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Dear Superintendent Williams:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that your educator evaluation plan ("plan") meets the criteria outlined in Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Commissioner's Regulations and has been approved. Your plan is approved for implementation beginning in the 2023-2024 School Year. As a reminder, we are relying on the information you provided on your educator evaluation form, including the certifications and assurances that are required.

NOTE:

Only documents that are incorporated by reference in your educator evaluation plan have been reviewed and are considered as part of your plan; therefore, any supplemental documents such as memorandums of agreement or understanding that were uploaded with your plan but are not incorporated by reference in your plan have not been reviewed. However, the Department reserves the right to review the uploaded attachments at any time for consistency with your plan and/or to ensure compliance with applicable laws and regulations; and as a result of such review, the Department may reject your plan and/or require corrective action.



Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

100% of the Student Performance category if only the required subcomponent is used or locally determined if the optional subcomponent is selected.

Each teacher shall have a locally determined Student Learning Objective (SLO) consistent with the goal-setting process determined by the Commissioner.

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Assessment(s) that are selected from the list of State-approved:

third party assessments; or

locally-developed assessments (district-, BOCES-, or regionally-developed).

HEDI Scoring Bands

Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective												
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
97-100%	93-96%	90-92%	85-89%	80-84%	75-79%	67-74%	60-66%	55-59%	49-54%	44-48%	39-43%	34-38%	29-33%	25-28%	21-24%	17-20%	13-16%	9-12%	5-8%	0-4%

SLO Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that each teacher has an SLO as determined locally in a manner consistent with the goal-setting process determined by the Commissioner.
- Assure that all student growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth, as determined locally in a manner consistent with the Commissioner's goal-setting process. Such targets may only take the following characteristics into account: poverty, students with disabilities, English language learner status and prior academic history.
- Assure that all student growth targets shall measure the change in a student's performance between the baseline and the end of the course.
- Assure that if a teacher's SLO is based on a small 'n' size population and the LEA chooses not to use the HEDI scoring bands listed above, then the teacher's 0-20 score and HEDI rating will be determined using the HEDI scoring bands specified by the Department in SLO Guidance.
- Assure that processes are in place for the superintendent to monitor SLOs.
- Assure that the final Student Performance category rating for each teacher will be determined using the weights and growth parameters specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and the approved Educator Evaluation plan.
- Assure that for any SLO based, in part, on the New York State grade four science assessment, once the assessment is no longer administered the SLO will utilize only the remaining assessments.

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Use the table below to list all applicable teachers with the corresponding measure and assessment(s).

Note on common branch/departmentalized options

Grades 4-8

- If all core content area instruction (ELA/math/science/social studies) is delivered by a single teacher, please select each applicable common branch grade level below.

- If core content area instruction is departmentalized (i.e., separate ELA, math, science, and social studies teachers), please select the applicable grade level/content area combination(s).

- If both common branch and departmentalized instruction occurs in a particular grade level, please select both options for the applicable grade level(s).

Grades K-3 that use both a common branch and departmentalized model

- Check each applicable common branch grade level below.

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At what level are the observable components of the selected rubric(s) rated?

- Subcomponent level (each observable subcomponent receives a rating)

How are the observable components of the selected rubric(s) weighted?

- Each component is weighted equally and averaged

Scoring the Observation Category

If an evaluator conducts multiple observations of the same type, how are those observations weighted?

Examples of observations of the same type include but are not limited to:

Two observations by the principal with one early in the school year weighted at 40% and one late in the school year weighted at 60%.

Two observations by the principal, with one holistic score for each component of the rubric based on the preponderance of evidence over both observations.

Please note: Weighting across observation type (i.e. Principal vs. Independent Evaluator) are described in the following section.

- Multiple observations of the same type are weighted in some other manner (please provide more information below)

In the box below, please describe how multiple observations of the same observation type will be weighted.

For probationary and tenured teachers, the supervisor type Announced Observation is 80% of the Observation score and the supervisor type Unannounced Observation is 10% of the Observation score. The additional 10% is the Independent evaluator.

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that each set of observations (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted observation score will then be converted into a HEDI rating using the ranges indicated below.
- Assure that once all observations are complete, the different types of observations will be combined using a weighted average
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	Overall Observation Category	
	Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	3.5 to 3.75	4.0
E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0.00*	1.49 to 1.74

* In the event that an educator earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all observations, a score of 0 will be assigned.

HEDI Ranges

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Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting

For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)

- At least 80% of the Teacher Observation category score

Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*

- At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Teacher Observation category score

Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)

- No more than 10% of the Teacher Observation category score when selected

Please be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.

* The process selected for conducting observations, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.

Please indicate the weight of each observation type and be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%.

Principal/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer Observer(s) [Optional]	Group of teachers for which this weighting will apply If only one group of teachers is applicable, please list "All teachers"
90%	10%	0% (N/A)	All Teachers

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Teacher Observation

The teacher observation category is made up of two (2) required and one (1) optional subcomponents.

The frequency and duration of observations are locally determined.

Observations may occur in person, by live virtual observation, or by recorded video, as determined locally.

LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one observation by any of the required observers. Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of administrators to conduct observations in addition to those required by this section for non-evaluative purposes.

Required Subcomponents

At least one of the required observations must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).

Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)

At least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or other trained administrator.

Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*

At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.

Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA. They may be employed within the LEA, but may not be assigned to the same school building as the teacher being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs, or peers (e.g., teacher leaders on career ladder pathways), so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the teacher being evaluated.

* The process selected for conducting observations, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.

Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)

If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by a trained peer observer.

Peer teachers are trained and selected by the LEA. Trained peer teachers must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.

Observation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the following elements will not be used in calculating a teacher's Observation category score and rating: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of teacher practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the Department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; and/or use of professional goal-setting as evidence of teacher effectiveness. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.
- Assure that the length of all observations for teachers will be conducted pursuant to the locally-determined durations.
- Assure that at least one of the required observations will be unannounced.

Number and Method of Observation

At least one of the required observations must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).

Required Subcomponent 1: At least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or other

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trained administrator (supervisor).

Required Subcomponent 2: At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator (independent evaluator).

Optional Subcomponent: If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by a trained peer observer (peer observer).

Please use the table below to enter the minimum number of observations and method of observation for each type listed.

	Minimum Number of Observations	Method of Observation Select all that apply
Announced Supervisor Observation (Required Subcomponent 1)	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person
Unannounced Supervisor Observation (Required Subcomponent 1)	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person
Announced Independent Evaluator Observation (Required Subcomponent 2)	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> In person
Unannounced Independent Evaluator Observation (Required Subcomponent 2)	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Announced Peer Observation (Optional)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable
Unannounced Peer Observation (Optional)	N/A	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not applicable

Does the information in the table above apply to all teachers?

Yes, all teachers receive the same number of observations of each type by the same method(s).

Independent Evaluator Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that independent evaluator(s) are not employed in the same school building, as defined by BEDS code, as the teacher(s) they are evaluating.
- Assure that independent evaluator(s) will be trained and selected by the LEA.

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Please also read the additional assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver, the second observation(s) shall be conducted by one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the observation(s) required to be performed by the principal/supervisor or other trained administrator. See Section 30-3.4(c)(1)(ii)(a) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver and such waiver contains information that conflicts with the information provided in Task 4 of the LEA's approved Section 3012-d Educator Evaluation plan, the provisions of the approved waiver will apply. See Section 30-3.4(c)(1)(ii)(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Peer Observation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that peer observers, as applicable, will be trained and selected by the LEA.
- Assure that, if observations are being conducted by trained peer observers, these teachers received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.

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Category and Overall Ratings

For guidance on Educator Evaluation scoring, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Category Scoring Ranges

The overall Student Performance category score and the overall Observation category score will be converted into a HEDI rating based on the ranges listed in the tables below.

Student Performance			Teacher Observation		
HEDI ratings must be assigned based on the point distribution below.			HEDI ratings must be assigned based on locally determined ranges consistent with the constraints listed below.		
	Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating			Overall Observation Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum
H	18	20	H	3.5 to 3.75	4.00
E	15	17	E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	13	14	D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0	12	I	0.00	1.49 to 1.74

Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

The overall rating for an educator shall be determined according to a methodology described in the matrix below.

		Teacher Observation Category			
		Highly Effective (H)	Effective (E)	Developing (D)	Ineffective (I)
Student Performance Category	Highly Effective (H)	H	H	E	D
	Effective (E)				



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Additional Requirements

For more information on the additional requirements for teachers, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Teacher Improvement Plan Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

Assure that the LEA will formulate and commence implementation of a Teacher Improvement Plan (TIP) for all teachers who receive an overall rating of Developing or Ineffective by October 1 following the school year for which such teacher's performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.



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Appeals Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the regulations and provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal.
- Assure that an appeal shall not be filed until a teacher's receipt of their overall rating.

Appeals

Pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, a teacher may only challenge the following in an appeal to their LEA:

- (1) the substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following:
 - (i) in the instance of a teacher rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;
- (2) the LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d;
- (3) the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and
- (4) the LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the teacher improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

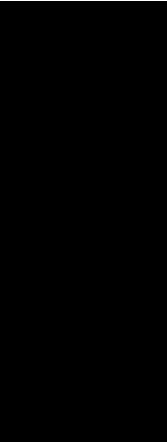
Please review your negotiated appeal process and use the table below to describe the appeal process available to teachers.

Which groups of teachers may utilize the appeals process? Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns. To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.	Please select the ground(s) on which the teachers selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating. Select all that apply.	What is the maximum length of time for the teachers selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All teachers who received a rating of Ineffective	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following: in the instance of a teacher rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1-3 months

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Which groups of teachers may utilize the appeals process? Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns. To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.	Please select the ground(s) on which the teachers selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating. Select all that apply.	What is the maximum length of time for the teachers selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?
	required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

Training Assurance

Please read the assurance below and check the box.

The LEA assures that all evaluators will be properly trained and lead evaluators will be certified on the below elements prior to completing a teacher's evaluation. Note: independent observers and peer observers need only be trained on, at a minimum, elements 1, 2, and 4 below.

1. The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators
2. Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research
3. Application and use of any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the LEA to evaluate its teachers
- 4.

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Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

100% of the Student Performance category if only the required subcomponent is used or locally determined if the optional subcomponent is selected.

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Required Student Performance Measures

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STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance.

SLO measures may be either individually attributed or collectively attributed.

Individually attributed measures

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Collectively attributed measures

A collectively attributed SLO is based on a student population across multiple buildings/programs of similar grade configuration or across multiple building/programs where the learning activities of one building/program indirectly contribute to student learning outcomes in another building/program. When determining whether to use a collectively attributed SLO, the LEA should consider:

identifying which measures and assessments could be used to encourage partnerships or teams where there is an opportunity for a collective impact on student learning;

identifying which assessments could be used to help foster and support the LEA's focus on a specific priority area(s);

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when using multiple measures, the appropriate weight of each measure that reflects individually and collectively attributed results.

> Collectively attributed results: scores and ratings for the selected principals will be based on the growth of students in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.

> Collectively attributed group or team results: scores and ratings for a group or team of principals will be based on the growth of VWXGHQWV LQ WK JURXS WHDP RI SULQFLSDOVá EXLOGLQJV SURJUDPV LQ DQ /(\$ in the current school year.

ASSESSMENTS

Any of the measures above may be used with one or more of the following assessment types.

State assessment(s); or

Assessment(s) that are selected from the list of State-approved:

third party assessments; or

locally-developed assessments (district-, BOCES-, or regionally-developed).

INPUT MODEL

Selection of the Input Model will require:

- a description of the areas of principal practice that will be evaluated;
- a description of how the selected areas of principal practice promote student growth;
- a description of the evidence of student growth and principal practice that will be collected; and
- a description of how the district will use the evidence to differentiate effectiveness resulting in a score from 0 to 20 and ratings of Highly Effective, Effective, Developing, or Ineffective.

Measure Type(s)

Please indicate below which type(s) of measures will be used to evaluate principals. Please check all that apply.



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HEDI Scoring Bands

Highly Effective			Effective			Developing		Ineffective												
20	19	18	17	16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
97- 100 %	93- 96%	90- 92%	85- 89%	80- 89%	75-	67-	60-	55-	49-	44-	39-	34-	29-	25-	21-	17-	13-	9-	5-8%	0-4%



Building Configuration(s) for Applicable Principals Select all that apply	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s) Select all that apply	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s) Select all that apply	Third Party Assessment(s) Select all that apply	Applicable School or BOCES-Program Please leave blank unless instructed by the Department to complete this column.
		Science <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELA Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Algebra I Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Global History Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US History Regents			





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Task 9. PRINCIPALS: School Visits - Rubric and Scoring

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Principal School Visit Category

For guidance on the Principal School Visit category, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

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Principal Practice Rubric

Select a principal practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess principal practice based on ISLLC 2008 Standards (PSEL standards beginning in 2024-25).

Rubric Name	If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of principals each rubric applies to.
Marshall's Principal Evaluation Rubric (2012 Revised Edition with 2013 Updates)	(No Response)

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all principals in the same or similar programs or grade configurations across the LEA, provided that LEAs may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for a principal assigned to different programs or grade configurations as indicated in the table above.
- Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all school visits for a principal across the school visit types in a given school year.

Rubric Rating Process

For more information on the Principal School Visit category see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms used in this section, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

The following is one example of how an LEA might score principal school visits using the selected practice rubric: Domains 1-4 of the MPPR rubric have been negotiated as observable. Domains 2 and 3 are weighted as 40% each, and Domains 1 and 4 are weighted as 10% each. For each school visit, evidence is collected for all observed subcomponents in a domain. A holistic score is then determined for each domain. These domain scores are weighted as indicated above to reach a final score for each school visit. Scores for each school visit are weighted equally and averaged to reach a final score for each school visit type. The LEA will ensure that all subcomponents designated as observable will be addressed at least once across the school visit cycle.

Principal School Visit Scoring Bands

The overall School Visit score will be converted into a HEDI rating based on locally determined ratings consistent with the ranges listed.

	Overall School Visit Category	
	Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	3.5 to 3.75	4.0
E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0.00*	1.49 to 1.74

* In the event that an educator earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all school visits, a score of 0 will be assigned.

HEDI Ranges

Using the dropdown menus below, please indicate the locally-determined rubric scoring ranges based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents for each of the rating categories.



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Principal School Visits

The principal school visit category is made up of two (2) required and one (1) optional subcomponents.

The frequency and duration of school visits are locally determined.

School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.

LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one school visit by any of the required observers. Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of administrators to conduct school visits in addition to those required by this section for non-evaluative purposes.

Required Subcomponents

At least one of the required school visits must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).

Required Subcomponent 1: School Visits by Supervisor(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)

At least one school visit must be conducted by the superintendent or other trained administrator.

Required Subcomponent 2: School visits by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*

At least one school visits must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.

Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA. They may be employed within the LEA, but may not be assigned to the same school building as the principal being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs, or peers, so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the principal being evaluated.

* The process selected for conducting school visits, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.

Optional Subcomponent: School Visits by Trained Peer Principal(s)

If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by a trained peer principal.

Peer principals are trained and selected by the LEA. Trained peer principals must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.

School Visit Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

Assure that the following elements will not be used in calculating a principal's school visit category score and rating: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson planned, components of the curriculum, or other non-evaluative data.

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administrator (supervisor).

Required Subcomponent 2: At least one school visit must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator (independent evaluator).

Optional Subcomponent: If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by a trained peer principal (peer principal).

Please use the table below to enter the minimum number of school visits for each type listed.

	Minimum Number of School Visits
Announced Supervisor School Visits (Required Subcomponent 1)	1
Unannounced Supervisor School Visits (Required Subcomponent 1)	1
Announced Independent Evaluator School Visits (Required Subcomponent 2)	1
Unannounced Independent Evaluator School Visits (Required Subcomponent 2)	0
Announced Peer School Visits (Optional)	0
Unannounced Peer School Visits (Optional)	0

Does the information in the table above apply to all principals?

Yes, all principals receive the same number of school visits of each type.

Independent Evaluator Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that independent evaluator(s) are not employed in the same school building, as defined by BEDS code, as the principal(s) they are evaluating.
- Assure that independent evaluator(s) will be trained and selected by the LEA.

Please also read the additional assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective; and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver, the second school visit(s) shall be conducted by one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the school visit(s) required to be performed by the Superintendent/supervisor or their designee. See Section 30-3.5(c)(1)(ii)(a) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- Assure that if the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, the terms of such waiver shall apply for the school year during which the waiver is effective and, that in any school year for which there is an approved waiver and such waiver contains information that conflicts with the information provided in Task 9 of the LEA's approved Section 3012-d Educator Evaluation plan, the provisions of the approved waiver will apply. See Section 30-3.5(c)(1)(ii)(b) of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Peer School Visit Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that peer principals, as applicable, will be trained and selected by the LEA.
- Assure that, if school visits are being conducted by trained peer principal(s), these principal(s) received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.

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Task 10. PRINCIPALS: Overall Scoring - Category and Overall Ratings

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Category and Overall Ratings

For guidance on Educator Evaluation scoring, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Category Scoring Ranges

The overall Student Performance category score and the overall School Visit category score will be converted into a HEDI rating based on the ranges listed in the tables below.

Student Performance Category			Principal School Visit Category		
HEDI ratings must be assigned based on the point distribution below.			HEDI ratings must be assigned based on locally-determined ranges consistent with the constraints listed below.		
	Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating			Overall School Visit Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum		Minimum	Maximum
H	18	20	H		
E	15	17			
D	13	14			
I	0	12			



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Task 11. PRINCIPALS: Additional Requirements - Principal Improvement Plans

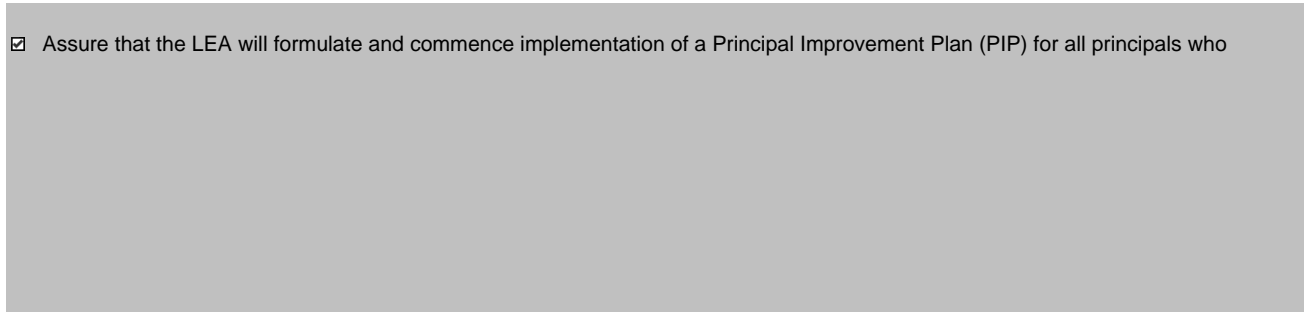

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Additional Requirements

For guidance on additional requirements for principals, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance.

Principal Improvement Plan Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the LEA will formulate and commence implementation of a Principal Improvement Plan (PIP) for all principals who
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Task 11. PRINCIPALS: Additional Requirements - Appeals

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<p>Which groups of principals may utilize the appeals process? Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns. To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.</p>	<p>Please select the ground(s) on which the principals selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating. Please select all that apply.</p>	<p>What is the maximum length of time for the principals selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?</p>
	<p>and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> The LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents</p>	

If "Other" was selected in the table above, please list the corresponding row number and group(s) of principals that may utilize the appeals process.

Row Number	Groups of principals not specified in the table above that may utilize the appeals process.
(No Response)	(No Response)

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Principal Evaluation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the LEA shall compute and provide to the principal their score and rating for the Student Performance category, if available, and for the Principal School Visit category for the principal's evaluation in writing, no later than the last school day of the school year for which the principal is being measured, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year next following the school year for which the principal's performance is being measured.
- Assure that the evaluation system will be used as a significant factor for employment decisions.
- Assure that principals will receive timely and constructive feedback as part of the evaluation process.
- Assure that the following prohibited elements listed in Education Law Section 3012-d(6) are not being used as part of any principal's evaluation: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of principal practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; use of professional goal-setting as evidence of principal effectiveness; any locally-developed assessment that has not been approved by the department; and any growth or achievement target that does not meet the minimum standards as set forth in regulations of the Commissioner. Consistent with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, assure that points shall not be allocated based on any artifacts, unless such artifact constitutes evidence of an otherwise observable rubric subcomponent.

Assessment Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are State or federally required by statute or regulation does not exceed 10 percent of the total instructional time for the school year.
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Task 12. Joint Certification of Educator Evaluation Plan - Upload Certification Form

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Upload Educator Evaluation LEA Certification Form

Please Note: SED Monitoring timestamps each revision and signatures cannot be dated earlier than the last revision. To ensure the accuracy of the timestamp on each task, please submit from Task 12 only.

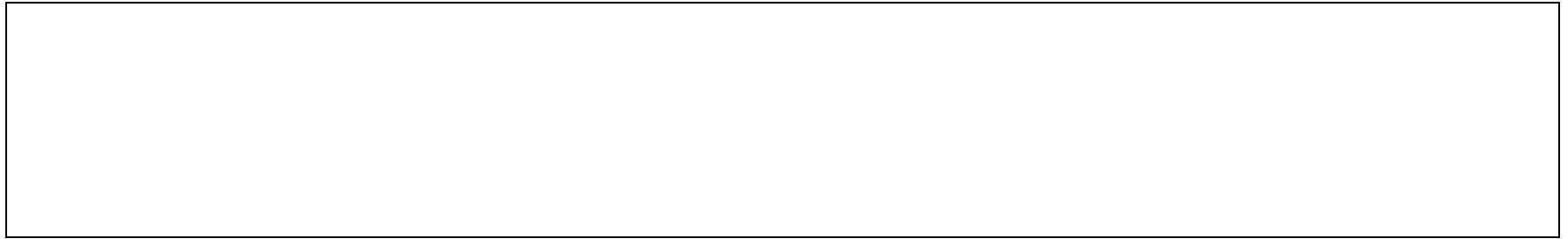
Implementation of the Evaluation Plan

Please indicate below the first academic year to which this evaluation plan will be applicable.

2023-24

Please obtain the required signatures, create a PDF file, and upload your joint certification of the Educator Evaluation plan using the "LEA Certification Form" found in the "Documents" menu on the left side of the page.

EVAL3012d_DistrictCertificationForm_2019 FINAL.pdf



TEACHER IMPROVEMENT PLAN

STANDARD & ELEMENT/ INDICATOR(S) TO BE ADDRESSED	STRATEGIES/ RECOMMENDATIONS (WITH RESOURCES AND/OR PERSONNEL NEEDED)	EXPECTED EVIDENCE: DOCUMENTATION AND/OR PERFORMANCE	TIMELINE	STATUS (e.g. "Success- PER

**Buffalo Public Schools
Principal Improvement Plan
(PIP)
for Administrators**

Purpose for Principal Improvement Plan (PIP)

The purpose of the administrator Principal Improvement Plan (PIP) process is individual continuous improvement in the service of improved student achievement.

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Principal Improvement Plan (PIP) Process

Timeline

The PIP will be implemented no later than 10 school days after the start of the school year. Thereafter, progress shall be monitored on a quarterly basis. The first progress meeting shall occur no later than November 15th. The second shall occur no later than January 30th; and the third progress meeting shall occur no later than April 30.

Pre-evaluation Conference

Each administrator will meet with his/her supervisor in September or October to create consensus on the goals to be accomplished by the administrator during the school year and set dates for midyear and end of year conferences. The administrator can create a portfolio to provide evidence of improvement in the domain(s) of focus.

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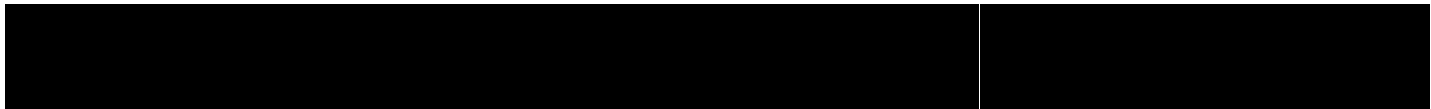
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FINAL ASSESSMENT

Performance Assessment

STANDARD: _____

Use the portfolio to think about and rate the degree to which each Standard Strategy is evident in your practices as a school leader. Please use additional forms as needed.

4 Ⓓ Highly Effective

3 Ⓓ Effective!

2 Ⓓ Improvement Necessary

1 Ⓓ Does Not Meet Standards

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Which standard component needs to be strengthened?

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