

School District of [District] County

Instructional Personnel Evaluation System Template



Purpose

The purpose of this document is to provide the district with a template for its instructional personnel evaluation system that addresses the requirements of Section 1012.34, Florida Statutes (F.S.), and Rule 6A-5.030, Florida Administrative Code (F.A.C.). This template, Form IEST-2023, is incorporated by reference in Rule 6A-5.030, F.A.C., effective November 2023.

Instructions

Each of the sections within the evaluation system template provides specific directions, but does not limit the amount of space or information that can be added to fit the needs of the district. Where documentation or evidence is required, copies of the source documents (e.g., rubrics, policies and procedures, observation instruments) shall be provided at the end of the document as appendices in accordance with the Table of Contents.

Before submitting, ensure the document is titled and paginated.

Submission

Upon completion, the district shall email this form and any required supporting documentation as a Microsoft Word document for submission to DistrictEvalSysEQ@fldoe.org.

Modifications to an approved evaluation system may be made by the district at any time. Substantial revisions shall be submitted for approval, in accordance with Rule 6A-5.030(3), F.A.C. The entire template shall be sent for the approval process.

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Part I: Evaluation System Overview

In Part I, the district shall describe the purpose and provide a high-level summary of the instructional personnel evaluation system.

Part II: Evaluation System Requirements

In Part II, the district shall provide assurance that its instructional personnel evaluation system meets each requirement established in section 1012.34, F.S., below by checking the respective box. School districts should be prepared to provide evidence of these assurances upon request.

System Framework

- The evaluation system framework is based on sound educational principles and contemporary research in effective educational practices.
- The observation instrument(s) to be used for classroom teachers include indicators based on each of the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAP) adopted by the State Board of Education.
- The observation instrument(s) to be used for non-classroom instructional personnel include indicators based on the FEAP, and may include specific job expectations related to student support.

Training

- The district provides training programs and has processes that ensure
 - Employees subject to an evaluation system are informed of the evaluation criteria, data sources, methodologies, and procedures associated with the evaluation before the evaluation takes place; and
 - Individuals with evaluation responsibilities and those who provide input toward evaluations understand the proper use of the evaluation criteria and procedures.

Data and Reporting

- The district provides instructional personnel the opportunity to review their class rosters for accuracy and to correct any mistakes.
- The district school superintendent annually reports accurate class rosters for the purpose of calculating district and statewide student performance, and the evaluation results of instructional personnel.
- The district may provide opportunities for parents to provide input into performance evaluations, when the district determines such input is appropriate.

District Procedures

- The district acknowledges that its established evaluation procedures set the standards of service to be offered to the public within the meaning of section 447.209, F.S., and are not subject to mandatory collective bargaining.

Instructional Evaluation System

- The district's system ensures all instructional personnel, classroom and non-classroom, are evaluated at least once a year.
- The district's system ensures all newly hired classroom teachers are observed and evaluated at least twice in the first year of teaching in the district. Each evaluation must include indicators of student performance; instructional practice; and any other indicators of performance, if applicable.
- The district acknowledges that the instructional practice evaluation procedures and criteria under section 1012.34, F.S., do not preclude a school administrator from visiting and observing classroom teachers throughout the school year for the purposes of providing mentorship, training, instructional feedback, or professional learning.
- The district's system identifies teaching fields for which special evaluation procedures or criteria are necessary, if applicable.
- The district's evaluation procedures comply with the following statutory requirements in accordance with section 1012.34, F.S.
 - The evaluator must be the individual responsible for supervising the employee; the evaluator may consider input from other personnel trained on the evaluation system.
 - The evaluator must provide timely feedback to the employee that supports the improvement of professional skills.
 - The evaluator must submit a written report to the employee no later than 10 days after the evaluation takes place.
 - The evaluator must discuss the written evaluation report with the employee.
 - The employee shall have the right to initiate a written response to the evaluation and the response shall become a permanent attachment to his or her personnel file.
 - The evaluator must submit a written report of the evaluation to the district school superintendent for the purpose of reviewing the employee's contract.
 - The evaluator may amend an evaluation based upon assessment data from the current school year if the data becomes available within 90 days of the end of the school year.

Use of Results

- The district has procedures for how evaluation results will be used to inform the
 - Planning of professional learning; and
 - Development of school and district improvement plans.
- The district's system ensures instructional personnel who have been evaluated as less than effective are required to participate in specific professional learning programs, pursuant to section 1012.98(11), F.S.

Notifications

- The district has procedures for the notification of unsatisfactory performance that comply with the requirements outlined in section 1012.34(4), F.S.

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- The district school superintendent shall annually notify the Department of Education of any instructional personnel who
 - Receive two consecutive unsatisfactory evaluation ratings; or
 - Are given written notice by the district of intent to terminate or not renew their employment, as outlined in section 1012.34(5), F.S.

District Self-Monitoring

- The district has a process for monitoring implementation of its evaluation system that enables it to determine the following:
 - Compliance with the requirements of section 1012.34, F.S., and Rule 6A-5.030, F.A.C.;
 - Evaluators' understanding of the proper use of evaluation criteria and procedures, including evaluator accuracy and inter-rater reliability;
 - Evaluators provide necessary and timely feedback to employees being evaluated;
 - Evaluators follow district policies and procedures in the implementation of evaluation system(s);
 - Use of evaluation data to identify individual professional learning; and,
 - Use of evaluation data to inform school and district improvement plans.

Part III: Evaluation Procedures

In Part III, the district shall provide the following information regarding the observation and evaluation of instructional personnel. The following tables are provided for convenience and may be customized to accommodate local evaluation procedures.

1. Pursuant to section 1012.34(3)(b), F.S., all personnel must be fully informed of the criteria, data sources, methodologies, and procedures associated with the evaluation process before the evaluation takes place. In the table below, describe when and how the following instructional personnel groups are informed of the criteria, data sources, methodologies, and procedures associated with the evaluation process: classroom teachers, non-classroom teachers, newly hired classroom teachers, and teachers hired after the beginning of the school year.

Instructional Personnel Group	When Personnel are Informed	Method(s) of Informing
Classroom and Non-Classroom Teachers		
Newly Hired Classroom Teachers		
Late Hires		

2. Pursuant to section 1012.34(3)(a), F.S., an observation must be conducted for each employee at least once a year, except that a classroom teacher who is newly hired by the district school board must be observed at least twice in the first year of teaching in the school district. In the table below, describe when and how many observations take place for the following instructional personnel groups: classroom teachers, non-classroom teachers, newly hired classroom teachers, and teachers hired after the beginning of the school year.

Instructional Personnel Group	Number of Observations	When Observations Occur	When Observation Results are Communicated to Personnel
Classroom and Non-Classroom Teachers			
Hired before the beginning of the school year			
Hired after the beginning of the school year			
Newly Hired Classroom Teachers			
Hired before the beginning of the school year			
Hired after the beginning of the school year			

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3. Pursuant to section 1012.34(3)(a), F.S., a performance evaluation must be conducted for each employee at least once a year, except that a classroom teacher who is newly hired by the district school board must be evaluated at least twice in the first year of teaching in the school district. In the table below, describe when and how many summative evaluations are conducted for the following instructional personnel groups: classroom teachers, non-classroom teachers, newly hired classroom teachers, and teachers hired after the beginning of the school year.

Instructional Personnel Group	Number of Evaluations	When Evaluations Occur	When Evaluation Results are Communicated to Personnel
Classroom and Non-Classroom Teachers			
Hired before the beginning of the school year			
Hired after the beginning of the school year			
Newly Hired Classroom Teachers			
Hired before the beginning of the school year			
Hired after the beginning of the school year			

Part IV: Evaluation Criteria

A. Instructional Practice

In this section, the district shall provide the following information regarding the instructional practice data that will be included for instructional personnel evaluations.

- Pursuant to section 1012.34(3)(a)2., F.S., at least one-third of the evaluation must be based upon instructional practice. In _____ County, instructional practice accounts for ___% of the instructional personnel performance evaluation.
- Description of the step-by-step calculation for determining the instructional practice rating for classroom and non-classroom instructional personnel, including performance standards for differentiating performance.

B. Other Indicators of Performance

In this section, the district shall provide the following information regarding any other indicators of performance that will be included for instructional personnel evaluations.

- Pursuant to section 1012.34(3)(a)4., F.S., up to one-third of the evaluation may be based upon other indicators of performance. In _____ County, other indicators of performance account for ___% of the instructional personnel performance evaluation.
- Description of additional performance indicators, if applicable.

3. Description of the step-by-step calculation for determining the other indicators of performance rating for classroom and non-classroom instructional personnel, including performance standards for differentiating performance.

C. Performance of Students

In this section, the district shall provide the following information regarding the student performance data that will be included for instructional personnel evaluations.

1. Pursuant to section 1012.34(3)(a)1., F.S., at least-one third of the performance evaluation must be based upon data and indicators of student performance, as determined by each school district. This portion of the evaluation must include growth or achievement data of the teacher's students over the course of at least three years. If less than three years of data are available, the years for which data are available must be used. Additionally, this proportion may be determined by instructional assignment. In _____ County, performance of students accounts for ___% of the instructional personnel performance evaluation.
2. Description of the step-by-step calculation for determining the student performance rating for classroom and non-classroom instructional personnel, including performance standards for differentiating performance.

D. Summative Rating Calculation

In this section, the district shall provide the following information regarding the calculation of summative evaluation ratings for instructional personnel.

1. Description of the step-by-step calculation for determining the summative rating for classroom and non-classroom instructional personnel, including performance standards for differentiating performance.
2. Pursuant to section 1012.34(2)(e), F.S., the evaluation system for instructional personnel must differentiate across four levels of performance. Using the district's calculation methods and cut scores described above in sections A – C, illustrate how a second grade teacher and a ninth grade English language arts teacher can earn a highly effective and an unsatisfactory summative performance rating respectively.

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Appendix A – Evaluation Framework Standards

In Appendix A, the district shall include a crosswalk of the district's evaluation framework to each of the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices (FEAP).

Alignment to the Florida Educator Accomplished Practices	
Foundational Principles	
<i>The Florida Educator Accomplished Practices are based upon and further describe the below four (4) essential principles.</i>	
1. The effective educator creates a culture of high expectations for all students by promoting the importance of education and each student’s capacity for academic achievement.	
2. The effective educator demonstrates deep and comprehensive knowledge of the subject taught.	
3. The effective educator exemplifies the standards of the profession.	
4. The effective educator acknowledges that all persons are equal before the law and have inalienable rights, and provides instruction that is consistent with the principles of individual freedom as outlined in s. 1003.42(3), F.S.	
Practice	Evaluation Indicators
1. Instructional Design and Lesson Planning	
<i>Applying concepts from human development and learning theories, the effective educator consistently:</i>	
a. Aligns instruction with state-adopted standards taking into consideration varying aspects of rigor and complexity;	
b. Sequences lessons and concepts to ensure coherence and required prior knowledge;	
c. Designs instruction for students to achieve mastery;	
d. Selects appropriate formative assessments to monitor learning;	
e. Uses diagnostic student data to plan lessons;	
f. Develops learning experiences that require students to demonstrate a variety of applicable skills and competencies; and	
g. Provides classroom instruction to students in prekindergarten through grade 12 that is age and developmentally appropriate and aligned to the state academic standards as outlined in Rule 6A-1.09401, F.A.C., and is consistent with s. 1001.42(8)(c)3., F.S.	
2. The Learning Environment	
<i>To maintain a student-centered learning environment that is safe, organized, equitable, flexible, inclusive, and collaborative, the effective educator consistently:</i>	
a. Organizes, allocates, and manages the resources of time, space, and attention;	
b. Manages individual and class behaviors through a well-planned management system;	
c. Conveys high expectations to all students;	
d. Respects students’ cultural linguistic and family background;	
e. Models clear, acceptable oral and written communication skills;	
f. Maintains a climate of openness, inquiry, fairness and support;	
g. Integrates current information and communication technologies;	
h. Adapts the learning environment to accommodate the differing needs and diversity of students while ensuring that the learning environment is consistent with s. 1000.071, F.S.;	
i. Utilizes current and emerging assistive technologies that enable students to participate in high-quality communication interactions and achieve their educational goals; and	
j. Creates a classroom environment where students are able to demonstrate resiliency as outlined in Rule 6A-1.094124, F.A.C.	

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3. Instructional Delivery and Facilitation	
<i>The effective educator consistently utilizes a deep and comprehensive knowledge of the subject taught to:</i>	
a. Deliver engaging and challenging lessons;	
b. Deepen and enrich students' understanding through content area literacy strategies, verbalization of thought, and application of the subject matter;	
c. Identify gaps in students' subject matter knowledge;	
d. Modify instruction to respond to preconceptions or misconceptions;	
e. Relate and integrate the subject matter with other disciplines and life experiences;	
f. Employ questioning that promotes critical thinking;	
g. Apply varied instructional strategies and resources, including appropriate technology, to provide comprehensible instruction, and to teach for student understanding;	
h. Differentiate instruction based on an assessment of student learning needs and recognition of individual differences in students;	
i. Support, encourage, and provide immediate and specific feedback to students to promote student achievement; and,	
j. Utilize student feedback to monitor instructional needs and to adjust instruction.	
4. Assessment	
<i>The effective educator consistently:</i>	
a. Analyzes and applies data from multiple assessments and measures to diagnose students' learning needs, informs instruction based on those needs, and drives the learning process;	
b. Designs and aligns formative and summative assessments that match learning objectives and lead to mastery;	
c. Uses a variety of assessment tools to monitor student progress, achievement and learning gains;	
d. Modifies assessments and testing conditions to accommodate learning styles and varying levels of knowledge;	
e. Shares the importance and outcomes of student assessment data with the student and the student's parent/caregiver(s); and,	
f. Applies technology to organize and integrate assessment information.	
5. Continuous Professional Improvement	
<i>The effective educator consistently:</i>	
a. Designs purposeful professional goals to strengthen the effectiveness of instruction based on students' needs;	
b. Examines and uses data-informed research to improve instruction and student achievement;	
c. Uses a variety of data, independently, and in collaboration with colleagues, to evaluate learning outcomes, adjust planning and continuously improve the effectiveness of the lessons;	
d. Collaborates with the home, school and larger communities to foster communication and to support student learning and continuous improvement;	
e. Engages in targeted professional growth opportunities and reflective practices; and,	
f. Implements knowledge and skills learned in professional development in the teaching and learning process.	

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6. Professional Responsibility and Ethical Conduct

Understanding that educators are held to a high moral standard in a community, the effective educator fulfills the expected obligations to students, the public and the education profession and adheres to:

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| a. Guidelines for student welfare adopted pursuant to s. 1001.42(8), F.S., including the requirement to refrain from discouraging or prohibiting parental notification of and involvement in critical decisions affecting a student's mental, emotional, or physical health or well-being, unless a reasonably prudent person would believe that disclosure would result in abuse or neglect as defined in s. 39.01, F.S.; | |
| b. The rights of students and parents enumerated in ss. 1002.20 and 1014.04, F.S.; and | |
| c. The Principles of Professional Conduct of the Education Profession of Florida, pursuant to Rule 6A-10.081, F.A.C. | |

Appendix B – Observation Instruments for Classroom Teachers

In Appendix B, the district shall include the observation rubric(s) to be used for collecting instructional practice data for classroom teachers.

Appendix C – Observation Instruments for Non-Classroom Instructional Personnel

In Appendix C, the district shall include the observation rubric(s) to be used for collecting instructional practice data for non-classroom instructional personnel.

Appendix D – Student Performance Measures

In Appendix D, the district shall provide the list of assessments and the performance standards that will apply to the assessment results to be used for calculating the performance of students assigned to instructional personnel. The following table is provided for convenience; other ways of displaying information are acceptable.

Student Performance Measures		
Teaching Assignment	Assessment(s)	Performance Standard(s)
Pre-Kindergarten (PK)		
Kindergarten (K)		
First Grade (1)		
Second Grade (2)		
Third Grade (3)		
Fourth Grade (4)		
Fifth Grade (5)		
Other (K-5) (including non-classroom instructional personnel)		
English/Language Arts, Reading Courses (6-8)		
Math Courses (6-8)		
Science Courses (8)		
Other (6-8) (including non-classroom instructional personnel)		
English 1		
English 2		
English 3		
English 4		
AP English Comp		
Algebra 1 (Honors); Algebra 1B		
Pre-AICE Mathematics 1		
IB Middle Years Algebra 1 Honors		
Geometry (Honors)		
IB Middle Years Geometry Honors		
Pre-AICE Mathematics 2		
Biology 1 (Honors); Biology Technology;		

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Student Performance Measures		
Teaching Assignment	Assessment(s)	Performance Standard(s)
Biology 1 Pre-IB; Integrated Science 3 (Honors)		
Pre-AICE Biology		
IB Middle Years Biology Honors		
Civics		
U.S. History		
ROTC		
Other (9-12) (including non-classroom instructional personnel)		
District Non- Classroom Instructional Personnel		

Appendix E – Summative Evaluation Forms

In Appendix E, the district shall include the summative evaluation form(s) to be used for instructional personnel.