## Personnel

## **EVALUATION/SUPERVISION**

The Board of Trustees believes that regular and comprehensive evaluations can help instructional staff improve their teaching skills and raise students' levels of achievement. Evaluations also serve to hold staff accountable for their performance. The Superintendent or designee shall evaluate the performance of certificated staff members in accordance with law, negotiated employee contracts and Board-adopted evaluation standards.

Objective standards from the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards and the California Standards for the Teaching Profession shall be reviewed and may be incorporated in district evaluation standards with the agreement of the employee exclusive representative of the certificated staff.

Evaluations may also include input from other teachers from the same or another district school.

The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that evaluation ratings have uniform meaning throughout the district.

Evaluations shall be used to recognize the exemplary skills and accomplishments of staff and to identify areas needing improvement. When areas needing improvement are identified, the Board expects employees to accept responsibility for improving their performance. The Superintendent or designee shall endeavor to assist employees to improve their performance and may require participation in appropriate programs. Staff members are encouraged to take initiative to request assistance as necessary to promote effective teaching.

(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement) (cf. 4140/4240 - Bargaining Units) (cf. 4315.1 - Staff Evaluating Teachers) (cf. 4131 - Staff Development) (cf. 4139 - Peer Assistance and Review)

## Legal Reference:

## **EDUCATION CODE**

33039 State guidelines for teacher evaluation procedures

35171 Availability of rules and regulations for evaluation of performance

44500-44508 Peer assistance and review program for teachers

44660-44665 Evaluation and assessment of performance of certificated employees (the Stull Act)

#### **GOVERNMENT CODE**

3543.2 Scope of representation

Management Resources:

## **CTC PUBLICATIONS**

Standards for the Quality and Effectiveness for Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Programs, 1997, Commission on Teacher Credentialing and State Superintendent of Public Instruction California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 1997, Commission on Teacher Credentialing

Legal Reference: (see next page)

# EVALUATION/SUPERVISION (continued)

Legal Reference: (continued)

## **WEB SITES**

CSBA: http://www.csba.org CDE: http://www.cde.ca.gov

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing: http://www.ctc.ca.gov National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: http://www.nbpts.org

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Evaluation of certificated employees shall be conducted in accordance with the procedures established in this administrative regulation and applicable collective bargaining agreements. To the extent that any of those provisions conflict, the procedures in the collective bargaining agreement shall be implemented.

The Superintendent or designee shall print and make available to certificated employees written regulations related to the evaluation of their performance in their assigned duties. (Education Code 35171)

## **Frequency of Evaluations**

Each probationary certificated employee shall be evaluated at least once each school year. (Education Code 44664)

Each certificated employee with permanent status shall be evaluated and assessed at least every other year. If the employee receives an unsatisfactory evaluation, he/she shall be annually evaluated until he/she achieves a positive evaluation or is separated from the district. (Education Code 44664)

Alternatively, a permanent employee who has been employed by the district at least 10 years and who was rated in his/her previous evaluation as meeting or exceeding standards shall be evaluated at least every five years, if he/she and the evaluator so agree. Either the evaluator or the employee may withdraw consent for the alternative schedule at any time. (Education Code 44664)

## **Evaluation Criteria**

The Superintendent or designee shall assess the performance of certificated instructional staff as it reasonably relates to the following criteria: (Education Code 44662)

- 1. Student progress toward meeting district standards of expected achievement for their grade level in each area of study and, if applicable, towards the state-adopted content standards as measured by state-adopted criterion-referenced assessments
- 2. The instructional techniques and strategies used by the employee
- 3. The employee's adherence to curricular objectives
- 4. The establishment and maintenance of a suitable learning environment within the scope of the employee's responsibilities

## **EVALUATION/SUPERVISION (continued)**

The evaluation certificated employees performance shall not include the use of publishers' norms established by standardized tests. (Education Code 44662)

Noninstructional certificated employees shall be evaluated on their performance in fulfilling their defined job responsibilities. (Education Code 44662)

## **Evaluation Results**

Certificated instructional employees shall receive written copy of their evaluation no later than 30 days before the last scheduled school day of the year in which the evaluation takes place. Before the last scheduled school day of the school year, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

Noninstructional certificated staff members employed on a 12-month basis shall receive a copy of their evaluation not later than June 30 of the year in which the evaluation takes place. Before July 30, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

Instructional and noninstructional certificated employees shall have the right to respond in writing to their evaluation. This response shall become a permanent attachment to the employee's personnel file. (Education Code 44663)

Evaluations shall include recommendations, if necessary, as to areas in need of improvement in the employee's performance. If an employee is not performing satisfactorily according to teaching standards approved by the Governing Board pursuant to Education Code 44662, the Superintendent or designee shall so notify the employee in writing and shall describe the unsatisfactory performance. The Superintendent or designee shall confer with the employee, make specific recommendations as to areas needing improvement, and endeavor to provide assistance to the employee in his/her performance. (Education Code 44664)

The Superintendent or designee may require any certificated employee who receives an unsatisfactory rating in the area of teaching methods or instruction to participate in a program designed to improve appropriate areas of performance and to further student achievement and the district's instructional objectives. (Education Code 44664)

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(cf. 4112.9 - Employee Notifications)
(cf. 4117.6 - Decision Not to Rehire)
(cf. 4118 - Dismissal/Suspension/Disciplinary Action)
(cf. 4141/4241 - Collective Bargaining Agreement)
(cf. 4112.6/4212.6/4312.6 - Personnel Files)
(cf. 4131 - Staff Development)
(cf. 4131.1 - Teacher Support and Guidance)
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