

Evaluation/Supervision

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

Evaluation procedures may include observation of teacher performance in the classroom. The Superintendent or designee shall ensure that evaluation ratings have uniform meaning throughout the district.

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

33039 State guidelines for teacher evaluation procedures

35171 Availability of rules and regulations for evaluation of performance

44500-44508 Peer assistance and review program for teachers

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

GOVERNMENT CODE

3543.2 Scope of representation

UNITED STATES CODE, TITLE 20

7801 Definition of highly qualified teacher

Management Resources:

CTC PUBLICATIONS

Standards for the Quality and Effectiveness for Beginning Teacher Support and Assessment Programs, 1997

California Standards for the Teaching Profession, 1997

WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

CDE: <http://www.cde.ca.gov>

California Commission on Teacher Credentialing: <http://www.ctc.ca.gov>

National Board for Professional Teaching Standards: <http://www.nbpts.org>

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Personnel

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

Frequency of Evaluations

The performance of each certificated employee with permanent status shall be evaluated and assessed on a continuing basis as follows: (Education Code 44664)

1. At least every other year
2. At least every five years if all of the following conditions are met:
 - a. The employee has been employed by the district at least 10 years.
 - b. The employee meets the qualifications of a highly qualified teacher as defined in 20 USC 7801 of the federal No Child Left Behind Act, if 20 USC 6319 requires that his/her position be filled by a highly qualified teacher.
 - c. The employee's previous evaluation rated him/her as meeting or exceeding standards.
 - d. The evaluator and the employee agree to this schedule. Either the evaluator or the employee may withdraw consent at any time.
3. If the permanent employee has received an unsatisfactory evaluation, annually until he/she receives a satisfactory evaluation or is separated from the district

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

Evaluation Criteria

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

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

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

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

Evaluation Results

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

Noninstructional certificated staff members employed on a 12-month basis shall receive a copy of their evaluation no later than June 30 of the year in which the evaluation takes place. Before July 30, the employee and the evaluator shall meet to discuss the evaluation. (Education Code 44663)

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

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

Any certificated employee who receives an unsatisfactory rating in the area of teaching methods or instruction shall participate in the district's peer assistance and review program. (Education Code 44662, 44664)

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

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