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Teacher Performance Evaluation System

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PART I: INTRODUCTION AND PROCESS

INTRODUCTION

The Petersburg City Public Schools Teacher Performance Evaluation System (TPES) uses the Goals and Roles Performance Evaluation Model[®] (short title: Goals and Roles Model[®]) developed by Dr. James Stronge for collecting and presenting data to document performance based on well-defined job expectations.

The TPES provides a balance between structure and flexibility. It is prescriptive in that it defines common purposes and expectations, thereby guiding effective instructional practice. At the same time, it provides flexibility, thereby allowing for creativity and individual teacher initiative. The goal is to support the continuous growth and development of each teacher by monitoring, analyzing, and applying pertinent data compiled within a system of meaningful feedback.

Purposes

The primary purposes of TPES are to:

- optimize student learning and growth,
- improve the quality of instruction by ensuring accountability for classroom performance and teacher effectiveness,
- contribute to successful achievement of the goals and objectives defined in the vision, mission, and goals of Petersburg City Public Schools,
- provide a basis for instructional improvement through productive teacher performance appraisal and professional growth, and
- implement a performance evaluation system that promotes collaboration between the teacher and evaluator and promotes self-growth, instructional effectiveness, and improvement of overall job performance.

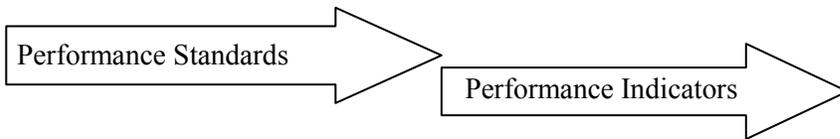
The distinguishing characteristics of TPES are:

- a focus on the relationship between professional performance and improved learner academic achievement,
- sample performance indicators for each of the teacher performance standards,
- a system for documenting teacher performance based on multiple data sources,
- a procedure for conducting performance reviews that stresses accountability, promotes professional improvement, and increases the involvement of teachers in the evaluation process, and
- a support system for providing assistance when needed.

IDENTIFYING TEACHER PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Clearly defined professional responsibilities constitute the foundation of the TPES. A fair and comprehensive evaluation system provides sufficient detail and accuracy so that both teachers and evaluators (i.e., principal, supervisor) reasonably understand the job expectations. The term site administrator will be used for principals/supervisors. Additionally, a site administrator may designate an administrator to collect information on employee job performance. The site administrator remains informed of the assessment process and is responsible for the summative evaluation of the teachers.

The expectations for professional performance are defined using a two-tiered approach.



Performance Standards

Performance standards refer to the major duties performed. There are seven performance standards for all teachers.

Performance Standard 1: Professional Knowledge

The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, and the developmental needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.

Performance Standard 2: Instructional Planning

The teacher plans using the Virginia Standards of Learning, the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data to meet the needs of all students.

Performance Standard 3: Instructional Delivery

The teacher effectively engages students in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies in order to meet individual learning needs.

Performance Standard 4: Assessment of and for Student Learning

The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses all relevant data to measure student academic progress, guide instructional content and delivery methods, and provide timely feedback to both students and parents throughout the school year.

Performance Standard 5: Learning Environment

The teacher uses resources, routines, and procedures to provide a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment that is conducive to learning.

Performance Standard 6: Professionalism

The teacher maintains a commitment to professional ethics, communicates effectively, and takes responsibility for and participates in professional growth that results in enhanced student learning.

Performance Standard 7: Student Academic Progress

The work of the teacher results in acceptable, measurable, and appropriate student academic progress.

Performance Indicators

A set of performance indicators has been developed (see Part II) to provide examples of observable, tangible behaviors. The performance indicators are examples of the types of performance that will occur if a standard is being successfully met. *The list of performance indicators is not limited and all teachers are not expected to demonstrate each performance indicator.*

Both teachers and evaluators should consult the sample performance indicators for clarification of what constitutes a specific performance standard. As an illustration, performance indicators for the Instructional Delivery standard are listed in Figure 1 below.

Figure 1: *Sample of Performance Standard and Indicators*

<p>Performance Standard 3: Instructional Delivery</p> <p><i>The teacher effectively engages students in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies in order to meet individual learning needs.</i></p>
<p>Sample Performance Indicators</p> <p><i>Examples of teacher work conducted in the performance of the standard may include, but are not limited to:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">3.1 Engages and maintains students in active learning.3.2 Builds upon students’ existing knowledge and skills.3.3 Differentiates instruction to meet the students’ needs.3.4 Reinforces learning goals consistently throughout lessons.3.5 Uses a variety of effective instructional strategies and resources.3.6 Uses instructional technology to enhance student learning.3.7 Communicates clearly and checks for understanding.

The performance indicators help teachers and their evaluators clarify job expectations. All performance indicators may not be applicable to a particular work assignment. **Ratings are NOT made at the performance indicator level, but at the performance standard level.**

DOCUMENTING PERFORMANCE

A fair and equitable performance evaluation system for the role of a professional acknowledges the complexities of the job. Thus, multiple data sources are necessary to provide for a comprehensive and authentic “performance portrait” of the teacher’s work. The data sources briefly described in Figure 2 below provide accurate feedback on teacher performance.

Figure 2: *Data Sources for Teachers*

Data Source	Definition
Goal Setting for Student Progress	Teachers have a definite impact on student learning and performance through their various roles. Depending on grade level, content area, and students’ ability level, appropriate measures of academic performance are identified to provide information on learning gains. Performance measures include standardized test results as well as other pertinent data sources. Teachers set goals for improving Student Progress based on the results of performance measures. The goals and their attainment constitute an important data source for evaluation.
Observations	Classroom observations provide key information on several of the specific standards. Probationary teachers will be observed at least three times per year. Two observations will occur prior to December 15 and the third by February 15. Teachers employed under a continuing contract will be observed at least twice per year. Additional observations for any staff member will be at the building administrator’s discretion. All observations will include a classroom observation of at least 30 minutes and a post-conference. A pre-conference may be conducted prior to the observation.
Teacher Documentation Log	The Documentation Log includes both specific required artifacts and teacher-selected artifacts that provide evidence of meeting selected performance standards.
Student Surveys	Teachers are required to survey their students. It is recommended that teachers enter a summary of the results in their Documentation Log. These surveys will provide additional data to the teacher which can influence teacher strategies in several of the standards.

Student Progress

The *Virginia Department of Education Uniform Performance Standards and Evaluation Criteria* incorporate growth as a significant component of the evaluation while encouraging local flexibility in implementation. These guidelines recommend that growth account for 40 percent of an individual's summative evaluation. There are three key points to consider in this model:

1. Student learning, as determined by multiple measures of growth, accounts for a total of 40 percent of the evaluation.
2. At least 20 percent of the teacher evaluation (50 percent of the growth measure) is comprised of growth as determined from the Virginia state growth measure, student growth percentiles, when the data are available and can be used appropriately.
3. Another 20 percent of the teacher evaluation (50 percent of the growth measure) should be measured using one or more alternative measures with evidence that the alternative measure is valid. **Note:** Whenever possible, it is recommended that the second growth measure be grounded in validated, quantitative measures, using tools already available in the school. Other measures that will be used include: iStation, PALS, Study Island, benchmark assessments, WAPT, physical fitness tests, progress towards IEP goals, workplace readiness skills, NOCTI, industry certification, exams, writing samples, competitions, performance rating scales/rubrics.

It is important to understand that less than 30 percent of teachers in Virginia's public schools will have a direct measure of student progress based on Standards of Learning assessment results. The median student growth percentile may be used as one direct measure of student progress when the data are available for a minimum of 40 students and growth data are available for at least two years. However, there must be additional measures for the remaining 70 percent of teachers, and to ensure there are one or more additional measures for teachers who can appropriately use the student growth percentile as one of multiple growth measures in the evaluation. Quantitative measures of growth based on validated achievement measures that already are being used locally should be the first data considered when determining local growth measures; other measures are recommended for use when two valid and direct measures of growth are not available.

Student Percentile Growth Scores

It is generally acknowledged that if test data are to be used to inform teacher performance evaluations, it is critical to control for students' prior achievement.^a While there are a variety of approaches to controlling for prior achievement, VDOE has determined that the student growth percentile (SGP) methodology can be used as a valid measure of relative

^a Domaleski, C. & Hill, R. (2010). Considerations for using assessment data to inform determinations of teacher effectiveness. Center for Assessment. Available at: <http://www.nciea.org/papers-UsingAssessmentData4-29-10.pdf>.

student growth using Virginia’s current assessment system, and can continue to be used as tests change and the system evolves. The SGP statistical models use multiple years of data from Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments statewide, linked by unique student identifiers, to calculate SGPs. At the student level, SGPs describe the progress students make from one year to the next compared to students with similar SOL achievement history. This provides an understanding of how much progress students made based on where they started – regardless of whether they started as low, moderate, or high achieving students.

Student growth percentiles provide student-level progress information for students at all achievement levels. SGPs range from 1 to 99, where higher numbers represent higher growth and lower numbers represent lower growth, relative to students who have similar achievement histories (i.e., similar SOL test scores). The statistical method works independently of SOL performance levels. Therefore, nearly all students included in the SGP calculations, no matter the scores they earned on past SOL tests, have equal chances to demonstrate growth across the range of percentiles on the next year’s test.^b

SGPs describe the percentile for *change in achievement*, not absolute achievement. Percentiles are values that express the percentage of cases that fall below a certain score. When applied to student achievement data, a student’s SGP represents the percent of students who have similar prior academic achievement and who earned lower scores on the SOL test. For example, a student who earns an SGP of 90 earned an SOL score that was as high as or higher than 90 percent of the other students statewide who had similar academic histories on SOL tests. Only 10 percent of students with similar prior achievement histories earned higher scores. Equivalently, a student with an SGP at or above 90 occurs only 10 percent of the time and reflects, similar to height and weight percentiles used by doctors and parents, how extraordinary a student’s current achievement is, taking account of where they started.

By taking account of where students start, comparing students to students with similar achievement histories (or academic peers), the SGP provides a measure on which students, regardless of achievement levels, have equal potential to demonstrate relatively high or relatively low growth each year. Thus, in practice, it is important to understand that:

- low-achieving students can show high growth, yet still not reach the achievement levels needed to demonstrate proficient mastery of state academic content standards.
- high-achieving students can show low growth relative to other high-achieving students and, yet, still demonstrate proficient or advanced mastery of state academic content standards.^c

^b In the initial statistical models, based on SOL data from 2006 through 2009, elementary school students who earned high advanced proficient scores for two consecutive years were not evenly distributed across the scale. However, all students who were impacted by this finding have documented growth that is, at minimum, on the high end of the scale from 1 through 99. This finding is unlikely to have a significant impact when SGPs are used as an indicator of student progress in teacher performance evaluation, because these students’ progress will be documented as being high. This finding, representing a ceiling effect in certain assessments, is explained in more detail in the technical documentation VDOE developed on student growth percentiles. Further, this issue will be addressed as new assessments are developed to measure student achievement based on standards revised in 2009 and 2010.

^c As of June 2011, VDOE will remove students who score 600 on two consecutive tests from the SGP calculations.

The combination of SGPs and proficiency data provide information about the amount of growth – and effort needed – for students to meet their SOL achievement goals in the future. The growth data can provide information about what growth percentile is required for each student to:

- continue to perform at current proficiency levels over time (e.g., what growth percentile is necessary for students who score at the advanced proficiency level to maintain this higher achievement level as they progress through school?).
- increase their proficiency level within a particular time period (e.g., what growth percentile score is necessary for a student who failed the SOL test to meet or exceed minimum proficiency standards within three years?).
- decrease a proficiency level (e.g., what growth percentile score will result in students dropping down a proficiency level in coming years?).

Because SGPs are percentiles, expressing the growth necessary to reach/maintain a desired level of achievement also indicates the likelihood that this level of achievement will occur. That is, the growth percentile data provide information that indicates whether a particular outcome (e.g., reaching proficient or advanced proficient achievement levels) has a low, moderate, or high likelihood of occurring, given similar conditions moving forward. This information is valuable in helping stakeholders understand how to set ambitious, yet reasonable, achievement goals for students.

On behalf of the Virginia Department of Education, the National Center for the Improvement of Educational Assessment developed statistical models that produce SGPs for Virginia’s public school students who:

- participated in Standards of Learning (SOL) assessments in grades 4 through 8 in reading;
- participated in SOL assessments in grades 4 through 8 and Algebra I in mathematics;
- have two or more SOL assessment scores from the prior year on a regular (not alternative) assessment in the appropriate content area; and
- were assessed in the spring administration.

In applying SGPs to teacher performance evaluations, it is critical that the data be used appropriately. When available and appropriate, median growth percentiles generally should be used as one indicator of student progress, described in Standard 7. The median SGP can be interpreted in the following way: half of the students in the group (e.g., class) showed relative growth that was at or above the SGP value and half of the students in the group showed relative growth that was at or below the SGP value. For example, when a teacher’s median student growth percentile is 65, this indicates that half of this teacher’s students showed progress on the SOL test that was at or above the level of progress demonstrated by 65 percent of all students in Virginia who had similar achievement histories (i.e., showed similar achievement on the SOL tests in the past). Generally, the median will adequately represent the typical amount of growth students in a group have made during the most recent

academic year. However, teachers and principals should review the distribution of data to ensure that the median is a reasonable summary statistic to apply. For example, teachers' growth data may show a bimodal distribution (nearly all students show either higher or lower growth, but few are in the middle), and this should be considered before finalizing the performance rating used for Standard 7.

When applied appropriately, the range of percentiles needs to be considered in interpreting student growth as part of the teacher performance rating for Standard 7 (see Table 1). Table 2 describes the conditions under which a median SGP can be appropriately used as one of at least two growth measures in a teachers' performance evaluation. Petersburg will be using the teacher evaluation measures in Tier I.

Table 1: *Median Growth Percentiles Used in Teacher Performance Evaluation*

Range of Median Student Growth Percentile	Interpretation
< 35	The majority of students demonstrated low growth
35 to 65	The majority of students demonstrated moderate or higher growth
> 65	The majority of students demonstrated high growth

Table 2: *Student Growth Percentiles in Teacher Performance Evaluation*

Instructional Personnel	Application of Student Growth Percentiles	Other Growth Measures
TIER I: Teachers of reading and mathematics for whom student growth percentiles are available (4-8 English/Math Classes)	20% of the total evaluation based on median growth percentile when: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • data from at least 40 students are available, possibly from multiple years; • data from students are representative of students taught^d; and • data from at least two years are available; three years should be reviewed whenever possible. 	20% of the total evaluation based on other growth measures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative measures already available in the school that are validated and provide measures of growth (as opposed to absolute achievement) should be given priority. • Student goal setting should incorporate data from valid achievement measures whenever possible (e.g., teachers of Advanced Placement courses could establish a goal of 85% of students earning a score of 3 or better on the Advanced Placement exam).

^d Teachers and administrators need to determine the applicability of student growth percentiles to the evaluation of teachers who teach disproportionately large numbers of students who participate in alternative assessments or who have a significant number of students who transferred into their classroom from out of state or late in the school year. In most of these situations, the median growth percentile would not be appropriate to apply to evaluations, or would need to be considered and applied to Standard 7 in the context of growth data from other measures, not necessarily as half of the data contributing to Standard 7.

Table 2 (continued)

Instructional Personnel	Application of student growth percentiles	Other growth measures
<p><u>TIER 2:</u> Teachers who support instruction in reading and mathematics for whom student growth percentiles are available.</p>	<p>When aligned to individual or school-wide goals, no more than 20% of the total evaluation could be based on median growth percentiles at the appropriate level of aggregation, (a specific group of students, grade-level, or school-level).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decisions about the application of student growth percentiles for support teachers must be made locally. • Depending on school-wide goals, it is possible that all instructional personnel in a school are considered support teachers. 	<p>20% or 40% of the total evaluation based on growth measures other than the SGP, depending on the application of student growth percentiles.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative measures already available in the school that are validated and provide valid measures of growth (as opposed to absolute achievement) should be given priority in evaluation. • Student goal setting or other measures should incorporate data from validated achievement measures whenever possible (e.g., teachers of Advanced Placement courses could establish a goal of 85 percent of students earning a score of 3 or better on the Advanced Placement exam). • To the extent practicable, teachers should have at least two valid measures of growth included in the evaluation.
<p><u>TIER 3:</u> Teachers who have no direct or indirect role in teaching reading or mathematics in grades where SGPs are available</p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	<p>40% of the total evaluation based on growth measures other than the SGP.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quantitative measures already available in the school that are validated and provide valid measures of growth (as opposed to absolute achievement) should be given priority in evaluation. • Student goal setting or other measures should incorporate data from validated achievement measures whenever possible (e.g., teachers of Advanced Placement courses could establish a goal of 85 percent of students earning a score of 3 or better on the Advanced Placement exam). • To the extent practicable, teachers should have at least two valid measures of growth included in the evaluation.

Goal Setting for Student Achievement^e

One approach to linking student achievement to teacher performance involves building the capacity for teachers and their supervisors to interpret and use student achievement data to set target goals for student improvement. Setting goals based squarely on student performance is a powerful way to enhance professional performance and, in turn, positively impact student achievement. *Student Achievement Goal Setting^f* is designed to improve student learning.

For many teachers, measures of student performance can be directly documented. A value-added – or gain score – approach can be used that documents their influence on student learning.

Depending on grade level, content area, and learner’s ability level, appropriate measures of learner performance are identified to provide information on learning gains. Performance measures include standardized test results as well as other pertinent data sources. Teachers set goals for improving Student Progress based on the results of performance measures. The goals and their attainment constitute an important data source for evaluation.

The Intent of Student Achievement Goal Setting

Teachers have a definite and powerful impact on student learning and academic performance.¹ The purposes of goal setting include focusing attention on students and on instructional improvement. This process is based on determining baseline performance, developing strategies for improvement; and assessing results at the end of the academic year. More specifically, the intent of student achievement goal setting is to:

- make explicit the connection between teaching and learning,
- make instructional decisions based upon student data,
- provide a tool for school improvement,
- increase the effectiveness of instruction via continuous professional growth,
- focus attention on student results, and ultimately, and
- increase student achievement.²

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Observations

Observations are intended to provide information on a wider variety of contributions made by teachers in the classroom or to the school community as a whole. Administrators are continually observing in their schools by walking through classrooms and non-instructional spaces, attending meetings, and participating in school activities.

These day-to-day observations are not necessarily noted in writing, but they do serve as a source of information. The Observation/Document Review Form is used to provide targeted feedback on teachers' effectiveness related to seven performance standards: Professional Knowledge, Instructional Planning, Instructional Delivery, Assessment of/for Learning, Learning Environment, Professionalism and Communication, and Student Progress.

Classroom observations provide key information on several of the specific standards. Probationary teachers will be observed at least three times per year. Two of these observations will occur by December 15th and the third by February 15th. Teachers employed under a continuing contract will be observed at least twice per year. Additional observations for any staff member will be at the building administrator's discretion. All observations will include a classroom observation of at least 30 minutes and a post-conference. A pre-conference may be conducted prior to the observation.

Evaluators use observations as one source of information to determine whether a teacher is meeting the performance standards. The evaluator provides feedback about the observation using the observation form and through a post-conference with the teacher. Other observation forms may be used at the evaluator's discretion.

After each observation, one copy of the observation form will be given to the teacher and one copy will be maintained by the evaluator for the entire evaluation cycle to document growth and development.

Teacher Documentation Log

The purpose of the *Teacher Documentation Log* (see Part III) is to provide evidence of performance related to specific standards. ***There are three items required in the Teacher Documentation Log (Cover Sheet, Student Progress Goal Setting Form, and Parent Communication Log)***; however, other documents may be included, such as: Evidence of Professional Development, Record of Extracurricular Activities, Evidence of Assessment for Learning, and other documents related to the Teacher Evaluation Standards. These documents provide administrators with information they likely would not receive in an observation. Specifically, the *Teacher Documentation Log* provides the teacher with an opportunity for self-reflection, demonstration of quality work, and a basis for two-way communication with an administrator. The emphasis is on the quality of work, not the quantity of materials presented. Furthermore, the *Teacher Documentation Log* is used to organize the multiple data sources included in the teacher evaluation.

A cover sheet for items to include is presented in Part III. The cover sheet should be placed at the front of the required and optional documents. Documentation is not required for all performance standards as other data sources may be used.

Administrators and evaluators review the documentation log annually. Additionally, teachers in their probationary period will meet with administrators and/or evaluators to review their documentation log by the end of the first semester.

The *Teacher Documentation Log* should be available at the request of the administrator and/or evaluator.

Documentation Log

A Documentation Log:

- is one component of a multi-source evaluation and complements the observation components of the teacher evaluation system prior to the summative evaluation,
- is a collection of artifacts that result from regular classroom instruction,
- may be kept as electronic files or in paper form (e.g. three ring binder, file folder),
- must include the required documentation listed on the cover sheet,
- is a work in progress; it is to be updated regularly throughout the evaluation period (weekly/ monthly),
- should be available for review at administrator's request,
- should be user-friendly (neat, organized),
- remains in teacher's possession except when reviewed by the evaluator,
- belongs to the employee, and
- will be checked at least one time per year with feedback provided.

A Documentation Log is NOT

A Documentation Log is not:

- a portfolio, or
- additional forms or materials created solely for the purpose of evaluation.

Figure 3 shows examples of items that may be included in the *Documentation Log*. This is not an exhaustive list.

Required Items

Figure 3: *Sample Items in a Documentation Log*

Standards	Required Item	Examples of Evidence
1. Professional Knowledge	<i>No evidence is required in the Documentation Log</i>	Can include (but not required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcripts of coursework • Professional Development certificates • Annotated list of instructional activities • Lesson/intervention plan • Journals/notes that represent reflective thinking and professional growth • Samples of innovative approaches developed by teacher
2. Instructional Planning	Evidence of using data about student learning to guide planning and instruction	Can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiation in lesson planning and practice • Analysis of classroom assessment • Data driven curriculum revision work Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sample lesson or unit plan ○ Course syllabus ○ Intervention plan ○ Substitute lesson plan ○ Annotated learning objectives
3. Instructional Delivery	<i>No evidence is required in the Documentation Log</i>	Can include (but not required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annotated photographs of class activities • Handouts or sample work • Video/audio samples of instructional units
4. Assessment of and for Student Learning	Evidence of the use of baseline and periodic assessments	Can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samples of baseline and periodic assessments given • Samples of both formative and summative assessment • Graphs or tables of student results • Records within electronic curriculum mapping tool Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Brief report describing your record keeping system and how it is used to monitor student progress ○ Copy of scoring rubrics ○ Photographs or photocopies of student work with written comments ○ Samples of educational reports, progress reports or letters prepared for parents or students ○ Copy of disaggregated analysis of student achievement scores on standardized test ○ Copy of students' journals of self-reflection and self-monitoring

Figure 3 (continued)

Standards	Required Item	Examples of Evidence
5. Learning Environment	<i>No evidence is required in the Documentation Log</i>	Can include (but not required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student survey summary information • List of classroom rules with brief explanation of the procedures used to develop and reinforce them • Schedule of daily classroom routines • Explanation of behavior management philosophy and procedures
6. Professionalism	Evidence of : *Commitment to professional growth *Parent Communication Log	Can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Record of participation in extracurricular activities and events • Record of professional development taken or given • Examples of collaborative work with peers • Evidence of communication with students, families, colleagues and community Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Copy of classroom newsletter or other parent information documents ○ Sample copy of interim reports
7. Student Academic Progress	*Student Progress Goal Setting Form	Student Achievement Goal Setting Document – Revised at midterm and end of year

Student Surveys

The purpose of the student survey is to collect information that will help teachers reflect on their practice (i.e., for formative evaluation); in other words, to provide feedback directly to the teacher for growth and development. The student survey may provide information that may not be accurately obtained in observations.

Four different versions of the student survey are provided to reflect developmental differences. Teachers of grades K-8 administer the survey to the entire class. In situations where students change classes, teachers should administer surveys to at least two classes. Teachers of grades 9-12 administer the surveys to at least two classes per semester. Teachers may add additional questions to the surveys at their discretion.

The teacher retains sole access to the results of the student surveys. The teacher may choose to include a summary of the survey data in the *Documentation Log*. (See Part III – Student Survey Summary Form).

Alignment of Performance Standards with Data Sources

Some performance standards are best documented through observation (e.g., Learning Environment); other standards may require additional documentation techniques (e.g., Student Progress entails a review of the goal set). Therefore, multiple data sources are used. Figure 4 shows the alignment of performance standard by data source.

Figure 4: *Aligning Multiple Data Sources with Performance Standards*

Performance Standard	Teacher Documentation Log	Student Growth Percentiles and/or Goal Setting	Observations	Student Surveys
1. Professional Knowledge	/	/	X	/
2. Instructional Planning		/	X	/
3. Instructional Delivery		/	X	/
4. Assessment of and for Student Learning	X	/	/	
5. Learning Environment			X	/
6. Professionalism	X		/	/
7. Student Academic Progress		X		/
X indicates a strong relationship / indicates a relationship				

Formal evaluation of performance quality typically occurs at the summative evaluation stage, which comes at the end of the evaluation cycle (e.g., school year). The ratings for each performance standard are based on multiple sources of information and are completed only after pertinent data from all sources have been reviewed. The integrated data constitute the evidence used to determine the performance ratings for the summative evaluation for teachers in their summative evaluation year (see *Teacher Summative Performance Report*, Part III). Further details on the rating process are provided in subsequent sections of the *Handbook*.

Evaluation Schedule

Summative evaluations are to be completed on or before March 1st of each school year for probationary teachers and on or before May 30th for continuing contract teachers. Figure 5 details the evaluation schedules for each group of teachers. As illustrated, the procedures for evaluating the performance of teachers rely on multiple data sources, including, but not limited to, observations and goal setting.

Teachers New to Petersburg City Public Schools

All probationary teachers are evaluated summatively during each of their first three years in the school division. Probationary teachers will also receive a mid-year interim review to provide systematic feedback prior to the summative review. These teachers will be evaluated using multiple data sources to determine that the teacher has shown evidence of each of the performance standards. A sample *Teacher Interim Performance Report* can be found in Part III.

Teachers on Continuing Contract (Veteran Teachers)

All teachers on continuing contract receive a summative evaluation each year. They receive a mid-year interim review to provide systematic feedback prior to the summative review. Unannounced observations, student surveys, and Goal Setting for Student Progress are done yearly for all teachers. Announced observations may be administered each year; however, the administration can observe staff members unannounced at any time during the school year. *Documentation Logs* are considered to be a work in progress and are ongoing.

Documentation Records

Documentation records are maintained by both the teacher and the principal/evaluator for the entire evaluation period. If the teacher transfers among Petersburg City Public Schools, the documentation may be forwarded to the receiving school's site administrator. At the end of an evaluation cycle, the evaluator retains copies of the Student Progress Goal Setting Form, Teacher Documentation Log Cover Sheet, Observation Form(s), and Summative Evaluation Form at the school/worksite.

Figure 5: TPES Evaluation Schedule

Timeline	Activity for Professional Improvement	Task or Document	Responsibility of	
			Administrator	Teacher
During the 1 st Month	Establish student progress goal (all probationary and continuing contract teachers)	<i>Goal Setting for Student Progress Form</i>	✓	✓
By October 15 th	Conduct observations of all teachers	<i>Observation Form</i>	✓	
By October 15 th	Finalize the Professional Development Plan for all teachers	<i>Professional Development Log</i>	✓	
Before end of the 1 st Semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Summary of Student Survey Feedback (all probationary, growth plan and continuing contract teachers) 	<i>Student Surveys and Student Survey Summary Form</i>		✓
By December 15 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year review of student progress goal (all probationary teachers). • Probationary teachers will review documentation log • Interim performance evaluation of probationary teachers 	<i>Goal Setting for Student Progress Form</i> <i>Documentation Log</i> <i>Interim Performance Report</i>	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓
By January 30 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mid-year review of student progress goal (all continuing contract teachers). • Continuing contract teachers will review documentation log • Interim performance evaluation of continuing contract teachers 	<i>Goal Setting for Student Progress Form</i> <i>Documentation Log</i> <i>Interim Performance Report</i>	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓
During the 2 nd Semester	Observation (all probationary and continuing contract teachers)	<i>Observation Form</i>	✓	
By March 1 st (Probationary) By May 30 th (Continuing)	Submission of end-of-year review of student progress goal, documentation log, and summative evaluation	<i>Goal Setting for Student Progress Form</i> <i>Documentation Log</i> <i>Teacher Summative Evaluation Form</i>	✓ ✓ ✓	✓ ✓

MAKING SUMMATIVE DECISIONS

Two major considerations used to assess job performance during summative evaluation are the performance standards and the documentation of the actual performance of the standards (observations, goal setting, *Teacher Documentation Log*). The performance appraisal rubric and performance indicators (see Part II) provide a description of the teacher performance standards.

Definitions of Ratings

The rating scale describes four levels of how well the standards (i.e., expectations) are performed on a continuum from “exemplary” to “unacceptable.” The use of the scale enables evaluators to acknowledge teachers who exceed expectations (i.e., “exemplary”), note those who meet the standard (i.e., proficient), and use the two lower levels of feedback for teachers who do not meet expectations (i.e., “developing/needs improvement” and “unacceptable”). Figure 6 offers general descriptions of these ratings.

The following sections define the four rating levels, provide detailed information about the performance of expectations for improvement purposes, and describe the decision-making process for assessing performance. **NOTE: Ratings are applied to individual performance standards, NOT performance indicators.**

Responsibility for the Ratings

The site administrator has the ultimate responsibility for ensuring that TPES is executed faithfully and effectively in the school. Yet, for an evaluation system to be meaningful, it must provide its users with relevant and timely feedback. Administrators other than the site administrator, such as assistant principals, may be designated by the evaluator to supervise, monitor, and assist with the multiple data source collection.

Figure 6: *Definitions of Terms Used in Rating Scale*

Category	Description	Definition
Exemplary 4	The teacher performing at this level maintains performance, accomplishments, and behaviors that consistently and considerably surpass the established standard. This rating is reserved for performance that is truly exemplary and done in a manner that exemplifies the school's mission and goals.	Exceptional performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> consistently exhibits behaviors that have a strong positive impact on learners and the school climate serves as a role model to others sustains high performance over a period of time
Proficient 3	The teacher meets the standard in a manner that is consistent with the school's mission and goals.	Effective performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> meets the requirements contained in the job description as expressed in the evaluation criteria demonstrates willingness to learn and apply new skills exhibits behaviors that have a positive impact on learners and the school climate
Developing/ Needs Improvement 2	The teacher often performs below the established standard or in a manner that is inconsistent with the school's mission and goals.	Below acceptable performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> requires support in meeting the standards results in less than quality work performance leads to areas for teacher improvement being jointly identified and planned between the teacher and evaluator
Unacceptable 1	The teacher consistently performs below the established standard or in a manner that is inconsistent with the school's mission and goals.	Ineffective performance: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not meet the requirements contained in the job description as expressed in the evaluation criteria may result in the employee not being recommended for continued employment

Each of the seven performance standards has been assigned a numerical value that has been combined with the four rating scales and will be used in the summative assessment of the teaching performance. The point values and accompanying rating scale are as follows:

EXEMPLARY	PROFICIENT	DEVELOPING/ NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	UNACCEPTABLE
35-40	26-34	20-25	10-19

Rating Teacher Performance

Evaluators have two tools to guide their rating of teacher performance for the summative evaluation: (a) the sample performance indicators and (b) the performance rubric.

Sample Performance Indicators

Performance indicators are used in the evaluation system to identify observable behaviors within the seven performance standards. They were introduced in the section on *Identifying Teacher Performance Standards* (p. 7). Examples of performance indicators for each performance standard can be found in Part II.

Performance Rubric

A performance rubric is provided for each of the seven standards (see Figure 7). Part II of the *Handbook* includes rubrics related to each performance standard. The performance rubric is a behavioral summary scale that describes acceptable performance levels for each teacher performance standard. It states the measure of performance expected of teachers and provides a general description of what a rating entails. The rating scale is applied for the summative evaluation of all teachers. **Note: The rating of “proficient” is the expected level of performance.**

Administrators make decisions about performance of the seven performance standards based on all available evidence. After collecting information through observations, goal setting, the *Teacher Documentation Log* and other relevant sources, including evidence the teacher offers, the evaluator rates a teacher’s performance for the summative evaluation. Therefore, the summative evaluation will represent where the “preponderance of evidence” exists, based on various data sources.

During the summative evaluation, the four-level rating scale is applied to evaluate performance on all teacher expectations (see *Teacher Performance Summative Report* in Part III). The results of the evaluation are discussed with the teacher at a summative evaluation conference. The performance rubrics guide evaluators in assessing how well a standard is performed. They are provided to increase reliability among evaluators and to help teachers to focus on ways to enhance their teaching practice.

Figure 7: *Sample Rubric of Teacher Performance (Standard 5: Learning Environment)*

Exemplary	Proficient Proficient is the expected level of performance.	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher creates a dynamic learning environment that maximizes learning opportunities and minimizes disruptions within an environment in which students self-monitor behavior.	The teacher uses resources, routines, and procedures to provide a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment that is conducive to learning.	The teacher is inconsistent in using resources, routines, and procedures and in providing a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment.	The teacher inadequately addresses student behavior, displays a harmful attitude with students, and/or ignores safety standards.

Summative evaluations are to be completed according to the afore mentioned schedule which indicates the follows: Probationary (March 1st) and Continuing (May 30th). If non-renewal of a teacher is anticipated, the summative evaluation ideally occurs at least one semester prior to the end of school year, provided that the teacher has had an opportunity to complete all of the Improvement Plan activities (described in the next section of this Handbook).

The evaluator submits the signed *Teacher Performance Summative Report* to the Human Resource Department within 10 calendar days of completing the summative conference.

Single Summative Rating

In addition to receiving a diagnostic rating for each of the seven performance ratings, the employee will receive a single summative evaluation rating at the conclusion of the evaluation cycle. This summative rating will reflect an overall evaluation rating for the employee. The intent is not to replace the diagnostic value of the seven performance standards; rather it is to provide an overall rating of the employee’s performance.

The overall summative rating will be judged “acceptable” or “unacceptable.”

- If the employee has an “unsatisfactory” rating on one or more of the seven performance standards, the individual will receive an overall performance rating of “unacceptable.”
- If the employee has three or more “needs improvement” ratings from among the seven performance standards, the individual will be rated as “unacceptable.”

IMPROVING PROFESSIONAL PERFORMANCE

Supporting teachers is essential to the success of schools. Many resources are needed to assist teachers in growing professionally. Sometimes additional support is required to help teachers develop so that they can meet the performance standards.

Two tools are provided in TPES that may be used at the discretion of the evaluator. The first is the *Support Dialogue*, a school-level discussion between the administrator and the teacher. It is a conversation about performance needs in order to address the needs. The second is the *Performance Improvement Plan* which has a more formal structure and is used for notifying a teacher of “unacceptable” performance. Both tools may be used for all teachers, regardless of contract status. The tools may be used independently of each other. Figure 8 shows the differences between the two processes.

Figure 8: *Two Tools to Increase Professional Performance*

	Support Dialogue	Performance Improvement Plan
Purpose	For teachers who are in need of additional support. These teachers attempt to fulfill the standard, but are often ineffective.	For teachers whose work is unacceptable.
Initiates Process	Evaluator, administrator, or teacher	Evaluator*
Documentation	Form provided: None Memo or other record of the discussion/other forms of documentation at the building/worksite level	Form required: Performance Improvement Plan Building/Worksite Level Human Resource Department is notified
Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Performance improves to proficient – no more support • Some progress – continued support • Little or no progress – the employee may be moved to a Performance Improvement Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sufficient improvement – recommendation to continue employment • Inadequate improvement – recommendation to non-renew or dismiss the employee

*The evaluator for teachers may be the principal or district supervisor. If a designee, an assistant principal, for example, has been collecting documentation such as observations, the evaluator and the principal confer about the Performance Improvement Plan. The evaluator is responsible for the overall supervision of personnel in the worksite/department/school and as such monitors the Performance Improvement Plan and makes the recommendation to the superintendent about the employee’s progress.

Support Dialogue

The *Support Dialogue* is initiated by evaluators or teachers at any point during the school year for use with personnel whose professional practice would benefit from additional support. A teacher could request a support dialogue. It is designed to facilitate discussion about the area(s) of concern and ways to address those concerns. During the initial session, both parties share what each will do to support the teacher's growth (see sample prompts below), and decide when to meet again. After the agreed-upon time to receive support and implement changes in professional practice has elapsed, the evaluator and teacher meet again to discuss the impact of the changes (see sample follow-up prompts below). The entire *Support Dialogue* process is intended to be completed within a predetermined time period as it offers targeted support.

The desired outcome would be that the teacher's practice has improved to a proficient level. In the event that improvements in performance are still needed, the evaluator makes a determination to either extend the time of the support dialogue because progress has been made, or to allocate additional time or resources. If the necessary improvement is not made, the employee must be placed on a Performance Improvement Plan. Once placed on a Performance Improvement Plan the employee will have a predetermined time period to demonstrate that the identified deficiencies have been corrected.

Sample Prompts for the Initial Conversation

What challenges have you encountered in addressing _____ (tell specific concern)?
What have you tried to address the concern of _____ (tell specific concern)?
What support can I or others at the school/worksite provide you?

Sample Prompts for the Follow-Up Conversation

Last time we met, we talked about _____ (tell specific concern). What has gone well?
What has not gone as well?

Performance Improvement Plan

If a teacher's performance does not meet the expectations established by the school, the teacher may be placed on a *Performance Improvement Plan* (see *Performance Improvement Plan Form* in Part III).

A *Performance Improvement Plan* is designed to support a teacher in addressing areas of concern through targeted supervision and additional resources. It may be used by an evaluator at any point during the year for a teacher whose professional practice would benefit from additional support. A teacher who receives two or more "Not Evident" ratings on an interim review will be placed on a *Performance Improvement Plan*. Additionally, a *Performance Improvement Plan* will be required if either of the following ratings is given on a *Teacher Summative Performance Evaluation Report*:

- a rating of “Developing/Needs Improvement” on two or more performance standards, or
- a rating of “Unacceptable” on one or more performance standards or an overall rating of “Unacceptable.”

Implementation of Performance Improvement Plan

When a teacher is placed on a *Performance Improvement Plan*, the evaluator must:

- provide written notification to the teacher of the area(s) of concern that need(s) to be addressed, and
- formulate a Performance Improvement Plan in conjunction with the teacher, and
- review the results of the Performance Improvement Plan with the teacher immediately following the predetermined time period, or according to the specifically established target dates.

Assistance may include:

- support from a professional peer or supervisor,
- or conferences, classes, and workshops on specific topics,
- and/or other resources to be identified.

Resolution of Performance Improvement Plan

Prior to the evaluator making a final recommendation, the evaluator meets with the teacher to review progress made on the Performance Improvement Plan, according to the timeline. The options for a final recommendation are:

- Sufficient improvement has been achieved; the teacher is no longer on a *Performance Improvement Plan* and is rated “Proficient.”
- Partial improvement has been achieved but more improvement is needed; the teacher remains on a *Performance Improvement Plan* and is rated “Developing/Needs Improvement.”
- Little or no improvement has been achieved; the teacher is rated “Unacceptable.”

When a teacher is rated “Unacceptable,” the teacher may be recommended for dismissal. If not dismissed, a new improvement plan will be implemented. Following completion of the *Performance Improvement Plan*, if the teacher is rated “Unacceptable” a second time, the teacher will be recommended for dismissal.

When a veteran/long-term teacher is rated unacceptable, a *Performance Improvement Plan* will be developed and implemented. Following implementation of the *Performance*

Improvement Plan, additional performance data, including observations as applicable, will be collected.

Request for Review of an “Unacceptable” Rating

The teacher may request a review of the evidence in relation to an “Unacceptable” rating received on a summative evaluation, or as a result of a *Performance Improvement Plan*, in accordance with the policies and procedures of the school division.

PART II: PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

Teachers are evaluated on the performance standards using the performance appraisal rubrics at the bottom of each page in this section. The performance indicators are provided as samples of activities that address the standard.

Performance Standard 1: Professional Knowledge
The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, and the developmental needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.

Sample Performance Indicators

Examples of teacher work conducted in the performance of the standard may include, but are not limited to:

- 1.1 Effectively addresses appropriate curriculum standards.
- 1.2 Integrates key content elements and facilitates students’ use of higher level thinking skills in instruction.
- 1.3 Demonstrates ability to link present content with past and future learning experiences, other subject areas, and real world experiences and applications.
- 1.4 Demonstrates an accurate knowledge of the subject matter.
- 1.5 Demonstrates skills relevant to the subject area(s) taught.
- 1.6 Bases instruction on goals that reflect high expectations and an understanding of the subject.
- 1.7 Demonstrates an understanding of the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of the age group.
- 1.8 Communicates clearly and checks for understanding.

Exemplary*	Proficient <i>Proficient is the expected level of performance.</i>	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher consistently demonstrates extensive knowledge of the subject matter and continually enriches the curriculum.	The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, and the developmental needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.	The teacher inconsistently demonstrates understanding of the curriculum, content, and student development or lacks fluidity in using the knowledge in practice.	The teacher bases instruction on material that is inaccurate or out-of-date and/or inadequately addresses the developmental needs of students.

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Contemporary Effective Teacher Research

Contemporary research has found that an effective teacher:

- Facilitates planning units in advance to make intra- and interdisciplinary connections.³
- Plans for the context of the lesson to help students relate, organize, and make knowledge become a part of their long-term memory.⁴
- Identifies instructional objectives and activities⁵ to promote students' cognitive and developmental growth.⁶

Performance Standard 2: Instructional Planning

The teacher plans using the Virginia Standards of Learning, the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data to meet the needs of all students.

Sample Performance Indicators

Examples of teacher work conducted in the performance of the standard may include, but are not limited to:

- 2.1 Uses student learning data to guide planning.
- 2.2 Plans time realistically for pacing, content mastery, and transitions.
- 2.3 Plans for differentiated instruction.
- 2.4 Aligns lesson objectives to the school's curriculum and student learning needs.
- 2.5 Develops appropriate long- and short-range plans, and adapts plans when needed.

Exemplary*	Proficient <i>Proficient is the expected level of performance.</i>	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher actively seeks and uses alternative data and resources and consistently differentiates plans to meet the needs of all students.	The teacher plans using the Virginia Standards of Learning, the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data to meet the needs of all students.	The teacher inconsistently uses the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data in planning to meet the needs of all students.	The teacher does not plan, or plans without adequately using the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data.

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Contemporary Effective Teacher Research

Contemporary research has found that an effective teacher:

- Constructs a blueprint of how to address the curriculum during the instructional time.⁷
- Uses knowledge of available resources to determine what resources s/he needs to acquire or develop.⁸

Performance Standard 3: Instructional Delivery

The teacher effectively engages students in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies in order to meet individual learning needs.

Sample Performance Indicators

Examples of teacher work conducted in the performance of the standard may include, but are not limited to:

- 3.1 Engages and maintains students in active learning.
- 3.2 Builds upon students' existing knowledge and skills.
- 3.3 Differentiates instruction to meet the students' needs.
- 3.4 Reinforces learning goals consistently throughout the lesson.
- 3.5 Uses a variety of effective instructional strategies and resources.
- 3.6 Uses instructional technology to enhance student learning.
- 3.7 Communicates clearly and checks for understanding.

Exemplary*	Proficient <i>Proficient is the expected level of performance.</i>	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher optimizes students' opportunity to learn by engaging them in higher order thinking and/or enhanced performance skills.	The teacher effectively engages students in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies in order to meet individual learning needs.	The teacher inconsistently uses instructional strategies that meet individual learning needs.	The teacher's instruction inadequately addresses students' learning needs.

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Contemporary Effective Teacher Research

Contemporary research has found that an effective teacher:

- Stays involved with the lesson at all stages.⁹
- Uses a variety of instructional strategies.¹⁰
- Uses research-based strategies to make instruction student-centered.¹¹
- Involves students in cooperative learning to enhance higher-order thinking skills.¹²
- Uses students' prior knowledge to facilitate student learning.¹³
- Possesses strong communication skills,¹⁴ offering clear explanations and directions.¹⁵
- Differentiates for students' needs using remediation, skills-based instruction, and individualized instruction.¹⁶
- Uses multiple levels of questioning aligned with students' cognitive abilities with appropriate techniques.¹⁷

Performance Standard 4: Assessment of and for Student Learning

The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses all relevant data to measure student academic progress, guide instructional content and delivery methods, and provide timely feedback to both students and parents throughout the school year.

Sample Performance Indicators

Examples of teacher work conducted in the performance of the standard may include, but are not limited to:

- 4.1 Uses pre-assessment data to develop expectations for students, to differentiate instruction, and to document learning.
- 4.2 Involves students in setting learning goals and monitoring their own progress.
- 4.3 Uses a variety of assessment strategies and instruments that are valid and appropriate for the content and for the student population.
- 4.4 Aligns student assessment with established curriculum standards and benchmarks.
- 4.5 Uses assessment tools for both formative and summative purposes, and uses grading practices that report final mastery in relationship to content goals and objectives.
- 4.6 Uses assessment tools for both formative and summative purposes to inform, guide, and adjust students' learning.
- 4.7 Gives constructive and frequent feedback to students on their learning.

Exemplary*	Proficient <i>Proficient is the expected level of performance.</i>	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher uses a variety of informal and formal assessments based on intended learning outcomes to assess student learning and teaches students how to monitor their own academic progress.	The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses all relevant data to measure student academic progress, guide instructional content and delivery methods, and provide timely feedback to both students and parents throughout the school year.	The teacher uses a limited selection of assessment strategies, inconsistently links assessment to intended learning outcomes, and/or does not use assessment to plan/modify instruction.	The teacher uses an inadequate variety of assessment sources, assesses infrequently, does not use baseline or feedback data to make instructional decisions and/or does not report on student academic progress in a timely manner.

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Contemporary Effective Teacher Research

Contemporary research has found that an effective teacher:

- Offers regular, timely, and specific feedback¹⁸ and reinforcement.¹⁹
- Gives homework and offers feedback on the homework.²⁰
- Uses open-ended performance assignments.²¹
- Analyzes student assessments to determine the degree to which the intended learning outcomes align with the test items and student understanding of objectives.²²
- Interprets information from teacher-made tests and standardized assessments to guide instruction and gauge student progress by examining questions missed to determine if the student has trouble with the content or the test structure.²³

Performance Standard 5: Learning Environment

The teacher uses resources, routines, and procedures to provide a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment that is conducive to learning.

Sample Performance Indicators

Examples of teacher work conducted in the performance of the standard may include, but are not limited to:

- 5.1 Arranges the classroom to maximize learning while providing a safe environment.
- 5.2 Establishes clear expectations, with student input, for classroom rules and procedures early in the school year, and enforces them consistently and fairly.
- 5.3 Maximizes instructional time and minimizes disruptions.
- 5.4 Establishes a climate of trust and teamwork by being fair, caring, respectful, and enthusiastic.
- 5.5 Promotes cultural sensitivity.
- 5.6 Respects students' diversity, including language, culture, race, gender, and special needs.
- 5.7 Actively listens and pays attention to students' needs and responses.
- 5.8 Maximizes instructional learning time by working with students individually as well as in small groups or whole groups.

Exemplary*	Proficient <i>Proficient is the expected level of performance.</i>	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher creates a dynamic learning environment that maximizes learning opportunities and minimizes disruptions within an environment in which students self-monitor behavior.	The teacher uses resources, routines, and procedures to provide a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment that is conducive to learning.	The teacher is inconsistent in using resources, routines, and procedures and in providing a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment.	The teacher inadequately addresses student behavior, displays a harmful attitude with students, and/or ignores safety standards.

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Contemporary Effective Teacher Research

Contemporary research has found that an effective teacher:

- Cares about students as individuals and makes them feel valued.²⁴
- Adapts teaching to address student learning styles.²⁵

- Acknowledges his or her perspective and is open to hearing their students' worldviews.²⁶
- Is culturally competent.²⁷
- Seeks to know about the cultures and communities from which students come.²⁸

Performance Standard 6: Professionalism

The teacher maintains a commitment to professional ethics, communicates effectively, and takes responsibility for and participates in professional growth that results in enhanced student learning.

Standard 6 Sample Performance Indicators

Examples of teacher work conducted in the performance of the standard may include, but are not limited to:

- 6.1 Collaborates and communicates effectively within the school community to promote students' well-being and success.
- 6.2 Adheres to federal and state laws, school policies and ethical guidelines.
- 6.3 Incorporates learning from professional growth opportunities into instructional practice.
- 6.4 Sets goals for improvement of knowledge and skills.
- 6.5 Engages in activities outside the classroom intended for school and student enhancement.
- 6.6 Works in a collegial and collaborative manner with administrators, other school personnel, and the community.
- 6.7 Builds positive and professional relationships with parents/guardians through frequent and effective communication concerning students' progress.
- 6.8 Serves as a contributing member of the school's professional learning community through collaboration with teaching colleagues.
- 6.9 Demonstrates consistent mastery of standard oral and written English in all communication.

Exemplary*	Proficient <i>Proficient is the expected level of performance.</i>	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher continually engages in high level personal/professional growth and application of skills, and contributes to the development of others and the well-being of the school.	The teacher maintains a commitment to professional ethics, communicates effectively, and takes responsibility for and participates in professional growth that results in enhanced student learning.	The teacher inconsistently practices or attends professional growth opportunities with occasional application in the classroom.	The teacher demonstrates inflexibility, a reluctance and/or disregard toward school policy, and rarely takes advantage of professional growth opportunities.

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Contemporary Effective Teacher Research

Contemporary research has found that an effective teacher:

- Recognizes the levels of involvement, ranging from networking to collaboration.²⁹
- Uses multiple forms of communication between school and home.³⁰
- Acknowledges his or her perspective and is open to hearing their students' worldviews.³¹
- Is culturally competent.³²
- Seeks to know about the cultures and communities from which students come.³³

Note: Performance Standard 7: If a teacher effectively fulfills all previous standards, it is likely that the results of teaching -- as documented in Standard 7: Student Academic Progress -- would be positive. The Virginia teacher evaluation system includes the documentation of student growth as indicated within Standard 7 and recommends that the evidence of progress be reviewed and considered throughout the year.

Performance Standard 7: Student Academic Progress
The work of the teacher results in acceptable, measurable, and appropriate student academic progress.

Sample Performance Indicators

Examples of teacher work conducted in the performance of the standard may include, but are not limited to:

- 7.1 Sets acceptable, measurable and appropriate achievement goals for student academic progress based on baseline data.
- 7.2 Documents the progress of each student throughout the year.
- 7.3 Provides evidence that achievement goals have been met, including the state-provided growth measure when available as well as other multiple measures of student growth.
- 7.4 Uses available performance outcome data to continually document and communicate student academic progress and develop interim learning targets.

Exemplary*	Proficient <i>Proficient is the expected level of performance.</i>	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the work of the teacher results in a high level of student achievement with all populations of learners.	The work of the teacher results in acceptable, measurable, and appropriate student academic progress.	The work of the teacher results in student academic progress that does not meet the established standard and/or is not achieved with all populations taught by the teacher.	The work of the teacher does not achieve acceptable student academic progress.

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Contemporary Effective Teacher Research

Contemporary research has found that an effective teacher:

- Knows the students’ abilities and sets realistic goals.³⁴
- Raises the achievement levels for all groups of students in the classroom.³⁵
- Identifies and establishes additional means of support for students, such as peer study groups, to advance toward learning goals.³⁶

PART III: FORMS AND LOGS

INTRODUCTION

Part III contains copies of forms used during the supervision of teachers. The evaluator and the teacher use the forms to provide evidence of the quality of work performed. The evaluator maintains the forms and provides copies to the teacher. At a minimum, the evaluator retains copies of the completed *Student Progress Goal Setting Form*, *Teacher Documentation Log Cover Sheet*, *Observation Forms*, *Summative Evaluation Form*, and *Performance Improvement Plan* (if needed).

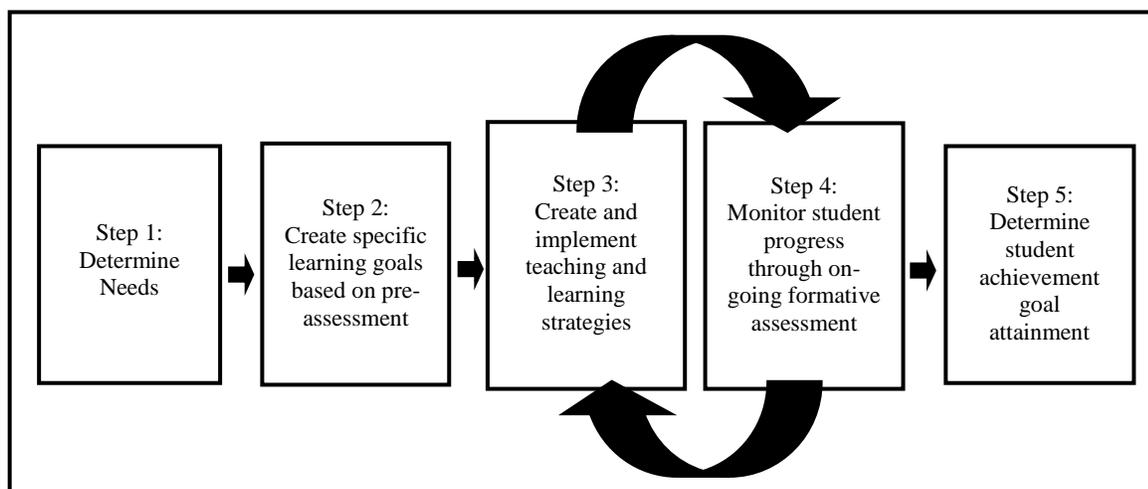
Figure 9: *Items Used as Evidence of Quality Work Performance*

Form	Documentation Completed by	
	Evaluator	Teacher
Goal Setting for Student Progress Form	✓	✓
Observation Form	✓	
Documentation Log Cover Sheet (and other artifacts)		✓
Student Surveys K-2 Survey 3-5 Survey 6-8 Survey 9-12 Survey		✓
Student Survey Summary Form (must be completed; inclusion in Documentation Log is optional)		✓
Interim Performance Report	✓	
Summative Evaluation Report	✓	
Performance Improvement Plan (if needed)	✓	

GOAL SETTING PROCESS

Student achievement goal setting involves several steps, beginning with knowing where students are in relation to what is expected of them. Then, teachers can set specific, measurable goals based on both the demands of the curriculum and the needs of the students. The next part of the process is recursive in that the teacher creates and implements strategies and monitors progress. As progress is monitored, the teacher makes adjustments to the teaching and learning strategies. Finally, a summative judgment is made regarding student learning for a specific period of time. Figure 10 depicts these steps.

Figure 10: *Student Achievement Goal Setting Process*³⁷



Each teacher, using the results of an initial assessment, sets an annual goal^a for improving student achievement. The evaluator and the teacher meet to discuss data from the initial assessment and review the annual goal. A new goal is identified each year. The goal should be customized for the teaching assignment and for the individual learners. The *Goal Setting for Student Progress Form* may be used for developing and assessing the annual goal. Student progress goals measure where the students are at the beginning of the year, where they are at mid-year, where they are at the end of the year, and student growth over time.

Appropriate measures of student learning gains differ substantially based on the learners' grade level, content area, and ability level. The following measurement tools are appropriate for assessing student progress:

- criterion-referenced tests,
- norm-referenced tests,
- standardized achievement tests,
- school adopted interim/common/benchmark assessments, and
- authentic measures (e.g., learner portfolio, recitation, performance).

^a The form for Goal Setting for Student Progress incorporates the individual professional development plan as teachers determine an annual goal and identify resources and strategies to address the goal.

In addition to teacher-generated measures of student performance gains, administrators may conduct school-wide reviews of test data to identify patterns in the instructional program. Such reports are useful for documenting student gains and for making comparisons.

Developing Goals

Goals are developed early in the school year. The goals describe observable behavior and/or measurable results that would occur when a goal is achieved. The acronym SMART (Figure 11) is a useful way to self-assess a goal's feasibility and worth.

Figure 11: *Acronym for Developing Goals*

S pecific:	The goal is focused, for example, by content area, by learners' needs.
M easurable:	An appropriate instrument/measure is selected to assess the goal.
A ppropriate:	The goal is within the teacher's control to effect change.
R ealistic:	The goal is feasible for the teacher.
T ime limited:	The goal is contained within a single school year.

Figure 12 contains samples of the goals that teachers may develop. They are intended to serve as models for how goals may be written.

Figure 12: *Sample Goals*

Fourth Grade Sample Goal: All of my students will demonstrate growth of one academic year on the Gates Reading Inventory. Also, at least 80 percent of my students will be reading on or above grade level by the end of this school year.
Grade 7 Mathematics Sample Goal: All students will demonstrate mastery on the end of year Math 7 Benchmark Test. Also, at least 90 percent of my students will demonstrate proficiency on the Grade 7 Math SOL Test.
High School English Sample Goal: Ninety percent of Grade 12 English students will score 80% or higher on English 12 Common Assessments.
Middle School Self-Contained Special Education Sample Goal: The students will increase their Brigance Age Equivalents by an average of 6 months.

Submission of the Goal Setting for Student Progress Form

Teachers complete a draft of their goals and schedule a meeting with their evaluators to look at the available data from performance measures and discuss the proposed goal. Each year, teachers are responsible for submitting their goals to their evaluator no later than September 30th of each school year.

Mid-Year Review of Goal

A mid-year review of progress on the goal is held for all teachers. The mid-year review will be held with probationary teachers on or before December 15th and continuing contract teachers will have a mid-year review on or before January 30th.

End-of-Year Review of Goal

Probationary teachers will have a review of goals and performance on or before March 1st of each school year. Continuing contract teachers will have a review of goals and performance on or before May 30th of each school year. Administrators will conduct follow up conferences with teachers prior to the last day of school and/or when assessment data is readily available for disaggregation (may occur during August of the new school year) to review performance goals set by individual teachers as well as to plan goals for the upcoming school year.

Goal Setting Form Explanation

The following describes the sections of the *Goal Setting for Student Progress Form*.

- I. **Setting:** Describe the population and special circumstances of the goal setting.
- II. **Identify the content area:** The area/topic addressed based on learner achievement, learner or program progress, or observational data.
- III. **Provide baseline data:** Determine the learners' baseline data (where they are now) using the following process:
 - Collect and review data.
 - Analyze the data.
 - Interpret the data.
 - Determine needs.

Examples of data sources for monitoring student progress can be found in Figure 13.

Figure 13: *Examples of Data Sources for Monitoring Student Progress*

Criterion- and Norm-Referenced Tests

- Advanced Placement Tests
- Brigance
- Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL)
- Scholastic Reading Inventory (SRI)
- Phonological Awareness Literacy Screening (PALS)
- Gates
- Developmental Spelling Analysis (DSA)
- Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA)
- Qualitative Reading Inventory (QRI)
- Virginia Alternate Assessment Program VAAP)
- Virginia Grade Level Alternative (VGLA)
- Virginia Substitute Evaluation Program (VSEP)
- AIMS WEB

Benchmark Tests

- Division Benchmark Tests based on the standards
- CTE Competencies
- President's Physical Fitness Tests

Teacher Assessments

- Quizzes
- Tests
- Authentic assessments/portfolios/ writing samples/running records
- Grade analysis by nine weeks/ interim reports
- Semester/end-of-course examinations
- Pre-/post-testing
- NCS Mentor

IV. **Write goal statement:** What do you want learners to accomplish?

- Select an emphasis for your goal, focusing on the classroom/teacher level.
- Develop an annual goal.

V. **Means for attaining the goal:** Activities used to accomplish the goals including how progress is measured and target dates. Examples of strategies to improve student learning are shown in Figure 14.

Figure 14: *Examples of Strategies to Improve Student Learning*

- Modified teaching/work arrangement
- Cooperative planning with master teachers, team members, department members
- Demonstration lessons/service delivery by colleagues, curriculum specialists, teacher mentors
- Visits to other classrooms
- Use of instructional strategies (e.g., differentiation, interactive planning)
- Focused classroom observation
- Development of curricular supplements
- Completion of workshops, conferences, coursework
- Co-teaching; collaborative teaching

VI. ***Mid-year review:*** The accomplishments of the learner are reviewed after the second quarter student interim progress reports are issued and before the end of the semester. If needed, make adjustments to the professional development strategies, etc.

VII. ***End-of-year data results:*** The accomplishments of the learner are reviewed at the end of the year.

The *Goal Setting for Student Progress Form* follows.



Goal Setting for Student Progress Form

Teacher's Name: _____

Evaluator's Name: _____

Subject/Grade: _____ School Year: _____ - _____

Directions: This form is a tool to assist teachers in setting a goal that results in measurable learner progress. NOTE: When applicable, learner achievement/progress should be the focus of the goal. Enter information electronically into the cells (the boxes will expand to fit the text)

Initial Goal Submission (due by 9/30 to the evaluator)

<i>I. Setting (Describe the population and special learning circumstances)</i>		
<i>II. Content/Subject/Field Area (The area/topic addressed based on learner achievement, data analysis, or observational data)</i>		
<i>III. Baseline Data (What is shown by the current data?)</i>		
<input type="checkbox"/> <i>Data attached</i>		
<i>IV. Goal Statement (Describe what you want learners/program to accomplish)</i>		
<i>V. Means for Attaining Goal (Strategies used to accomplish the goal)</i>		
Strategy	Evidence	Target Date

Approval of Goal

To the Evaluator: Use the following rubric to determine whether the goal is a rigorous goal that meets the SMART criteria. Provide a rating by checking the appropriate box in the rubric below.

Goal Setting Rubric			
Level of Performance			
Unsatisfactory	Emerging	Proficient	Exemplary
Not Applicable CANNOT MOVE FORWARD	Not Applicable CANNOT MOVE FORWARD	Student learning and academic achievement goals are rigorous, attainable and reflect acceptable growth during the course or school year	Student learning and academic achievement goals are rigorous, attainable and reflect extraordinary growth beyond expectations during the course or school year
Student learning and academic achievement goals are unrelated to identified student needs.	Student learning and academic achievement goals are related to identified student needs, but S.M.A.R.T. process needs refining.		
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Comments:			

Signatures

Teacher's Signature _____ *Date* _____

Evaluator's Signature _____ *Date* _____

VI. Mid-Year Review (Describe goal progress and other relevant data)	Mid-year review conducted on _____ Initials: _____(teacher) _____(evaluator)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Data attached

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

Evaluator's Signature _____ Date _____

End-of-Year Review

EXEMPLARY	PROFICIENT	DEVELOPING/ NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	UNACCEPTABLE
90% of the students meet or exceed the goal	80% of the students meet or exceed the goal	50% of the students meet or exceed the goal	Less than 50% of the students meet the goal

Appropriate Data Received

Strategies used and data provided demonstrate appropriate Student Growth

Yes (Exemplary or Proficient) No (Developing/Needs Improvement or Unacceptable)

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

Evaluator's Signature _____ Date _____



Formal Classroom Observation Form

Page 1 of 3

Directions: This form is to be used for probationary teachers and teachers with continuing contract status. Observers should use the form to provide feedback to teachers about the observation.

Teacher's Name _____

Date Observed _____

Time _____

Observer's Name _____

The teacher is: Probationary
 Continuing Contract

1. Professional Knowledge

The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, and the developmental needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.

- Effectively addresses appropriate curriculum standards.
- Integrates key content elements and facilitates students' use of higher level thinking skills in instruction.
- Demonstrates ability to link present content with past and future learning experiences, other subject areas, and real world experiences and applications.
- Demonstrates an accurate knowledge of the subject area(s) taught.
- Demonstrates skills relevant to the subject area(s) taught.
- Bases instruction on goals that reflect high expectations and an understanding of the subject.
- Demonstrates an understanding of the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of the age group.
- Communicates clearly and checks for understanding.

Comments:

2. Instructional Planning

The teacher plans using the Virginia Standards of Learning, the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data to meet the needs of all students.

- Uses student learning data to guide planning.
- Plans time realistically for pacing, content mastery, and transitions.
- Plans for differentiated instruction.
- Aligns lesson objectives to the school's curriculum and student learning needs.
- Develops appropriate long- and short-range plans and adapts plans when needed.

Comments:

3. Instructional Delivery

The teacher effectively engages students in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies in order to meet individual learning needs.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Engages and maintains students in active learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Builds upon students' existing knowledge and skills. <input type="checkbox"/> Differentiates instruction to meet the students' needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinforces learning goals consistently throughout lessons. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a variety of effective instructional strategies and resources. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses instructional technology to enhance student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Communicates clearly and checks for understanding. |
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Comments:

4. Assessment of and for Student Learning

The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses all relevant data to measure student academic progress, guide instructional content and delivery methods, and provide timely feedback to both students and parents throughout the school year.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses pre-assessment data to develop expectations for students, to differentiate instruction, and to document learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Involves students in setting learning goals and monitoring their own progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a variety of assessment strategies and instruments that are valid and appropriate for the content and for the student population. <input type="checkbox"/> Aligns student assessment with established curriculum standards and benchmarks. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Uses assessment tools for both formative and summative purposes and uses grading practices that report final mastery in relationship to content goals and objectives. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses assessment tools for both formative and summative purposes to inform, guide, and adjust students' learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Gives constructive and frequent feedback to students on their learning. |
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Comments:

5. Learning Environment

The teacher uses resources, routines, and procedures to provide a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment that is conducive to learning.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Arranges the classroom to maximize learning while providing a safe environment. <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes clear expectations, with student input, for classroom rules and procedures early in the school year, and enforces them consistently and fairly. <input type="checkbox"/> Maximizes instructional time and minimizes disruptions. <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes a climate of trust and teamwork by being fair, caring, respectful, and enthusiastic. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Promotes cultural sensitivity. <input type="checkbox"/> Respects students' diversity, including language, culture, race, gender, and special needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Actively listens and pays attention to students' needs and responses. <input type="checkbox"/> Maximizes instructional learning time by working with students individually as well as in small groups or whole groups. |
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Comments:

6. Professionalism

The teacher maintains a commitment to professional ethics, communicates effectively, and takes responsibility for and participates in professional growth that results in enhanced student learning.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborates and communicates effectively within the school community to promote students' well-being and success. <input type="checkbox"/> Adheres to federal and state laws, school policies, and ethical guidelines. <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporates learning from professional growth opportunities into instructional practice. <input type="checkbox"/> Sets goals for improvement of knowledge and skills. <input type="checkbox"/> Engages in activities outside the classroom intended for school and student enhancement. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Works in a collegial and collaborative manner with administrators, other school personnel, and the community. <input type="checkbox"/> Builds positive and professional relationships with parents/guardians through frequent and effective communication concerning students' progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Serves as a contributing member of the school's professional learning community through collaboration with teaching colleagues. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates consistent mastery of standard oral and written English in all communication. |
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Comments:

7. Student Academic Progress

The work of the teacher results in acceptable, measurable, and appropriate student academic progress.

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sets acceptable, measurable, and appropriate achievement goals for student learning progress based on baseline data. <input type="checkbox"/> Documents the progress of each student throughout the year. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides evidence that achievement goals have been met, including the state-provided growth measure when available as well as other measures of academic progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses available performance outcome data to continually document and communicate student progress and develop interim learning targets. |
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Comments:

Additional Comments:

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

Observer's Name _____

Observer's Signature _____ Date _____



Teacher Documentation Log Cover Sheet

Teacher: _____

School Year: _____ - _____

Standards	Required Item	Examples of Evidence	Evidence Included
1. Professional Knowledge	<i>No evidence is required in the Documentation Log</i>	Can include (but not required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transcripts of coursework • Professional Development certificates • Annotated list of instructional activities • Lesson/intervention plan • Journals/notes that represent reflective thinking and professional growth • Samples of innovative approaches developed by teacher 	
2. Instructional Planning	Evidence of using data about student learning to guide planning and instruction	Can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Differentiation in lesson planning and practice • Analysis of classroom assessment • Data driven curriculum revision work Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sample lesson or unit plan - Course syllabus - Intervention plan - Substitute lesson plan - Annotated learning objectives 	
3. Instructional Delivery	<i>No evidence is required in the Documentation Log</i>	Can include (but not required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annotated photographs of class activities • Handouts or sample work • Video/audio samples of instructional units 	

Standards	Required Item	Examples of Evidence	Evidence Included
4. Assessment of and for Student Learning	Evidence of the use of baseline and periodic assessments	Can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Samples of baseline and periodic assessments given • Samples of both formative and summative assessment • Graphs or tables of student results • Records within electronic curriculum mapping tool Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Brief report describing your record keeping system and how it is used to monitor student progress - Copy of scoring rubrics - Photographs or photocopies of student work with written comments - Samples of educational reports, progress reports or letters prepared for parents or students - Copy of disaggregated analysis of student achievement scores on standardized test - Copy of students' journals of self-reflection and self-monitoring 	
5. Learning Environment	<i>No evidence is required in the Documentation Log</i>	Can include (but not required): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student survey summary information • List of classroom rules with brief explanation of the procedures used to develop and reinforce them • Schedule of daily classroom routines • Explanation of behavior management philosophy and procedures 	

Standards	Required Item	Examples of Evidence	Evidence Included
6. Professionalism	Evidence of : Commitment to professional growth *Parent Communication Log	Can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • record of participation in extracurricular activities and events • record of professional development taken or given • Examples of collaborative work with peers • Evidence of communication with students, families, colleagues and community Examples: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Copy of classroom newsletter or other parent information documents - Sample copy of interim reports 	
7. Student Academic Progress	*Student Progress Goal Setting Form	Student Achievement Goal Setting Document – Revised at midterm and end of year	

* indicates a required item



Communication Log

Teacher: _____ School Year: ____ - ____

Date	Person	Purpose	Mode	Notes
			<input type="checkbox"/> Conference <input type="checkbox"/> Email <input type="checkbox"/> Note/Letter <input type="checkbox"/> Telephone	
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Professional Development Log

Teacher: _____ School Year: ____ - ____

Professional Development Activity	Date	Location	Evidence of Satisfactory Completion Received
			<input type="checkbox"/> Grade <input type="checkbox"/> Certificate <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
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Grade K-2 Student Survey

Directions:

As your teacher reads the sentence, color the face that shows what you think.

Teacher _____

Date _____

	Yes	Sometimes	No
1. My teacher listens to me.	☺	☹	☹
2. My teacher gives me help when I need it.	☺	☹	☹
3. I learn new things in my class.	☺	☹	☹
4. I know what the rules are in my class.	☺	☹	☹
5. I am able to do the work my teacher gives me.	☺	☹	☹
6. I am happy when I am in class.	☺	☹	☹
*	☺	☹	☹
*	☺	☹	☹

*Add other elements if needed, such as school-wide goals, or subject-specific elements.



Grade 3-5 Student Survey

Directions:

DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS SURVEY: Follow along as your teacher reads the statements. Respond to the statements by placing a checkmark (✓) beneath the response—“YES,” “SOMETIMES,” or “NO”—that best describes how you feel about the statement.

Teacher

School Year

	Yes	Sometime	No
My teacher listens to me.			
My teacher gives me help when I need it.			
I am able to do the work given to me.			
Students are respectful to each other in my class.			
I feel free to ask and answer questions.			
My teacher helps me understand things.			
My teacher shows respect to all students.			
My teacher helps me to be organized.			
My teacher allows me to demonstrate my learning in a variety of ways.			
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*Add other elements if needed, such as school-wide goals, or subject-specific elements.



Grade 6-8 Student Survey

The purpose of this survey is to allow you to give your teacher ideas about how this class might be improved.

Directions: DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS SURVEY. Write your teacher's name, school year, and class/period in the space provided. Listed below are several statements about this class. Indicate your agreement with each statement by placing a check (√) in the appropriate box. If you wish to comment, please write your comments at the end of the survey.

Teacher's Name _____ School Year _____ Class/Period _____

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
My teacher gives clear instructions.					
My teacher helps me to be organized.					
The amount of homework in this class is about right.					
My teacher returns my work within a few days.					
My teacher sets high learning standards for the class.					
My teacher allows me to demonstrate my learning in a variety of ways.					
My teacher helps me outside of class time when needed.					
My teacher handles classroom disruptions well.					
My teacher shows respect to all students.					
My teacher is respectful to my culture.					
I feel my teacher values me as a person.					
I feel comfortable sharing my ideas in class.					
*					

*Add other elements if needed, such as school-wide goals, or subject-specific elements.



Grade 9-12 Student Survey

The purpose of this survey is to allow you to give your teacher ideas about how this class might be improved.

Directions: DO NOT PUT YOUR NAME ON THIS SURVEY. Write your teacher's name, school year, and class period in the space provided. Listed below are several statements about this class. Indicate your agreement with each statement by placing a check (✓) in the appropriate box. If you wish to comment, please write your comments at the end of the survey.

Teacher's Name _____ School Year _____ Class Period _____

	Strongly Agree	Agree	Disagree	Strongly Disagree	Not Applicable
My teacher communicates clearly.					
My teacher is knowledgeable about the subject area he/she teaches.					
The workload in this class is manageable.					
My teacher gives feedback on work and exams in a timely manner.					
I get helpful feedback from my teacher.					
My teacher handles classroom disruptions effectively.					
My teacher allows me to demonstrate my learning in a variety of ways.					
I feel challenged in this class.					
I feel comfortable sharing my ideas in class.					
My teacher helps me outside of class time when needed.					
My teacher shows respect to all students.					
My teacher respects my culture.					
I feel my teacher values me as a person.					
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*Add other elements if needed, such as school-wide goals, or subject specific-elements.

Comments:



Student Survey Summary

Teacher's Name: _____ School Year: _____

Grade(s) _____ Subject(s): _____

Survey Version Given: Grades K-2 Grades 3-5 Grades 6-8 Grades 9-12

1. How many surveys did you distribute?
2. How many completed surveys were returned?
3. What is the percentage of completed questionnaires you received (#1 divided into #2)?
_____ %

Student Satisfaction Analysis

4. Describe your survey population(s) (i.e., list appropriate demographic characteristics such as grade level and subject for students).
5. List factors that might have influenced the results (e.g., survey was conducted as the bell rang for dismissal).
6. Analyze survey responses and answer the following questions:
 - A) What did students perceive as your major strengths?
 - B) What did students perceive as your major weaknesses?
 - C) How can you use this information for continuous professional growth?

You may include a copy of the Student Survey Summary in the Learning Environment section of the Documentation Log.)



Teacher Interim Performance Report

Teacher _____

School Year(s) _____

Grade/Subject _____

School _____

Directions: Evaluators use this form in the fall to maintain a record of evidence documented for each teacher performance standard. Evidence can be drawn from formal observations, informal observations, documentation log review, and other appropriate sources. This form should be maintained by the evaluator during the course of the evaluation cycle. This report is shared at a meeting with the teacher held within appropriate timelines. **Due on or before December 15th of each school year for probationary teachers and January 30th of each school year for continuing contract teachers.**

Strengths:

Areas of Improvement:

Teacher's Name _____

Teacher's Signature _____ Date _____

Evaluator's Name _____

Evaluator's Signature _____ Date _____

1. Professional Knowledge

The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, and the developmental needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.

- Effectively addresses appropriate curriculum standards.
- Integrates key content elements and facilitates students’ use of higher level thinking skills in instruction.
- Demonstrates ability to link present content with past and future learning experiences, other subject areas, and real world experiences and applications.
- Demonstrates an accurate knowledge of the subject area(s) taught.
- Demonstrates skills relevant to the subject area(s) taught.
- Bases instruction on goals that reflect high expectations and an understanding of the subject.
- Demonstrates an understanding of the intellectual, social, emotional, and physical development of the age group.
- Communicates clearly and checks for understanding.

Comments:

Evident Not Evident

2. Instructional Planning

The teacher plans using the Virginia Standards of Learning, the school’s curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data to meet the needs of all students.

- Uses student learning data to guide planning.
- Plans time realistically for pacing, content mastery, and transitions.
- Plans for differentiated instruction.
- Aligns lesson objectives to the school’s curriculum and student learning needs.
- Develops appropriate long- and short-range plans and adapts plans when needed.

Comments:

Evident Not Evident

3. Instructional Delivery

The teacher effectively engages students in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies in order to meet individual learning needs.

- Engages and maintains students in active learning.
- Builds upon students’ existing knowledge and skills.
- Differentiates instruction to meet the students’ needs.
- Reinforces learning goals consistently throughout lessons.
- Uses a variety of effective instructional strategies and resources.
- Uses instructional technology to enhance student learning.
- Communicates clearly and checks for understanding.

Comments:

Evident Not Evident

4. Assessment of and for Student Learning

The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses all relevant data to measure student academic progress, guide instructional content and delivery methods, and provide timely feedback to both students and parents throughout the school year.

- Uses pre-assessment data to develop expectations for students, to differentiate instruction, and to document learning.
- Involves students in setting learning goals and monitoring their own progress.
- Uses a variety of assessment strategies and instruments that are valid and appropriate for the content and for the student population.
- Aligns student assessment with established curriculum standards and benchmarks.
- Uses assessment tools for both formative and summative purposes and uses grading practices that report final mastery in relationship to content goals and objectives.
- Uses assessment tools for both formative and summative purposes to inform, guide, and adjust students' learning.
- Gives constructive and frequent feedback to students on their learning.

Comments:

Evident Not Evident

5. Learning Environment

The teacher uses resources, routines, and procedures to provide a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment that is conducive to learning.

- Arranges the classroom to maximize learning while providing a safe environment.
- Establishes clear expectations, with student input, for classroom rules and procedures early in the school year, and enforces them consistently and fairly.
- Maximizes instructional time and minimizes disruptions.
- Establishes a climate of trust and teamwork by being fair, caring, respectful, and enthusiastic.
- Promotes cultural sensitivity.
- Respects students' diversity, including language, culture, race, gender, and special needs.
- Actively listens and pays attention to students' needs and responses.
- Maximizes instructional learning time by working with students individually as well as in small groups or whole groups.

Comments:

Evident Not Evident

6. Professionalism

The teacher maintains a commitment to professional ethics, communicates effectively, and takes responsibility for and participates in professional growth that results in enhanced student learning.

- Collaborates and communicates effectively within the school community to promote students’ well-being and success.
- Adheres to federal and state laws, school policies, and ethical guidelines.
- Incorporates learning from professional growth opportunities into instructional practice.
- Sets goals for improvement of knowledge and skills.
- Engages in activities outside the classroom intended for school and student enhancement.
- Works in a collegial and collaborative manner with administrators, other school personnel, and the community.
- Builds positive and professional relationships with parents/guardians through frequent and effective communication concerning students’ progress.
- Serves as a contributing member of the school’s professional learning community through collaboration with teaching colleagues.
- Demonstrates consistent mastery of standard oral and written English in all communication.

Comments:

Evident Not Evident

7. Student Academic Progress

The work of the teacher results in acceptable, measurable, and appropriate student academic progress.

- Sets acceptable, measurable, and appropriate achievement goals for student learning progress based on baseline data.
- Documents the progress of each student throughout the year.
- Provides evidence that achievement goals have been met, including the state-provided growth measure when available as well as other multiple measures of student academic progress.
- Uses available performance outcome data to continually document and communicate student academic progress and develop interim learning targets.

Comments:

Evident Not Evident



Teacher Summative Performance Report

Teacher: _____ **School:** _____

Grade/Subject: _____ **School Year:** _____ - _____

Contract Status: _____

Documentation Reviewed: Teacher Documentation Log Goal Setting Form Observation Form
 Other _____

Directions: Evaluators use this form by March 1st (probationary) or May 30th (continuing contract) of the school year to provide probationary teachers and continuing contract teachers in their summative year with an assessment of performance. School administrators should follow up with teachers regarding the final summative evaluation once specific assessment data are available. The teacher should receive a copy of the form.

Performance Standard 1: Professional Knowledge

Exemplary In addition to meeting the standard...	Proficient Proficient is the expected level of performance.	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher consistently demonstrates extensive knowledge of the subject matter and continually enriches the curriculum.	The teacher demonstrates an understanding of the curriculum, subject content, and the developmental needs of students by providing relevant learning experiences.	The teacher inconsistently demonstrates understanding of the curriculum, content, and student development or lacks fluidity in using the knowledge in practice.	The teacher bases instruction on material that is inaccurate or out-of-date and/or inadequately addresses the developmental needs of students.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<i>Comments:</i>			

Performance Standard 2: Instructional Planning

Exemplary In addition to meeting the standard...	Proficient Proficient is the expected level of performance.	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher actively seeks and uses alternative data and resources and consistently differentiates plans to meet the needs of all students.	The teacher plans using the Virginia Standards of Learning, the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data to meet the needs of all students.	The teacher inconsistently uses the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data in planning to meet the needs of all students.	The teacher does not plan, or plans without adequately using the school's curriculum, effective strategies, resources, and data.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<i>Comments:</i>			

Performance Standard 3: Instructional Delivery

Exemplary In addition to meeting the standard...	Proficient Proficient is the expected level of performance.	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher optimizes students' opportunity to learn by engaging them in higher order thinking and/or enhanced performance skills.	The teacher effectively engages students in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies in order to meet individual learning needs.	The teacher inconsistently uses instructional strategies that meet individual learning needs.	The teacher's instruction inadequately addresses students' learning needs.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<i>Comments:</i>			

Performance Standard 4: Assessment of and for Student Learning

Exemplary In addition to meeting the standard...	Proficient Proficient is the expected level of performance.	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher uses a variety of informal and formal assessments based on intended learning outcomes to assess student learning and teaches students how to monitor their own academic progress.	The teacher systematically gathers, analyzes, and uses all relevant data to measure student academic progress, guide instructional content and delivery methods, and provide timely feedback to both students and parents throughout the school year.	The teacher uses a limited selection of assessment strategies, inconsistently links assessment to intended learning outcomes, and/or does not use assessment to plan/modify instruction.	The teacher uses an inadequate variety of assessment sources, assesses infrequently, does not use baseline or feedback data to make instructional decisions and/or does not report on student academic progress in a timely manner.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<i>Comments:</i>			

Performance Standard 5: Learning Environment

Exemplary In addition to meeting the standard...	Proficient Proficient is the expected level of performance.	Developing/Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher creates a dynamic learning environment that maximizes learning opportunities and minimizes disruptions within an environment in which students self-monitor behavior.	The teacher uses resources, routines, and procedures to provide a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment that is conducive to learning.	The teacher is inconsistent in using resources, routines, and procedures and in providing a respectful, positive, safe, student-centered environment.	The teacher inadequately addresses student behavior, displays a harmful attitude with students, and/or ignores safety standards.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<i>Comments:</i>			

Performance Standard 6: Professionalism

Exemplary In addition to meeting the standard...	Proficient Proficient is the expected level of performance.	Developing/ Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the teacher continually engages in high level personal/professional growth and application of skills, and contributes to the development of others and the well-being of the school.	The teacher maintains a commitment to professional ethics, communicates effectively, and takes responsibility for and participates in professional growth that results in enhanced student learning.	The teacher inconsistently practices or attends professional growth opportunities with occasional application in the classroom.	The teacher demonstrates inflexibility, a reluctance and/or disregard toward school policy, and rarely takes advantage of professional growth opportunities.
<input type="checkbox"/> 4	<input type="checkbox"/> 3	<input type="checkbox"/> 2	<input type="checkbox"/> 1
<i>Comments:</i>			

Performance Standard 7: Student Academic Progress

Exemplary In addition to meeting the standard...	Proficient Proficient is the expected level of performance.	Developing/ Needs Improvement	Unacceptable
In addition to meeting the standard, the work of the teacher results in a high level of student achievement with all populations of learners.	The work of the teacher results in acceptable, measurable, and appropriate student academic progress.	The work of the teacher results in student academic progress that does not meet the established standard and/or is not achieved with all populations taught by the teacher.	The work of the teacher does not achieve acceptable student academic progress.
<input type="checkbox"/> 16	<input type="checkbox"/> 12	<input type="checkbox"/> 8	<input type="checkbox"/> 4
<i>Comments:</i>			

Evaluation Summary

- Recommended for continued employment.
- Recommended for placement on a Performance Improvement Plan. (One or more standards are Unacceptable, or two or more standards are Developing/Needs Improvement.)
- Recommended for Dismissal/Non-renewal. (The teacher has failed to make progress on a Performance Improvement Plan, or the teacher consistently performs below the established standards, or in a manner that is inconsistent with the school’s mission and goals.)

EXEMPLARY	PROFICIENT	DEVELOPING/ NEEDS IMPROVEMENT	UNACCEPTABLE
35-40	26-34	20-25	10-19

Commendations:

Areas Noted for Improvement:

Teacher Improvement Goals:

Overall Evaluation Summary Criteria			
<input type="checkbox"/> EXEMPLARY	<input type="checkbox"/> PROFICIENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DEVELOPING	<input type="checkbox"/> UNACCEPTABLE
_____ <i>Employee’s Signature/Date</i>		_____ <i>Administrator’s Signature/Date</i>	



Performance Improvement Plan

Teacher: _____ **School:** _____

Grade/Subject: _____ **School Year:** ____ - ____

<i>Performance Standard Number</i>	<i>Performance Deficiencies within the Standard to be Corrected</i>	<i>Resources/Assistance Provided Activities to be Completed by the Employee</i>	<i>Target Dates</i>

	The teacher's signature denotes receipt of the form, and acknowledgment that the evaluator has notified the employee of unacceptable performance.
_____	_____
Evaluator's Signature/Date Initiated	Teacher's Signature/Date Initiated

Results of Performance Improvement Plan¹:

<i>Performance Standard Number</i>	<i>Performance Deficiencies within the Standard to be Corrected</i>	<i>Comments</i>	<i>Review Dates²</i>

Final recommendation based on outcome of Improvement Plan:

- The performance deficiencies have been satisfactorily corrected: The teacher is no longer on a *Performance Improvement Plan*.
- The deficiencies were not corrected: The teacher is recommended for non-renewal/dismissal.

Evaluator's Signature/Date Reviewed

Teacher's Signature/Date Reviewed
Signature denotes the review occurred, not necessarily agreement with the final recommendation.

¹ These sections are to be completed collaboratively by the evaluator and the teacher. Pages may be added, if needed.

² Review dates should be prior to target dates for each improvement objective. Each review is intended to document support and assistance provided to the teacher. _____ **Additional Pages Attached**

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