote a common language and statewide understanding of the expectations for the quality of instruction and professional responsibility.

(a) Quality of Instruction.

1. Instructional Design and Lesson Planning. Applying concepts from human development and learning theories, the effective educator consistently:
   a. Aligns instruction with state-adopted standards at the appropriate level of rigor;
   b. Sequences lessons and concepts to ensure coherence and required prior knowledge.
   c. Designs instruction for students to achieve mastery;
   d. Selects appropriate formative assessments to monitor learning;
   e. Uses a variety of data, independently, and in collaboration with colleagues, to evaluate learning outcomes, adjust planning and continuously improve the effectiveness of the lessons; and
   f. Develops learning experiences that require students to demonstrate a variety of applicable skills and competencies.

2. The Learning Environment. To maintain a student-centered learning environment that is safe, organized, equitable, flexible, inclusive, and collaborative, the effective educator consistently:
   a. Organizes, allocates, and manages the resources of time, space, and attention;
   b. Manages individual and class behaviors through a well-planned management system;
   c. Conveys high expectations to all students;
   d. Respects students’ cultural, linguistic and family background;
   e. Models clear, acceptable oral and written communication skills;
   f. Maintains a climate of openness, inquiry, fairness and support;
   g. Integrates current information and communication technologies;
   h. Adapts the learning environment to accommodate the differing needs and diversity of students; and
   i. Utilizes current and emerging assistive technologies that enable students to participate in high-quality communication interactions and achieve their educational goals.

3. Instructional Delivery and Facilitation. The effective educator consistently utilizes a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the subject taught to:
   a. Deliver engaging and challenging lessons;
   b. Deepen and enrich students’ understanding through content area literacy strategies, verbalization of thought, and application of the subject matter;
   c. Identify gaps in students’ subject matter knowledge;
   d. Modify instruction to respond to preconceptions or misconceptions;
e. Relate and integrate the subject matter with other disciplines and life experiences;
f. Employ higher-order questioning techniques;
g. Apply varied instructional strategies and resources, including appropriate technology, to provide comprehensible instruction, and to teach for student understanding;
h. Differentiate instruction based on an assessment of student learning needs and recognition of individual differences in students;
i. Support, encourage, and provide immediate and specific feedback to students to promote student achievement; and
j. Utilize student feedback to monitor instructional needs and to adjust instruction.

4. Assessment. The effective educator consistently:
a. Analyzes and applies data from multiple assessments and measures to diagnose students’ learning needs, informs instruction based on those needs, and drives the learning process;
b. Designs and aligns formative and summative assessments that match learning objectives and lead to mastery;
c. Uses a variety of assessment tools to monitor student progress, achievement and learning gains;
d. Modifies assessments and testing conditions to accommodate learning styles and varying levels of knowledge;
e. Shares the importance and outcomes of student assessment data with the student and the student’s parent/caregiver(s); and
f. Applies technology to organize and integrate assessment information.

(b) Continuous Improvement, Responsibility and Ethics.
1. Continuous Professional Improvement. The effective educator consistently:
a. Designs purposeful professional goals to strengthen the effectiveness of instruction based on students’ needs;
b. Examines and uses data-informed research to improve instruction and student achievement;
c. Collaborates with the home, school and larger communities to foster communication and to support student learning and continuous improvement;
d. Engages in targeted professional growth opportunities and reflective practices, both independently and in collaboration with colleagues; and
f. Implements knowledge and skills learned in professional development in the teaching and learning process.

2. Professional Responsibility and Ethical Conduct. Understanding that educators are held to a high moral standard in a community, the effective educator adheres to the Code of Ethics and the Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession of Florida, pursuant to State Board of Education Rules 6B-1.001 and 6B1.006, F.A.C, and fulfills the expected obligations to students, the public and the education profession.

Rulemaking Authority 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.225, 1012.34, 1012.56 FS. Law Implemented 1004.04, 1004.85, 1012.225, 1012.34, 1012.56 FS. History–New 7-2-98; Amended 12-17-10.
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2g. Adapts the learning environment to accommodate the differing needs and diversity of students.  
3g. Apply varied instructional strategies and resources, including appropriate technology, to provide comprehensible instruction, and to teach for student understanding.  
3h. Differentiate instruction based on an assessment of student learning needs and recognition of individual differences in students.  
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3d. Using assessment in instruction |
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2e. Models clear, acceptable oral and written communication skills.  
2f. Maintains a climate of openness, inquiry, fairness, and support.  
1c. Collaborates with the home, school and larger communities to foster communication and to support student learning and continuous improvement. | 3a. Communicating with students  
4c. Communicating with families |
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1b. Examines and uses data-informed research to improve instruction and student achievement.  
1d. Engages in targeted professional growth opportunities and reflective practices.  
1e. Implements knowledge and skills learned in professional development in the teaching and learning process. | 4a. Reflecting on teaching  
4d. Participating in a professional community  
4e. Growing and developing professionally |
| Ethics/Judgment | 2. Professional responsibility and ethical conduct. | 4f.showing professionalism |
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### PERFORMANCE OF STUDENTS

- Uses a variety of assessment and evaluation instruments to monitor and report student performance
- Ability to analyze student achievement data
- Ability to provide effective feedback and instructional support based on data analysis

| Use of a variety of assessment and evaluation instruments to monitor and report progress focuses on the use of a variety of archival records, formative assessments and summative instruments to monitor and support student progress. A variety of archival records and assessment instruments will be used and may include, but not be limited to, pre-tests, standardized tests, portfolios, anecdotal records, case studies, subject area inventories, cumulative records, and student services information. The distinguished teacher uses on-going formative assessment practices to monitor. | Uses a variety of assessment and evaluation instruments to monitor and report progress 1. Does the teacher utilize a variety of data to identify student and class strengths and needs prior to planning instruction? 2. Is the teacher aware of students with special needs and does the teacher make appropriate accommodations for ESE, LEP and 504 students based on their individual plan requirements? 3. Is the teacher knowledgeable about the benefits of, and effective uses of, assessment practices to increase | Uses performance-based assessment approaches to determine the student’s performance of specified outcomes.  □ Constructs or assembles classroom tests and tasks to measure student achievement of objectives.  □ Determines entry level knowledge and/or skills of students for a given set of instructional objectives using diagnostic tests, observation, and student records.  □ Communicates individual student progress knowledgeably and responsibly, based on appropriate. | Uses a variety of assessment and evaluation instruments to support student performance focuses on the use of appropriate assessment data that may include a variety of archival records, formative and summative instruments, and survey data to identify student/school/district priorities and needs. The distinguished instructional support teacher tightly aligns services with assessment data results. A variety of archival records and assessment instruments will be used and may include but not be limited to observations, pretests, standardized tests, portfolios, performance-based assessments, anecdotal records, case studies, subject area inventories, cumulative records, and student services information. The distinguished teacher uses on-going formative assessment practices to monitor. |

(Continued)
1. Does the teacher effectively analyze a variety of assessments throughout the school year to identify individual student’s entry level skills, deficiencies, strengths and to monitor progress?
2. Does the teacher analyze current and historic data to gain insight into teaching effectiveness and to improve their personal instructional effectiveness?

**Ability to analyze student achievement data**

1. Does the teacher effectively analyze a variety of assessments throughout the school year to identify individual student’s entry level skills, deficiencies, strengths and to monitor progress?
2. Does the teacher analyze current and historic data to gain insight into teaching effectiveness and to improve their personal instructional effectiveness?

**Ability to analyze student achievement data** focuses on the teacher’s use of data to determine entry level skills, academic deficiencies and strengths, and progress toward learning benchmarks. The distinguished teacher uses data findings to gain insight into problem areas and to modify instruction both for the class as a whole and for individual students. The distinguished teacher makes use of the district data warehouse and other inventories, program-related inventories, cumulative records, and student services information.

**Ability to analyze student achievement data** focuses on the teacher’s use of data to determine student/class/school/district-level performance. The distinguished instructional support teacher is an expert in analyzing appropriate data and uses data findings to gain insight into relevant focus areas and to support classroom teachers and other stakeholders to modify instructional plans both for the class as a whole and for individual students. The
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<td>Ability to provide effective feedback and instructional support based on data analysis 1. Does the teacher consistently use formative as well as summative assessment data to communicate student progress to both students and parents? 2. Does the teacher use formative assessment data to identify student goals and strategies for improvement? 3. Does the teacher use formative assessment data to provide concrete suggestions for parent support prior to summative evaluation? 4. Does the teacher communicate effectively with students and parents whenever students are not making adequate progress?</td>
<td>distinguished instructional support teacher makes use of the district data warehouse and other assessment data to guide decisions regarding instruction, program offerings, program design, resource needs, and other support services. Ability to provide effective feedback and instructional support based on data analysis focuses on the ability to communicate data findings to appropriate audiences. The distinguished instructional support teacher offers concrete, research-based and specific suggestions for improvement based on data findings, and provides support to students, teachers and/or appropriate stakeholders. The distinguished support teacher is an integral member of the academic support team(s) to which they are assigned. When appropriate, the distinguished instructional support teacher provides feedback, services, and support to parents.</td>
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### INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

#### ABILITY TO MAINTAIN APPROPRIATE DISCIPLINE

- Establishes and reinforces expectations for classroom behavior
- Uses effective behavioral strategies
- Establishes a consistent classroom management system

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| Establishes and reinforces expectations for classroom behavior | Establishes and reinforces expectations for classroom behavior  
1. Does the teacher establish a clear and reasonable set of expectations at the beginning of the year/course?  
2. Does the teacher consistently review the rules throughout the year, and reinforce the rules when students misbehave?  
3. Is the teacher effective and non-threatening without harsh reprimands in handling disruptive behavior?  
4. Is the teacher able to contain misbehavior quickly with a positive outcome?  
5. Is the teacher proactive and consistent in working with other professionals and parents to develop a behavioral improvement plan when warranted? | □ Deals with misconduct, interruptions, and digressions in ways that promote instructional momentum.  
□ Formulates a standard for student behavior in the classroom.  
□ Treats all students equitably.  
□ Uses effective student behavior management techniques.  
□ Assists in the enforcement of school rules, administrative regulations and board policies.  
□ Recognizes students exhibiting potentially disruptive behavior and offers alternative strategies.  
□ Maintains standards of mutually respectful interaction during individual work, cooperative learning, and whole group activities.  
□ Applies rules and standards consistently and equitably.  
□ Designs appropriate instructional activities in individual, small and large group settings to meet cognitive, linguistic and affective needs. |

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT

- Supports high expectations for classroom behavior
- Uses effective behavioral strategies
- Supports the development and implementation of a consistent classroom management system

Supports high expectations for classroom behavior focuses on the instructional support teacher’s role to assist in establishing high expectations for individual/classroom, school-wide behavior. The distinguished instructional support teacher collaborates, as appropriate, with classroom teachers and other colleagues to identify and consistently articulate rules and procedures. When providing direct classroom assistance, the distinguished instructional support teacher models high expectations for behavior.
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| Uses effective behavior strategies focuses on the use of effective strategies that minimize the opportunity for disruptive behavior and that promote student learning. The distinguished teacher demonstrates awareness of all students' behavior and uses a variety of strategies to prevent misbehavior including but not limited to the use of humor, non-verbal gestures, proximity-control for off-task behavior, lesson variety that includes active student involvement, eye contact, and frequent circulation throughout the classroom. When disruptions occur, the distinguished teacher attends to the problem and quickly returns to the lesson with minimal loss of momentum. | Uses effective behavior strategies 1. Does the teacher effectively organize the classroom and lesson delivery model to minimize the opportunity for disruption and off-task behavior? 2. Is the teacher aware of student attentiveness or off-task behavior in all parts of the classroom? 3. Is the teacher knowledgeable about, and effective in, the use of research-based behavioral strategies? 4. Does the teacher deal with behavioral issues quickly without a loss of instructional momentum? | □ Uses smooth and efficient transitions to maintain instructional momentum.  
□ Maintains academic focus of students by use of varied motivational devices.  
□ Plans activities that engage students in learning activities and employs strategies to re-engage students who are off task. | Uses effective behavioral strategies focuses on the use of effective strategies that minimize the opportunity for disruptive behavior and that promote student learning. The distinguished instructional support teacher demonstrates expertise in aligning strategies with specific needs and that result in improved behavior. When providing direct classroom assistance, the distinguished instructional support teacher models best practices related to behavior management. |

Establishes a classroom management system focuses on the implementation of a classroom management system that includes daily processes for housekeeping tasks, effective transitions between activities, and efficient handling of materials, technology tools, and resources. The distinguished teacher choreographs the daily routine to maximize academically-engaged time and to minimize opportunities for off-task behavior and breaks in the flow of the lesson. | Establishes a classroom management system 1. Does the teacher establish a classroom management system for all daily activities? 2. Is the management system achieving the goal? 3. Can students explain classroom rules and daily procedures? 4. Do students spend most of their time engaged in academic learning tasks with minimal loss of focus? | □ Establishes a classroom management system  
□ Does the teacher establish a classroom management system for all daily activities?  
□ Is the management system achieving the goal?  
□ Can students explain classroom rules and daily procedures?  
□ Do students spend most of their time engaged in academic learning tasks with minimal loss of focus? | Supports the development and implementation of a consistent classroom management system focuses on the support provided in developing and implementing a consistent management systems. The distinguished instructional support teacher provides non-judgmental feedback related to behavioral management needs and provides recommendations for improvement. Recommendations are and reflect research-based best practice relevant to the situation. |
## INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### KNOWLEDGE OF SUBJECT MATTER

- Ability to communicate complex subject matter to a diverse student population.
- Currency of content knowledge and educational best practices

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| Ability to communicate complex subject matter to a diverse student population focuses on the teacher’s ability to articulate subject matter in a manner that enables students to learn. Explanations are complete, accurate, include the specialized vocabulary and language of the content area, and include material beyond what is found in the text. The distinguished teacher uses his/her breadth and depth of knowledge to interrelate topics from a variety of perspectives, interests, and points of view within the subject area. The distinguished teacher’s repertoire of teaching skills includes a variety of means to assist student acquisition of new knowledge. The teacher draws from a variety of examples, references, materials, and technologies of the subject field in developing learning activities for students and is able to adjust the lesson based on levels of individual abilities. | Ability to communicate complex subject matter to a diverse student population | □ Demonstrates distinguished knowledge and understanding of the subject matter.  
□ Communicates accurate knowledge of subject matter in a language and style appropriate to the learner.  
□ Presents forms of knowledge such as concepts, laws, and law-like principles, academic rules, and value knowledge.  
□ Demonstrates a breadth of subject matter knowledge that enables students to approach and to interrelate topics from a variety of perspectives, interests, and points of view.  
□ Reviews and evaluates materials, technology and resources to determine its appropriateness for  
□ Exhibits competence and enthusiasm for the subject area(s) being taught. | Ability to communicate research-based best practices in the field to appropriate stakeholder audiences focuses on the instructional support teacher’s ability to articulate clearly recommendations and pertinent information in a manner that enables the target audience to improve performance. Explanations are complete, accurate, and include the specialized vocabulary and language of the field as appropriate for the stakeholder audience. The distinguished instructional support teacher uses his/her breadth and depth of knowledge to develop cohesive, comprehensive support services and demonstrates a repertoire of skills that includes effective coaching strategies, the ability to provide useful feedback and the ability to vary the support services as needed. The distinguished support teacher is an expert in the field and draws from a variety of resources to develop support services, recommendations and activities and is able to adapt recommendations and responses as needed. |
|  |  | □ Supports high expectations for classroom behavior  
□ Uses effective behavioral strategies  
□ Supports the development and implementation of a consistent classroom management system |
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<td>Currency of content knowledge and educational best practice focuses on the teacher’s commitment to expand his/her knowledge and to keep abreast of strategies and resources which will enhance teaching. The distinguished teacher continually updates knowledge of his/her subject field including both content and instructional practices. The distinguished teacher participates in curriculum development activities and collaborates with other colleagues to share content expertise and to expand subject knowledge and interdisciplinary connections.</td>
<td>Currency of content knowledge and educational best practice 1. Does the teacher maintain currency of subject area knowledge? 2. Does the teacher seek a variety of venues to stay current in his/her subject area (may include, but not limited to, professional development workshops, professional journals, conferences, participation in professional organizations)? 3. Does the teacher serve as a mentor or leader in sharing content expertise with peers?</td>
<td>□ Keeps abreast of developments in instructional methodology, learning theories, second language acquisition theories, psychological and sociological trends, and subject matter in order to facilitate learning. □ Uses data from his/her own learning environments, e.g. classroom observations, audio/video recordings, student results and feedback, and research as a basis for reflecting upon subject matter and experimenting with personal teaching practices.</td>
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### INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

#### ABILITY TO PLAN AND DELIVER INSTRUCTION AND USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOM

- Ability to plan
- Ability to deliver instruction
- Use of technology in the classroom

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| **Ability to plan** focuses on the quality of teacher preparation with regards to the alignment of instruction with state standards, clarity of learning objectives and desired outcomes, incorporation of a variety of instructional strategies and resources that provide for both reinforcement and enrichment opportunities for students and that include interdisciplinary connections. The distinguished teacher plans individually and with other teachers to design differentiated learning experiences that promote high standards, meet student needs and interests and that demonstrate a clear connection between goals, learning activities, and assessments. Lesson plan activities utilize a variety of support and enrichment activities and materials as well. (Continued) | **Ability to Plan**
1. Do the teacher’s lesson plans provide a clear and coherent plan to deliver high quality instruction aligned with challenging state/district standards?
2. Do lesson plans reflect activities and strategies to meet the needs of all students through a variety of activities including enrichment and reinforcement opportunities?
3. Are selected activities directly and specifically aligned with the learning objectives?
4. Are lessons designed to promote creativity, innovation, critical reading and problem solving skills? | □ Establishes short-and long-range goals based on student needs and district and state curriculum.
□ Plans and prepares lessons and strategies which support the School Improvement Plan.
□ Plans and prepares lessons which are high quality, meaningful, and engaging.
□ Plans and prepares high-quality instructional activities that contribute to a climate where students are actively engaged in meaningful learning experiences.
□ Identifies, selects, and modifies instructional materials to meet the needs of students with varying backgrounds, learning styles, and special needs. (Continued) | **Ability to plan** focuses on the instructional support teacher’s ability to develop cohesive, comprehensive services based on student/school/district needs and research-based best practices. The distinguished instructional support teacher plans individually and with other educators to design support services that promote high standards and aligns with research-based best practices that meet student/class/school/district needs. The distinguished instructional support teacher actively seeks input and feedback from multiple stakeholders and revises and refines support services as needs arise. Support services are focused on specific, clearly defined goals with timelines and accountability. |
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<td>as open-ended projects and other activities that are rigorous, creative and innovative. and analyze information, The distinguished teacher develops lesson activities that require students to gather and analyze information, solve problems, and draw conclusions. Ability to deliver instruction focuses on the quality of classroom performance with regards to clarity of directions, presentation of the lesson, levels of student engagement, and effective use of time. The distinguished teacher provides clear, understandable directions for instructional activities and routines. Students are made aware of the desired learning outcomes. The distinguished teacher presents content using multiple methods and strategies to reinforce key concepts. Activities are differentiated and include a variety of small and whole group settings that promote high levels of student engagement and involvement. The teacher varies his/her role in the instructional process (instructor, coach, mentor, facilitator, audience, critic) in relation to the purposes of instruction and the students’ needs. Throughout the lesson, the teacher monitors student work and provides instructive feedback and assistance. The teacher incorporates higher order questioning techniques to assess student</td>
<td>Ability to Deliver Instruction 1. Does the teacher consistently provide clear, complete directions for all activities and routines without losing instructional momentum? 2. Are students aware of the expected learning outcomes? 3. Does the teacher consistently select a variety of methods and strategies (include small and whole group instruction) to ensure that all students learn key concepts? 4. Are all students actively and consistently engaged in the lesson? 5. Does the teacher demonstrate a comfort level for assuming a variety of roles (lecturer, instructor, coach, mentor, facilitator, audience, critic) as needed to facilitate learning? 6. Is the teacher skillful at asking and supporting students to respond to challenging higher order questions and challenging problems and situations? 7. Does the teacher consistently reinforce essential learning objectives throughout (Continued)</td>
<td>Diagnoses the entry level knowledge of students and/or skills of students for a given set of instructional objectives by using diagnostic tests, teacher observation and student records. Recognizes patterns of physical, social, and academic development in all students and assists these students in their areas of needs. Plans fit time schedule and have additional enrichment activities available. Spends more time on instruction than procedures. Follows efficient method/schedule for attendance and materials distribution. Alerts students to critical/essential information. Provides effective pacing and smooth transitions during the lesson. Assists students in effective time management and does not over-dwell on topics. Presents appropriate directions for carrying out instructional activities. Stimulates and directs student thinking during lessons. Continuously checks for student comprehension by using appropriate questioning techniques. Provides for practice to promote student learning and retention, responds to student talk in ways that (Continued)</td>
<td>Ability to deliver instructional support services focuses on the quality of performance with regards to the delivery of services. The distinguished instructional support teacher provides clear, understandable recommendations and information and presents content using multiple methods and strategies to reinforce key concepts. The instructional support teacher varies his/her role in the support process (instructor, coach, mentor, facilitator, audience, critic, expert consultant) in relation to the stakeholder needs. For those instructional support teachers that provide instructional delivery support, classroom demonstrations represent best practice models for teachers. Classroom demonstrations include a variety of strategies designed to meet diverse learner needs. Throughout the support process, the instructional support teacher monitors progress and provides instructive feedback and assistance to appropriate stakeholder groups. (Continued)</td>
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| learning and is able to vary the lesson plan as the need arises. | Use of Technology in the Classroom  
1. Does the teacher incorporate a variety of appropriate technology tools to deliver instruction?  
2. Is the teacher knowledgeable about and comfortable with the use of technology tools to deliver instruction?  
3. Are technology tools used effectively to provide support to special needs students when needed?  
4. Does the teacher use district-provided technology tools (data warehouse, SCANTRON assessment system, PowerPoint, EXCEL, and Word processing tools) to improve planning and instruction?  
5. Does the teacher provide opportunities for students to use technology tools to gather information and to share information?  
8. Does the teacher consistently assess the degree to which students are demonstrating mastery of key learning objectives?  
9. Does the teacher consistently provide positive, supportive, and accurate feedback during the lesson delivery?  
 | ☐ encourage and engage student participation while maintaining academic focus.  
☐ Provides feedback to students on the appropriateness of their responses.  
☐ Uses verbal and nonverbal communication that promotes student learning.  
☐ Uses a variety of instructional techniques, instructional materials, computer applications and other technology to promote student learning.  
☐ Teaches students to use available technology appropriate to facilitate learning.  
☐ Uses available high quality technology in the classroom to promote increased learning.  
☐ Presents rules, laws, and concepts at different levels of complexity so they are meaningful to students at varying levels of development.  
☐ Uses FCAT preparation activities.  
☐ Provides for individualized study.  
☐ Uses manipulatives and other hands-on materials that encourage increased learning.  
☐ Uses the internet as a resource.  
☐ Uses technology and software programs in the classroom appropriately.  
☐ Uses strategies and techniques to enhance critical thinking skills in students.  
☐ Uses available technology to construct lessons and assessment materials. | Use of technology in the classroom focuses on the use of technology tools to plan and deliver instruction and to monitor and improve student learning. The distinguished teacher uses a variety of appropriate learning media, computer applications, and other technology to develop instructional materials, to address student needs, and to enhance instruction. Adaptive technologies are used to accommodate special needs as appropriate. Lessons incorporate a range of instructional technologies including but not limited to the Internet, CD-ROM, interactive video, videotaping, calculators, PowerPoint presentations, and electronic libraries as appropriate. Technology tools are used to construct teaching materials, as well as to provide students with opportunities to collect, gather, and share information with others. The distinguished teacher makes use of the district data warehouse and other available technology tools to identify student and class needs and to monitor student progress. | Use of technology to support increased student performance focuses on the use of technology tools to plan and deliver support services and to monitor and improve student learning. The distinguished instructional support teacher uses a variety of appropriate technology tools, learning media, and computer applications, to construct support materials and to improve support services. Adaptive technologies are used to accommodate special needs as appropriate. The distinguished instructional support teacher makes use of the district data warehouse and other available technology tools to identify student/class/school/district needs and to monitor student progress. |
## INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

### ABILITY TO EVALUATE INSTRUCTIONAL NEEDS

- Ability to evaluate instructional needs
- Ability to differentiate instruction to meet diverse student needs.
- Ability to vary classroom arrangement, materials, and equipment based on student needs.

### EXEMPLARS

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<th>Ability to evaluate instructional needs focuses on the use of assessment tools to identify student needs. The distinguished teacher uses a variety of assessment data and anecdotal records to identify individual student needs. When learning deficiencies are identified, the distinguished teacher uses diagnostic tools to determine the problem area and collaborates with other professionals and support staff to gather further information and to develop a support plan. The distinguished teacher uses ongoing formative assessments to monitor student progress and varies instruction based on the results.</th>
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### GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. Does the teacher check archival records to determine specific student needs?
2. When learning deficiencies are detected, does the teacher use diagnostic tools to identify the problem area?
3. Does the teacher actively collaborate with other professionals to develop a support plan for students who are consistently not making adequate progress?
4. Is the teacher knowledgeable about and effective in the use of formative assessment to monitor student progress?
5. When students are not making adequate progress, does the teacher use the data to modify the instructional plan?

### DESCRIPTORS

- Develops effective assessment strategies to assist the continuous development of students.
- Assists in interpreting data for diagnostic purposes to be used for planning and program evaluation.
- Establishes appropriate testing environments and testing securities.
- Manages materials and equipment effectively.
- Maintains neat and orderly classroom.
- Arranges classroom so as to see all students, at all times.
- Creates a positive learning environment through effective use of bulletin boards, displays, learning centers, and other methods. Keeps these tools updated and fresh.

### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

| Ability to evaluate instructional needs focuses on the use of assessment tools to identify student/class/school/district needs. The distinguished instructional support teacher analyzes a variety of assessment data and anecdotal records to identify priorities. The distinguished instructional support teacher possesses expert-level knowledge regarding the needs and characteristics of the student population(s) to which they are assigned. When priorities are identified, the distinguished instructional support teacher collaborates with other professionals and support staff to gather additional information and to identify appropriate services. The distinguished instructional teacher continually assesses progress, seeks feedback, and varies support services based on the results. The distinguished instructional support teacher identifies distinguished educators whose practices result in increased performance and that serve as models for other teachers |

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| **Ability to differentiate instruction to meet diverse student needs** focuses on the teacher’s ability to implement learning opportunities appropriate to the student learning style, linguistic and cultural heritage, experiential background and developmental level. The distinguished teacher makes provision for these differences in his/her lessons and assessment practices. The distinguished teacher collaborates with other professionals, family, and support staff to ensure appropriate services and to build a comprehensive learning plan. The distinguished teacher recognizes when students have difficulty with the reading process and includes appropriate measures to improve reading comprehension in the content area.  
**Ability to vary classroom arrangement, materials, and equipment based on student needs** focuses on the physical arrangement of the classroom and on the selection of appropriate materials and equipment to accommodate diverse student needs. The distinguished teacher maintains a safe, orderly, attractive classroom and utilizes classroom space to maximize student learning. The classroom arrangement allows for teacher interaction with all students. The physical arrangement of the room is altered to accommodate large and small group activities. Displays of student work, bulletin boards, word walls, learning | **Ability to Differentiate Instruction to meet Diverse Student Needs**  
1. Does the teacher recognize differences in learning styles, linguistic and cultural backgrounds and developmental level among his/her students?  
2. Does the teacher effectively and consistently provide provisions for student differences in lesson activities, assignments, and assessment practices?  
3. Does the teacher proactively work with a team of professionals, family and support staff to build a comprehensive learning plan for students who need extra attention (both remedial and enrichment support)?  
4. Does the teacher incorporate effective content area reading strategies to improve content area vocabulary and comprehension?  
**Ability to Vary Classroom Arrangement, Materials, and Equipment Based on Student Needs**  
1. Is the teacher’s classroom arranged to provide a safe, orderly, and attractive classroom?  
2. Does the classroom arrangement promote student interaction, and effective use of equipment and materials?  
3. Does the teacher vary classroom space to accommodate small and whole group instruction as needed?  
Does the classroom arrangement allow for consistent student-teacher interaction |  
- Properly stores teaching materials, textbooks and other classroom equipment in a safe and secure manner.  
- Organizes room space to promote learning opportunities.  
- Maintains academic focus of students by use of a variety of motivational devices.  
- Takes precautions to protect students, equipment, materials, and facilities.  
- Establishes a set of classroom routines and procedures for utilization and care of materials.  
- Maintains physical arrangement that permits movement and learning activities.  
- Documents student progress through a variety of methods: Student Data warehouse, anecdotal records, classroom tests, observational checklists, performance demonstrations, portfolio assessment, product assessment, standardized assessments, student assessment records, etc.  
- Accurately reflects student progress on interim progress reports and report card grades.  
- Relates evaluation and student work to lesson objectives.  
- Uses appropriate assessment techniques to meet the individual needs of all students by diagnosing strengths and weaknesses in order to direct | **Ability to model or recommend a variety of classroom arrangements, materials and equipment that maximize student learning** focuses on the ability to support classroom environments that increase teacher effectiveness. The distinguished instructional support teacher effectively analyzes the classroom setting, identifies needs, and makes recommendations that promote an optimum learning environment. (Note: In a limited number of cases, instructional support teachers have a minimal, indirect role with regards to classroom environments and should not be penalized on the evaluation rating.) |

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<td>centers, and appropriate educational posters pertinent to classroom instruction are evident. (Roving teachers should not be penalized when they do not have the opportunity to meet this criterion). The distinguished teacher carefully selects materials and equipment that reinforce the learning objective, that assist all students in the learning process and that reflect the developmental levels, linguistic and cultural heritage, and experiential background of the class members. Materials such as manipulatives, maps, lab equipment and other hands-on materials appropriate to the lesson are utilized by students on an on-going basis. Materials and equipment are well organized for easy access and use.</td>
<td>student-teacher interaction? 4. Are student work samples, relevant instructional posters, and word walls, evident throughout the year? 5. Does the teacher select and use a variety of instructional materials to meet the needs of a diverse student population? Note: Materials should reflect the developmental level, cultural and linguistic background, and experiential background of the class. Are appropriate manipulatives, maps and globes, lab equipment, calculators, and other hands-on materials utilized by students on an ongoing basis? Are they well organized for easy access and use?</td>
<td>instruction. □ Constructs or assembles classroom assessments to measure student performance based on district curriculum outcomes and Sunshine State Standards. □ Selects or develops appropriate assessment instruments related to specific learning objectives. □ Evaluates student progress based on ongoing formal and informal assessment techniques and provides timely and appropriate feedback to students. □ Utilizes assessment data to diagnose strengths and weaknesses in order to direct instruction.</td>
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### INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

#### ABILITY TO ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN POSITIVE RELATIONSHIPS WITH STUDENTS, FAMILIES AND COLLEAGUES

- Ability to establish a classroom environment conducive to learning
- Ability to establish positive personal relationships
- Collaborates with colleagues to provide for student needs

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<td>1. Does the classroom environment consistently support a positive, supportive learning experience for all students?</td>
<td>☐ Collaborates with peers to enhance the instructional environment.</td>
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<td>2. Are students comfortable to ask questions, respond to teacher questions, and to engage in academic dialogue?</td>
<td>☐ Uses teaching and learning strategies that reflect each student's culture, learning style, special needs, and socio-economic background.</td>
<td>Collaborates with colleagues to provide for support services</td>
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<td>3. Are all students treated with respect?</td>
<td>☐ Works with various education professionals, parents, and other stakeholders in the continuous improvement of educational experiences of students.</td>
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<td>4. Are all students given equal opportunity to participate in class discussion and activities?</td>
<td>☐ Proposes ways in which families can support and reinforce classroom goals, objectives and standards.</td>
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<td>5. Does the teacher encourage academic risk-taking with positive, accurate and honest feedback?</td>
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<td>8. Does the teacher encourage and support student engagement in all classroom activities?</td>
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<td>Collaboratively with groups and individual students to facilitate learning.</td>
<td>Ability to Establish Positive Personal Relationships 1. Does the teacher consistently and effectively communicate with parents and other colleagues to promote student success? 2. Does the teacher provide specific details regarding student progress as well as concrete and positive suggestions for improvement strategies for parents and other professionals? 3. Does the teacher consistently offer to share materials and strategies with peers? 4. Is the teacher actively involved in school-wide school improvement activities or other professional learning community opportunities? 5. Does the teacher initiate creative strategies or effective processes for working with family members in support of student achievement?</td>
<td>guiding students in academic and personal growth. □ Confers with students and their families to provide explicit feedback on student progress and assists families in guiding students in academic and personal growth. □ Serves as a student advocate. □ Works cooperatively with colleagues and other adults in informal settings and formal teams. Structures to meet students' educational, social, linguistic, cultural, and emotional needs. □ Uses knowledge of continuous quality improvement to assist the school community in managing its own school improvement efforts. □ Communicates with families including those of culturally and linguistically diverse students to become familiar with the students' home situation and background. □ Communicates with colleagues, school, specialists, administrators, and families consistently and appropriately. □ Encourages students desire to receive and accept constructive feedback on individual work and behavior. □ Provides students with opportunities to learn from each other.</td>
<td>Learning styles and abilities. The distinguished instructional support teacher works collaboratively with groups and individuals to promote increased student performance.</td>
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Ability to establish positive personal relationships focuses on the teacher's ability to communicate and work with students, parents and other colleagues to promote student success. Communication with students is positive, professional and supportive. The distinguished teacher consistently shares ideas and materials with colleagues, communicates effectively and positively to find solutions as issues arise. The distinguished teacher is actively involved in the school improvement process and other school activities. The distinguished teacher creates and models alternative strategies for establishing and maintaining relationships with family members to increase student achievement. (Continued)
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| Collaborates with colleagues to provide for student needs focuses on the teacher’s interaction with other professionals to provide student support services as needed. The distinguished teacher works collaboratively with a wide range of personnel to ensure appropriate intervention for behavioral and learning problems and enrichment opportunities for acceleration as needs arise | Collaboration with Colleagues to Provide for Student Needs  
1. Does the teacher actively collaborate with other professionals to provide student support as needed?  
2. Is the teacher knowledgeable about the support resources available?  
3. Does the teacher initiate discussion when needs arise rather than waiting for the system to respond?  
4. Is the teacher equally aware of and responsive to students who have acceleration and enrichment needs as he/she is to students who have behavioral and learning needs? | ☐ Communicates high expectations to all students.  
☐ Uses incentives and consequences to promote excellence.  
☐ Uses smooth and efficient transitions.  
☐ Responds to student talk in ways that encourage student participation and maintains academic focus.  
☐ Uses feedback procedures that give information to the student about the appropriateness of his/her response.  
☐ Works harmoniously with others.  
☐ Refers students for proper screening, i.e. psychological, speech clinician, visual, hearing, etc.  
☐ Contacts social workers and parents when excessive absenteeism or tardies occur.  
☐ Acts as a classroom facilitator helping students obtain knowledge, skills, and values.  
☐ Works with groups and individuals using techniques and strategies to enhance learning experiences, i.e. student presentations, class discussions, cooperative learning groups, and pairs, manipulatives, technology, and other activities.  
☐ Uses procedures and practices which exemplify sensitivity to students’ needs and feelings.  
☐ Maintains poise and self-control essential for effective performances.  
☐ Initiates and participates with colleagues to assist and provide (Continued) | Collaborates with colleagues to provide for support services focuses on the instructional support teacher’s interaction with other professionals to provide support services as needed. The distinguished teacher initiates contact with appropriate colleagues when needs arise and works collaboratively with a wide range of personnel to ensure appropriate intervention for behavioral and learning problems and enrichment opportunities for acceleration as needs arise. |
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<td>□ Works with colleagues when it is necessary to schedule students outside the regular classroom for activities.</td>
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<td>□ Relates and interacts well with all staff members, students, parents and others</td>
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### INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

#### PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Updates content knowledge and current educational practice
- Shares knowledge with colleagues
- Supports the professional growth of other educators

#### GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. Is the teacher continually seeking opportunities to update content knowledge and instructional practice?
2. Does the teacher’s professional development plan go beyond the minimum requirements for certification?
3. If the teacher is required to hold reading or ESOL endorsement, is the teacher on track to complete the endorsement by the mandated deadline?
4. If the teacher holds a temporary certificate, is the teacher on track to complete all requirements?

#### DESCRIPTIONS

- Assists others in acquiring skills and knowledge in a specific area of responsibility, if applicable.
- Initiates and engages in continuing professional growth through in-service classes, study, completing the individual professional development plan, and keeping abreast of recent developments in education.
- Conducts a personal assessment periodically to determine professional development needs with reference to specific instructional assignment.
- Engages in continuous professional quality improvement for self, students, and school.
- Provides information, in-service, or training for other faculty members.
- Shares relevant information about teacher’s area of responsibility.
- Serves on teams for the orientation and induction of teachers new to the school.

#### INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT EXEMPLARS

- Updates content knowledge and current educational practice focuses on the instructional support teacher’s commitment to ongoing professional development to update content knowledge, educational practice and to be a lifelong learner. The distinguished teacher’s continued professional improvement is characterized by participation in a variety of professional development opportunities. These opportunities may include but are not limited to workshops and conferences, National Board Certification process, professional organizations and meetings, professional endorsement programs, advanced coursework, action research projects, and school/community committees. The distinguished teacher designs, implements and achieves the goals of his/her individual professional development plan based on student achievement data needs.

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<td>Board certification, advanced course work and other related activities?</td>
<td>□ Participates in in-service meetings, conferences, or workshops to update knowledge and skills.</td>
<td>Shares knowledge with colleagues focuses on the teacher’s collaboration with other teachers to share content knowledge, current research, and instructional best practices. The distinguished teacher is a recognized expert who participates in school, district, and/or state level curriculum committees, presents at seminars/conferences, serves as a workshop leader or contributes to professional publications.</td>
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<td>2. Does the teacher hold a trainer of trainer status to support school, district, state or national initiatives?</td>
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### INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

#### ETHICS/JUDGMENT

- Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in Florida
- Uses good judgment in all dealings with students and colleagues.

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| Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in Florida focuses on the degree to which the teacher’s conduct consistently reflects the behaviors described in the Code of Ethics. Key indicators are:  
• The teacher makes reasonable effort to protect students from conditions that are harmful to learning, or to the student’s mental and/or physical health.  
• The teacher does not unreasonably restrain a student from pursuit of learning.  
• The teacher does not unreasonably deny a student access to diverse points of view.  
• The teacher does not intentionally distort or misrepresent facts  
(Continued) | Adheres to the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession in Florida  
1. Does the teacher’s conduct consistently reflect all indicators | ☐ Models professional and ethical standards consistent with the Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of Education Professionals in Florida when dealing with students, peers, parents, community, and other stakeholders.  
☐ Performs and fulfills all professional responsibilities.  
☐ Prepares and maintains all required reports and records.  
☐ Supports school improvement initiatives by active participation in school activities, services and programs.  
☐ Performs other incidental tasks consistent with the goals and objectives of the position.  
☐ Maintains a personal appearance appropriate to assignment  
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<td>• The teacher does not interfere with a colleague’s right to exercise political or civil rights and responsibilities</td>
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<td>• The teacher does not use institutional privileges for personal gain or advantage.</td>
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<td>• The teacher maintains honesty in all professional dealings.</td>
<td>□ Never criticizes another teacher in the presence of students or professionals.</td>
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<td>• The teacher shall not on the basis of race, color, religion, gender, age, national or ethnic origin, political beliefs, marital status, handicapping condition if otherwise qualified, or social and family background deny a colleague professional benefits or advantages or participation in any professional organization.</td>
<td>□ Does not leave students unattended in the classroom or on campus.</td>
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<td>• The teacher takes reasonable precautions to distinguish between personal views and those of any educational institution or organization with which the individual is affiliated.</td>
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<td>Uses good judgment in all dealings with students and colleagues focuses on the teacher’s ability to make sound, professional decisions. When dealing with students, the distinguished teacher recognizes the difference between disciplinary and guidance issues, and maintains a calm, professional manner when dealing with discipline issues without the use of physical means. The teacher acts professionally in all dealings with students, does not belittle a student, and is not prejudiced against a student based on prior knowledge. The teacher recognizes signs of alcohol and drug abuse and works appropriately with the student and other professionals to seek assistance and acts according to state requirements when child neglect or abuse is suspected. Students are never left unattended nor are they asked to participate in an unsafe activity or to use equipment without proper instruction. If injury occurs, the teacher acts immediately to notify appropriate personnel. Relationships with colleagues are positive and professional. The teacher does not criticize other colleagues in the presence of others.</td>
<td>Uses Good Judgment in all Dealings with Students and Colleagues 1. Does the teacher consistently make and apply sound, professional judgment in dealings with students and adults? 2. Does the teacher consistently distinguish between disciplinary and guidance issues? 3. Does the teacher maintain professionalism in dealings with students and adults? 4. In dealings with students and adults, is the teacher’s behavior free of bias, prejudice, and pre-conceived attitudes based on rumor or hearsay? 5. Does the teacher respond immediately, appropriately and effectively to issues that negatively impact a student’s health or welfare? 6. Does the teacher maintain confidentiality in dealing with students and adults? 7. Does the teacher avoid criticism of students or other professionals in the presence of others?</td>
<td>Uses good judgment in all dealings with students and colleagues focuses on the instructional support teacher’s ability to make sound, professional decisions. Relationships with colleagues are positive and professional. The instructional support teacher does not criticize other colleagues in the presence of others. For those instructional support teachers that work directly with students, the distinguished instructional support teacher recognizes the difference between disciplinary and guidance issues, and maintains a calm, professional manner when dealing with difficult situations. The instructional support teacher acts professionally in all dealings with students, does not belittle a student, and is not prejudiced against a student based on prior knowledge. The instructional support teacher recognizes signs of alcohol and drug abuse and works (when appropriate) with the student and other professionals to seek assistance and acts according to state requirements when child neglect or abuse is suspected. Students are never left unattended nor are they asked to participate in an unsafe activity or to use equipment without proper instruction. If injury occurs, the instructional support teacher acts immediately to notify appropriate personnel.</td>
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### INSTRUCTIONAL PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

#### POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

- Adheres to policies and procedures as defined by the district.
- Completes all record-keeping tasks as prescribed by the district.

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<td><strong>Adheres to Policies and Procedures as defined by the district</strong>&lt;br&gt;1. Is the teacher knowledgeable about district and school policies and procedures?&lt;br&gt;2. Does the teacher fully comply with policies and procedures in a timely and accurate manner?&lt;br&gt;3. Does the teacher completely fulfill the contract agreement?&lt;br&gt;4. Does the teacher set a strong example for other adults and students with regards to attendance, punctuality, participation in faculty meetings, and all other school and district policies?&lt;br&gt;5. If the teacher questions the benefit of an adopted policy or procedure, does the teacher continue to follow the guidelines?&lt;br&gt;6. If the teacher questions the benefit of an adopted policy or procedure, does the teacher follow appropriate channels to discuss the issue and recommend an alternative?</td>
<td>☐ Performs all teaching duties and responsibilities professionally, complying with applicable laws, rules, policies, and regulations.&lt;br&gt;☐ Follows requirements established for the school.&lt;br&gt;☐ Models professional and ethical standards consistent with Code of Ethics and Principles of Professional Conduct of Education Professionals in Florida when dealing with students, peers, parents, and community.&lt;br&gt;☐ Performs and fulfills all professional responsibilities.&lt;br&gt;☐ Supports school improvement initiatives by active participation in school activities, services, and programs.&lt;br&gt;☐ Keeps accurate records of class and individual student progress.&lt;br&gt;☐ Maintains and promptly submits accurate, complete, and correct records and reports as required by law, district policy, and administrative regulations.</td>
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□ Arrives at work and meets assigned classes on time.  
□ Is punctual in meeting responsibilities.  
□ Is regular in attendance except when on authorized leave.  
□ Upholds school rules, administrative regulations, and board policies.  
□ Attends and participates in faculty meetings.  
□ Follows contractual agreement.  
□ Follows parking requirements.  
□ Follows procedures for student discipline problems (reporting tardies, calling parents, scheduling parent meetings, writing referrals, writing discipline contracts, etc.).  
□ Attends parental conferences.  
□ Attends team meetings.  
□ Follows bell schedule in requiring students to remain in class.  
□ Dresses appropriately.  
□ Participates in school improvement processes  
□ Follows sign in/sign out procedures.  
□ Submits lesson plans in on time  
□ Follows curriculum and SSS requirements.  
□ Submits attendance on time.  
□ Supports school improvement initiatives by active participation in school activities, services, and programs. | Completes all record keeping tasks as prescribed by the district focuses on completion and maintenance of required reports and record keeping tasks. The distinguished instructional support teacher completes required reports and tasks on time. Reports are accurate, neat and prepared in accordance with school, department or district guidelines. |

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