

**AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
CONCORD-CARLISLE REGIONAL DISTRICT
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND
CONCORD-CARLISLE TEACHERS' ASSOCIATION
2024 - 2027**

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ARTICLE 1
RECOGNITION

1.1. Pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 150E, the Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee recognizes the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association as the exclusive representative for purposes of collective bargaining with respect to wages, hours and other conditions of employment for all regular full-time and regular part-time professional instructional personnel employed by the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District, consisting of all classroom teachers, department chairpersons, specialized teaching personnel, librarians, counselors, social workers, psychologists, speech therapists, and nurses but excluding the Superintendent of Schools, administrative assistants, directors, managers, principals, assistant principals, supervisors, aides, paraprofessionals, tutors, library technicians, and all other employees of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District.

1.2. The terms "teacher" and "teachers" as used hereafter in this Agreement refer only to such persons as at the time in question fall within the bargaining unit as defined in this Article.

ARTICLE 2
ASSOCIATION SECURITY

2.1. DUES DEDUCTION.

2.1.1. The School District agrees to deduct from the salaries of teachers who have on file with the School District an executed current dues deduction authorization card, dues for the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association, the Massachusetts Teachers' Association, and, if so authorized, the National Education Association and to transmit the monies to the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association Treasurer. Teacher authorizations shall be in a form which is acceptable to the School District.

2.1.2. Deductions referred to in Section 2.1.1. above will be made in equal payments in amounts certified by the Association Treasurer as being the regular membership dues of the Association, the Massachusetts Teachers' Association and, if applicable, the National Education Association with a frequency mutually agreed upon by the Treasurers of the Association and the Region until the total deduction has been reached. In no event will the last deduction extend beyond the last paycheck in June.

2.1.3. The Concord-Carlisle Regional Payroll Coordinator will submit the amounts deducted to the Association Treasurer as soon as is reasonably possible after the issuance of the paycheck from which the deductions were taken, together with a list of the teachers from whose salaries dues were deducted and the amount of the deduction for each teacher.

2.1.4. The provisions of Article 2 shall be subject to the requirement of Section 17C of Chapter 180 of the General Laws including the requirement that the Treasurer of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District shall be satisfied by such evidence as they may require that the Treasurer of the Association has given to the Association a bond, in a form approved by the Commissioner of Corporations and Taxation, for the faithful performance of their duties, in a sum and with such surety or sureties as are satisfactory to said Regional Treasurer.

2.1.5. The Association shall indemnify and save the School District harmless against any claim, demand, suit or other form of liability that may arise out of, or by reason of, action taken or not taken by the School District for the purpose of complying with this Article 2 or in compliance with any dues deduction authorization furnished to the School District, or for the purpose of complying with Section 18.1.1.3. of this Agreement.

2.2. USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES. The School District agrees to permit the Association reasonable use of school facilities in accordance with the practices established during the 2004-2007 school years. The needs of the Association will be considered along with other school needs when considering the use to which available space will be put in the event expected increases in student enrollment materialize.

2.3. DISCRIMINATION. Neither the School District nor the Association will discriminate against, restrain or coerce any teacher because of membership or non-membership in the Association.

ARTICLE 3 SALARY

3.1. There are **two** components to be considered in arriving at the salary for teachers. They are:

A) **Regular Teaching Salary, 185-Day Contract.** which consists of:

- 1) **Base Salary.** as defined in Section 3.3. This is understood to be the remuneration for all professional activities during the 185-day contract period of any school year.
- 2) **Experience Increments.** as defined in Section 3.4.

B) **Compensation for Additional Duties.** The Salary Policy includes a list of responsibilities for which additional compensation is authorized. The amount authorized is added each year to the annual compensation for which the teacher is eligible.

3.2. ANNUAL TEACHING SALARY.

3.2.1. The annual teaching salary is the Regular Teaching Salary.

3.2.2. Those teachers engaged in special co-curricular activities are paid a differential each year in accordance with Article 6, Compensation for Certain Co-Curricular Responsibilities. This differential is added to the salary as listed above. It is not a part of the regular teaching salary.

3.3. BASE SALARY SCHEDULE

Teachers' Salaries

**BASE SALARY SCHEDULE – 3%
2024 - 2025**

FY25 CCTA SALARY TABLE								
	Bachelor	B+ 15	Masters	M+ 15	M+ 30	M+ 45	M+ 60	Doctor
Step 1	57,430	60,304	67,196	68,918	70,638	72,363	74,086	75,939
Step 2	59,727	62,712	69,882	71,677	73,468	75,259	77,051	78,973
Step 3	62,117	65,224	72,675	74,543	76,405	78,268	80,133	82,134
Step 4	64,603	67,833	75,588	77,523	79,463	81,397	83,336	85,421
Step 5	67,185	70,546	78,607	80,622	82,641	84,656	86,671	88,839
Step 6	69,873	73,368	81,752	83,849	85,943	88,042	90,137	92,391
Step 7	72,670	76,305	85,023	87,203	89,385	91,562	93,740	96,086
Step 8	75,574	79,354	88,422	90,692	92,960	95,227	97,494	99,932
Step 9	78,599	82,530	91,961	94,319	96,677	99,053	101,392	103,927
Step 10	81,745	85,830	95,640	98,092	100,544	102,998	105,446	108,083
Step 11	85,013	89,263	99,468	102,017	104,569	107,116	109,667	112,411
Step 12	88,416	92,833	103,446	106,097	108,748	111,401	114,055	116,907
Step 13	91,948	96,549	107,582	110,341	113,100	115,859	118,617	121,583
Step 14	95,628	100,411	111,884	114,754	117,622	120,492	123,360	126,446
Step 15	99,455	104,430	116,359	119,345	122,330	125,313	128,297	131,505
Step 16	105,211	110,472	123,095	126,255	129,409	132,563	135,723	139,117

**BASE SALARY SCHEDULE – 3%
2025 - 2026**

FY26 CCTA SALARY TABLE								
	Bachelor	B+ 15	Masters	M+ 15	M+ 30	M+ 45	M+ 60	Doctor
Step 1	59,153	62,114	69,212	70,986	72,758	74,534	76,308	78,217
Step 2	61,518	64,593	71,979	73,827	75,672	77,517	79,363	81,342
Step 3	63,981	67,180	74,855	76,779	78,698	80,616	82,537	84,598
Step 4	66,541	69,868	77,855	79,849	81,847	83,839	85,836	87,984
Step 5	69,200	72,662	80,965	83,041	85,120	87,195	89,272	91,504
Step 6	71,969	75,569	84,205	86,365	88,521	90,684	92,841	95,163
Step 7	74,850	78,595	87,574	89,819	92,067	94,309	96,553	98,968
Step 8	77,841	81,735	91,075	93,412	95,748	98,083	100,418	102,930
Step 9	80,957	85,006	94,720	97,149	99,577	102,025	104,434	107,045
Step 10	84,197	88,405	98,509	101,035	103,561	106,088	108,610	111,326
Step 11	87,564	91,941	102,452	105,078	107,706	110,329	112,957	115,783
Step 12	91,069	95,618	106,549	109,280	112,011	114,743	117,477	120,414
Step 13	94,707	99,446	110,810	113,651	116,493	119,334	122,175	125,231
Step 14	98,497	103,423	115,240	118,197	121,151	124,107	127,061	130,239
Step 15	102,438	107,563	119,850	122,925	126,000	129,072	132,146	135,450
Step 16	108,368	113,786	126,788	130,043	133,291	136,540	139,795	143,290

**BASE SALARY SCHEDULE – 3%
2026 - 2027**

FY27 CCTA SALARY TABLE								
	Bachelor	B+ 15	Masters	M+ 15	M+ 30	M+ 45	M+ 60	Doctor
Step 1	60,927	63,977	71,288	73,115	74,940	76,770	78,598	80,563
Step 2	63,364	66,531	74,138	76,042	77,942	79,842	81,744	83,783
Step 3	65,900	69,196	77,101	79,083	81,058	83,034	85,013	87,136
Step 4	68,537	71,964	80,191	82,244	84,303	86,354	88,411	90,623
Step 5	71,276	74,842	83,394	85,532	87,674	89,811	91,950	94,249
Step 6	74,128	77,836	86,731	88,956	91,177	93,404	95,627	98,018
Step 7	77,095	80,952	90,201	92,514	94,829	97,138	99,449	101,937
Step 8	80,177	84,187	93,807	96,215	98,621	101,026	103,431	106,017
Step 9	83,386	87,556	97,562	100,063	102,564	105,085	107,567	110,256
Step 10	86,723	91,057	101,464	104,066	106,668	109,271	111,868	114,665
Step 11	90,190	94,699	105,526	108,230	110,937	113,639	116,346	119,257
Step 12	93,801	98,486	109,746	112,559	115,371	118,185	121,001	124,027
Step 13	97,548	102,429	114,134	117,061	119,988	122,914	125,841	128,988
Step 14	101,452	106,526	118,697	121,743	124,785	127,830	130,873	134,146
Step 15	105,512	110,789	123,445	126,613	129,780	132,944	136,110	139,514
Step 16	111,619	117,199	130,592	133,944	137,290	140,636	143,989	147,589

3.4. EXPERIENCE INCREMENTS. In recognition of service in the Concord and Concord-Carlisle School Districts including authorized leaves of absence, teachers shall receive yearly increments as follows:

<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>% of Bachelor’s Maximum</u>
10-14	2%
15-19	3%
20-24	4%
25-29	5%
30+	6%

3.5. Base Salary for teachers is considered to define the normal salary range and progression for teachers employed by the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District. It is understood to be the full remuneration for all professional activities, except such others as are specifically defined in subsequent articles associated with employment for 185 days. At various times during the school year, as defined on the annual school calendar, teachers will be expected to participate in in-service activities associated with their positions.

3.5.1. The period of employment for teachers will be 185 days.

3.5.1.1. New staff members may be required to attend special orientation sessions on two (2) weekdays during the week immediately preceding the first professional day on which all teachers return to school. Mentor and guide teachers will not be required to attend.

3.5.1.2. Prior to the start of school, but no earlier than the five (5) weekdays immediately preceding the first professional day for all teachers, the Guidance Department will staff a total of up to twelve (12) counselor

days over the course of three (3) days for the primary purpose of registering new students and handling student scheduling issues. The Guidance Department Chairperson will schedule these days and seek to fill up to twelve (12) workdays on a voluntary basis, but if any of the twelve (12) slots are not signed up for voluntarily, the Chairperson will assign individuals to staff them in an equitable and reasonable fashion. Guidance counselors who work these days will be paid at a per diem rate of 1/185 of their annual salary for the school year which is about to commence.

3.5.2. The 185 days include 180 instructional days and 5 professional work days. These professional days shall include one or two days prior to school opening.

3.5.3. Five contingency days will be included in the school calendar. If these contingency days are not needed, the School District will adjust the calendar in regard to the last day of school to ensure that there are exactly 180 instructional days.

3.5.4. Only absences specifically allowed in the contract may reduce the working days below 185. Exceptions may be made by the Superintendent for unforeseen circumstances.

3.6. PLACEMENT ON STEPS. Steps in the Base Salary Scales for teachers define the normal progression of teachers in the employ of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District who serve satisfactorily. Normally, a teacher without experience will be awarded a salary at the first step. A teacher commencing their second year will be awarded a salary at the second step, etc..

3.6.1. Experience. Experience will be determined to the nearest number of whole years of teaching experience in Concord, Carlisle or other schools in which the experience may be deemed to contribute to the teacher's proficiency. Fractions of a school year equal to, or greater than, one-half will be considered a whole year.

3.6.1.1. Military Service. Full credit on the base salary schedule will be allowed for each year of military service for individuals whose teaching service was interrupted thereby and half credit will be allowed for each year of military service for individuals whose teaching service was not interrupted thereby.

3.6.1.2. Unusual Service. In situations where the foregoing stipulations do not appear reasonable, a candidate's experiences may be evaluated to determine the step applicable, such evaluation being presented by the Principal, subject to the approval of the Superintendent.

3.6.1.3. Initial Employment. At the discretion of the principal, subject to the approval of the Superintendent, credit upon hiring or rehiring may be given for prior full-time teaching experience in public or private schools, college teaching experience or other experience. Normal progression, if service is satisfactory, may be anticipated thereafter starting from this point.

3.6.2. Step Increment Withheld. Increments are not considered automatic. A step increment may be withheld by the Superintendent, upon recommendation of the principal, from teachers whom receive an overall unsatisfactory rating on the summative evaluation.

3.6.3. Salary increases for teachers at maximum whom receive an overall unsatisfactory rating on the summative evaluation may be withheld by the Superintendent upon the recommendation of the principal.

ARTICLE 4
PLACEMENT ON SCALES

4.1. The training classification is based on academic degrees. Evidence of degree status in the form of a transcript or other official statement from the college or university involved will be required of all teachers.

4.2. Placement on all scales will be made at the beginning of the school year and February 1 depending upon the date of satisfactory completion of the course work and its proximity to either of these dates. The human resources manager must be notified in writing or via email by November 15th of the preceding school year that a lane change is anticipated. It will be the responsibility of the Superintendent to a) send email notification to all association members reminding them of this deadline and including the required notification form during the first week of school each year and b) send email notification to all association members for a second time on November 1st of every school year reminding members of the November 15th deadline and include the required notification form.

4.3. Teachers who have earned a Bachelor's degree are eligible for salaries listed under that heading. Experienced teachers who may have earned such a degree may be considered in this category.

4.4. Credit toward the B+15 scale will be awarded for courses that are completed as part of a Master's degree program or that could be used toward a Master's degree in the teacher's field, a related field or in secondary education. Credit will be given for undergraduate courses if they are required as part of a Master's program. With the Superintendent's prior approval, credit may be given for in-service courses, workshops, and institutes requiring outside preparation if such courses can be demonstrated to be part of a Master's program and if the amount of work required by the participant is generally comparable to that expected of a student in a regular graduate course.

4.5. Teachers who have earned a Master's degree from a college or university accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or similar agencies are eligible for salaries on the Master's degree scale.

4.6. Teachers who have earned a Doctor's degree from a college or university accredited by the New England Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or similar agencies are eligible for salaries on the Doctor's degree scale.

4.7. Placement of staff members on the salary scale at Masters+15, Masters+30, Masters+45, Masters+60 is at the discretion of the Superintendent based on age and relevancy of the course. Official, certified transcripts of courses in addition to those courses required for the Master's degree are to be forwarded to the Superintendent for approval prior to placement on the appropriate salary scale either before the beginning of the school year or February 1. The Superintendent, at their discretion may also consider credit for undergraduate courses, workshops, and institutes requiring out-of-class preparation, if such courses and/or workshops can be demonstrated to be part of a defined post Master's program or are related to the teacher's assignment. In the case of workshops or institutes, the teacher must be able to demonstrate that the amount of work required of the participant would be equivalent to that required of a student in a regular graduate course.

4.7.1. Credit for courses which have not been approved in advance by the Superintendent is at the discretion of the Superintendent.

4.7.2. CCRSD in-service credit earned at any point will be applied towards lane changes after a Masters Degree is conferred.

ARTICLE 5
DOUBLE INCREMENTS

5.1. Upon the recommendation of the principal, the Superintendent may grant an additional increment to teachers who have at least one but less than three years' service in the schools. Teachers so recommended would be extremely outstanding in their performance.

ARTICLE 6
COMPENSATION FOR CERTAIN CO-CURRICULAR RESPONSIBILITIES

6.1. As stated in Article 9, during the contract period from the beginning of the school year to June 30, staff members are expected to be available whenever necessary to discharge properly their professional responsibilities.

6.2. All teachers are expected, as part of their regular duties to participate in activities outside the classroom as defined in Section 9.1. of this Agreement. Some activities, however, require considerably more time and energy than that which can be expected in the description of professional responsibilities contained in this Agreement. This is the case in guidance and social work conferences, coaching athletics teams after school and supervising some of the other co-curricular activities.

6.3. The co-curricular responsibilities listed in Section 6.7. will carry additional stipends in the amounts indicated. The range is to provide a minimum and maximum within which a person assuming responsibilities for the various activities may be paid.

6.3.1. A teacher beginning with a given activity would normally start at the minimum salary but, upon the recommendation of the principal and subject to the approval of the Superintendent, may be placed at any step within the appropriate scale.

6.3.2. It is understood that increments would be granted on a merit basis. They may be withheld, if, in the opinion of the school administration, the responsibility does not warrant the additional pay. By the same token, they may be increased if, in the opinion of the school administration the responsibility warrants the additional amount. All such variations within the range are subject to the approval of the School Committee.

6.4. It is recommended that no teacher undertake coaching responsibilities for more than two seasons or two sports in any one school year. It is strongly recommended also that no classroom teacher assume more than one major coaching responsibility.

6.5. Assignment of coaching duties and special responsibilities for the following school year will be made prior to March 1, insofar as is possible. The teacher's gross salary will be computed by adding the differential for special duties to the Regular Salary, provided however that coaching stipends shall not be added to the teacher's Regular Salary, but shall instead be paid in two equal installments during the athletic season. Adjustments for special duties will be made from time to time if necessary.

6.6. Before filling a vacancy in any position referred to in Section 6.7. notice of the vacancy will be posted electronically for ten (10) school days and emailed to the Association President and placed in "CCHS News" or similar electronic folder, accessible to all members, in use at the time, provided that this shall not limit the School District's right to make temporary appointments when the School District determines such is necessary for the effective continuation of the program. The notice of vacancy shall include a description of the qualifications required for the position, the salary range and the closing date for applications. Applicants for such positions who are members of the bargaining unit covered by this Agreement shall have preference in filling any vacancy covered by this section if they meet the qualifications of the posting.

6.7. STIPENDS FOR CO-CURRICULAR RESPONSIBILITIES.

Varsity Coach Football

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
FY25	\$7,145	\$7,852	\$8,985	\$9,484	\$10,421
FY26	\$7,359	\$8,088	\$9,255	\$9,769	\$10,734
FY27	\$7,580	\$8,330	\$9,532	\$10,062	\$11,056

Asst. Varsity Football (3)

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
FY25	\$4,416	\$4,853	\$5,332	\$5,861	\$6,440
FY26	\$4,548	\$4,999	\$5,492	\$6,037	\$6,633
FY27	\$4,685	\$5,149	\$5,657	\$6,218	\$6,832

Freshmen Football (2)

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
FY25	\$3,932	\$4,322	\$4,750	\$5,221	\$5,738
FY26	\$4,050	\$4,452	\$4,893	\$5,378	\$5,910
FY27	\$4,171	\$4,585	\$5,039	\$5,539	\$6,087

Varsity Coaches

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
FY25	\$5,632	\$6,180	\$6,781	\$7,441	\$8,167
FY26	\$5,801	\$6,365	\$6,984	\$7,664	\$8,412
FY27	\$5,975	\$6,556	\$7,194	\$7,894	\$8,664

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| XC (b) | Swimming |
| XC (g) | Indoor Track (b) |
| Soccer (b) | Indoor Track (g) |
| Soccer (g) | Baseball |
| Field Hockey | Lacrosse (b) |
| Volleyball | Lacrosse (g) |
| Golf | Softball |
| Basketball (b) | Outdoor Track (b) |
| Basketball (g) | Outdoor Track (g) |
| Wrestling | Tennis (b) |
| Ice Hockey (b) | Tennis (g) |
| Ice Hockey (g) | Skiing |
| Fencing (b) | Cheerleading (fall & winter) |
| Fencing (g) | Rugby |

JV/ Freshmen Coaches

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
FY25	\$3,661	\$4,017	\$4,408	\$4,837	\$5,309
FY26	\$3,771	\$4,138	\$4,540	\$4,982	\$5,468
FY27	\$3,884	\$4,262	\$4,676	\$5,132	\$5,632

JV Soccer (b)	Fr. Soccer (b)
JV Soccer (g)	Fr. Soccer (g)
JV Field Hockey	Fr. Field Hockey
JV Volleyball	Fr. Volleyball
JV Basketball (b)	Fr. Basketball (b)
JV Basketball (g)	Fr. Basketball (g)
JV Ice Hockey (b)	Fr. Baseball
JV Baseball	Fr. Softball
JV Softball	Fr. Lacrosse (b)
JV Lacrosse (b)	Fr. Lacrosse (g)
JV Lacrosse(g)	Unified Basketball (.6)
JV Tennis (b)	Unified Track (.6)
JV Tennis (g)	

Assistant Coaches

	Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
FY25	\$3,661	\$4,017	\$4,408	\$4,837	\$5,309
FY26	\$3,771	\$4,138	\$4,540	\$4,982	\$5,468
FY27	\$3,884	\$4,262	\$4,676	\$5,132	\$5,632

Indoor Track (4)
Swimming (3)
Outdoor Track (4.5)
Lacrosse
Ice Hockey (b)
Ice Hockey (g)
Unified Basketball (.6)
Unified Track (.6)
XC (b)
XC (g)
Rugby

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
Musical	1	\$5,322	\$5,482	\$5,646
	2	\$5,840	\$6,015	\$6,195
	3	\$6,408	\$6,600	\$6,798
	4	\$7,032	\$7,243	\$7,460
	5	\$7,718	\$7,950	\$8,189
Yearbook	1	\$4,175	\$4,300	\$4,429
	2	\$4,616	\$4,754	\$4,897
	3	\$5,106	\$5,259	\$5,417
	4	\$5,645	\$5,814	\$5,988
	5	\$6,243	\$6,430	\$6,623
Radio Station	1	\$3,892	\$4,009	\$4,129
	2	\$4,304	\$4,433	\$4,566
	3	\$4,760	\$4,903	\$5,050
Student Senate (2)	1	\$3,728	\$3,840	\$3,955
	2	\$4,122	\$4,246	\$4,373
	3	\$4,559	\$4,696	\$4,837
Freshman Orientation Leader	1	\$3,600	\$3,708	\$3,819
Newspaper	2	\$3,981	\$4,100	\$4,223
NHS Advisor	3	\$4,402	\$4,534	\$4,670
Internship Coordinator	1	\$3,366	\$3,467	\$3,571
Math Team	2	\$3,721	\$3,833	\$3,948
Moot Court (2)	3	\$4,116	\$4,239	\$4,366
MCAS Sped Coordinator		\$4,116	\$4,239	\$4,366
Pep Band	1	\$3,297	\$3,396	\$3,498
	2	\$3,646	\$3,755	\$3,868
	3	\$4,032	\$4,153	\$4,278

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
Literary Magazine	1	\$2,379	\$2,450	\$2,524
	2	\$2,632	\$2,711	\$2,792
	3	\$2,910	\$2,997	\$3,087
Academic Bowl	1	\$2,164	\$2,229	\$2,296
Art Club	2	\$2,393	\$2,465	\$2,539
Art Reach	3	\$2,646	\$2,725	\$2,807
Black Student Union				
Bookmarked				
Book PALS				
Chamber Music & Percussion Club				
Chickenscratch				
Dance Club				
E Sports				
Fall Ultimate Frisbee				
Film Club				
Finance & Investment Club				
Geography & International Relations Club				
Global Literacy Coordinator				
Green Team				
History Reading Club				
Improv Club				
Innocence Project				
Interact Club				
Japan Coordinator				
Junior State				
Model UN				
MVP (2)				
Nature Club				
Red Cross Club				
Reverb Music Club (2)				
Sci-Fi Club				
Spectrum (2)				
Spring Ultimate Frisbee				
Tai Chi Club				
Tech Crew				
Tennis Club Advisor				
Thinkers Agenda				
T.O.Y.S.				
Tri M Music Honor Society				
Weather Service				
Un-Designated Clubs (3)	No Step Structure	\$2,164	\$2,229	\$2,296
PreK-12 Lead Nurse	No Step Structure	\$17,665	\$18,185	\$18,731
Robotics Coach	No Step Structure	\$5,150	\$5,305	\$5,464
VHS Coordinator	No Step Structure	\$5,150	\$5,305	\$5,464

<u>Activity</u>	<u>Step</u>	<u>2024-25</u>	<u>2025-26</u>	<u>2026-27</u>
Drama (Per Production)	No Step Structure	\$5,000	\$5,150	\$5,305
Pit Orchestra	No Step Structure	\$4,286	\$4,415	\$4,547
Social Media Manager	No Step Structure	\$4,120	\$4,244	\$4,371
Vocal Coach for Musical	No Step Structure	\$3,500	\$3,605	\$3,713
9th Grade Academy Lead (5)	No Step Structure	\$3,600	\$3,708	\$3,819
DEIB Teacher Lead (2)	No Step Structure	\$3,600	\$3,708	\$3,819
Class Advisor (6)	No step Structure	\$3,167	\$3,262	\$3,360
Tech Leaders	No Step Structure	\$2,575	\$2,652	\$2,732
Fitness Supervisor (per season)	No Step Structure	\$2,575	\$2,652	\$2,732
Chemical Hygienist	No Step Structure	\$2,339	\$2,409	\$2,481
Mentor Teacher Leader	No Step Structure	\$2,225	\$2,292	\$2,361
AP Facilitator (2)	No Step Structure	\$2,142	\$2,206	\$2,272
Mentor Teacher	No Step Structure	\$1,300	\$1,339	\$1,379
ALAANA Affinity Group Facilitator	No Step Structure	\$1,169	\$1,204	\$1,240
Guide Teacher	No Step Structure	\$700	\$721	\$743
Concord Fellows (Per class)	No Step Structure	\$309	\$318	\$328

6.7.1. Teachers and Staff who lead and organize and chaperone overnight student trips and exchanges that have been approved by the School Committee will be paid stipends as follows:

Student Trip and Exchange Leaders for trips lasting more than 5 days: \$2,700

Student Trip and Exchange Leaders for trips lasting 3-5 days: \$1,000

Note: Teachers will not be paid for trips with clubs or athletic teams for which they are already receiving a stipend for advising or coaching.

6.8. DEPARTMENT CHAIRPERSONS.

Compensation for Department Chairs shall be as follows:

Group I (7 or more persons)	9% of Bachelor's Maximum
Group II (fewer than 7 persons)	7% of Bachelor's Maximum

Compensation for Department Chairs serving a second term would be increased by an additional two percent of Bachelor's Maximum.

6.9. ADDED POSITIONS. Additional co-curricular positions may be added upon the recommendation of the Principal and the approval of the Superintendent. Teachers interested in submitting proposals for such positions are encouraged to do so by October 1 in order to be sure of having them considered for inclusion in the budget for the following academic year; however, proposals may be submitted until June 1. At the start of each school year, but no later than September 1st, the Principal and/or their designee will send an email reminding all teachers and staff that if they are interested in submitting proposals for such positions, they are encouraged to do so by October 1. The Principal will meet with the President of the Association to recommend to the Superintendent added positions and placement on the Co-curricular scale. This determination will be made by November 1.

The School District will attempt to retain some unassigned funds in its budget for the purpose of funding co-curricular positions. In making a proposal, the teacher must demonstrate that a need exists and that there are a sufficient number of students interested in the project to make it worthwhile. Recognizing that there are limited funds available for such positions, priority will be given to groups which are already functioning with a volunteer leader. It is recognized that because of budget limitations, proposals will not automatically receive funding. If at the end of a school year interest in an activity declines below the point of viability, the principal has the right to eliminate the position but will not do so without consulting the persons directly involved.

In addition to the above, the School District will allocate sufficient funds in its budget each school year for the purpose of compensating three additional advisor positions of co-curricular student groups that are meeting regularly during the given school year, but that are not yet funded in the collective bargaining agreement. In making a proposal to be considered for compensation for advising a co-curricular group, the teacher must demonstrate that a need exists and that there are a sufficient number of students interested in the project to make it worthwhile. These funds will only be used to fund stipends for co-curricular student groups not yet in the collective bargaining agreement and not stipends for administrative and other tasks that do not involve activities for students. Co-curricular groups that will receive such funding each year will be determined by the Principal in collaboration with the Association President. The stipends for these three additional club advisors to be determined by the principal and association president each year will be as follows and will increase annually with the COLA as all other co-curricular stipends do:

- Year 1: \$2,164
- Year 2: \$2,229
- Year 3: \$2,296

6.10. CO-CURRICULAR STIPENDS. Beginning on July 1, 2024 for non-athletic co-curricular stipends and on July 1, 2025 for sports and coaching stipends, all co-curricular stipends, including sports and coaching stipends, will increase each year at the same rate as the COLA for base salaries overall.

6.11. ADDED STIPENDS. All stipends or any other monetary compensation on which the parties reach agreement during the term of this agreement or any extension thereof shall be reduced to writing in the form of a memorandum of agreement signed by the parties to the Collective Bargaining Agreement or their agents and the stipend/monetary compensation shall thereby become incorporated into the Collective Bargaining

Agreement at the time the written agreement is reached. When the agreement contains terms that continue beyond the term of this agreement or any extension thereof, during the term of this agreement or any extension thereof, the terms shall be printed as part of the appropriate Article/Appendix in the subsequent agreement.

ARTICLE 7 **PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT OF SALARIES**

7.1. 185-DAY CONTRACTS.

7.1.1. Personnel on the 185-day contracts will be paid Regular Salary plus appropriate differentials in twenty-six (26) equal bi-weekly installments commencing the first pay date on or after the start of the school year. The start of the school year is defined as the first day that students in all grades report to school.

7.1.2. Staff members who determine that they desire to have their July and August paychecks paid in a lump sum payment may do so by submitting a written request. The written request must be received by the Business Office prior to June 1. Such personnel will receive all deferred compensation in their final paycheck no later than June 30 of the school year in which compensation is due. Once a staff member makes this election it shall remain in effect until such time as the staff member changes their election.

For staff hired between August 1st and before the first day of school, the Internal Revenue Service deadline which requires election of payment methodology prior to the first day of school shall be used.

Notwithstanding the options outlined herein, for those employees who do not notify the Assistant Superintendent of Finance and Operations in a timely manner, the twenty-six (26) pay period option shall be the default method of payment.

Should the IRS eliminate the 409A requirements for school employees, the parties will reinstitute the original language of 7.1.2 of the 2007-2010 Collective Bargaining Agreement.

7.1.3. Personnel who begin their service after the beginning of the contract year or terminate their service before the end of the contract year will be paid on a pro-rated basis according to the following formula:

$$(\text{Days of service}/185) \times \text{Regular Teaching Salary} = \text{total pay entitlement}$$

ARTICLE 8 **PROFESSIONAL GROWTH PRACTICES**

8.1. All teachers are expected to keep abreast of, and alert to, new developments in their special fields through course work, workshops, lectures and other special study.

8.2. At the discretion of the Superintendent, opportunities may be provided and financed for staff members to improve themselves in areas and skills required by the school system. Such areas would include academic work, special programs and in-service programs as may be specified by supervisors or administrators or requested by individual staff members.

8.3. PROFESSIONAL INDUCTION PROGRAM. The parties agree to implement a Professional Induction Program (PIP) for the purpose of inducting new teachers, those in their first through fifth year, to the school system.

8.3.1. During a teacher's first year in the Concord-Carlisle High School, they will participate as a mentee in the Mentor Program, the costs of which will be covered by the school system. Appropriate PDP's will be awarded to the mentee upon completion of the Mentor Program. 9-12 faculty will not be required to attend curriculum committee meetings during the Mentor year. After the Professional Growth Review Committee (PGRC) has established criteria for which credit will be given toward movement on the salary schedule, the Superintendent will consider whether or not the Mentor Program meets the criteria and merits one or more in-service credits.

8.3.2. By the completion of a teacher's third year, they will participate in a district determined curriculum or pedagogical course unless an exemption has been granted by the Superintendent upon recommendation by the PGRC. Three in-service credits toward movement on the salary schedule and appropriate PDP's will be granted upon successful completion of this course.

8.3.3. Beginning with the 2024-2025 school year any member of this unit hired by the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District shall take a cultural competency course approved by the District within the first three (3) years of employment. Three (3) in-service credits toward movement on the salary schedule and appropriate PDP's will be granted upon successful completion of the course. The course shall be provided by the district at no cost to the educator. If a newly hired educator has previously taken the same or a substantially similar class, the Superintendent shall have the discretion to grant an exemption.

8.3.4. The school system will cover all costs related to the PIP. Teachers of these courses will be recruited openly within the school system as well as from outside the school system. Any change in course offerings in the PIP will include input from the PGRC. The final decision rests with the Superintendent.

8.3.5. The Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association may undertake an evaluation of the PIP courses. Resulting data, as well as individual course evaluations will be considered by the PGRC for the purposes of course improvement or suggested course alternatives.

8.3.6. Courses are open to all teachers and administrators with priority being given to teachers who are required to take these courses. This does not apply to the Mentor Program.

8.3.7. The Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association does not waive its rights under Chapter 150E to bargain over changes in working conditions that result from changes in the PIP.

8.4. INSERVICE INCENTIVE PROGRAM. An In-service Incentive Program (IIP) shall be established providing for in-service credit toward movement on the salary schedule. In addition to the two courses in the PIP already established, courses for which credit will be given must be equivalent to a university credit course, must have relevancy and rigor, and must be approved by the Superintendent. One credit shall be awarded for twelve (12) accumulated hours.

ARTICLE 9 **PROFESSIONAL TIME RESPONSIBILITIES**

9.1. During the contract period, staff members are expected to be available whenever necessary to discharge properly their professional responsibilities. All teachers are expected, as part of their regular duties, to participate in activities outside the classroom pursuant to past practice. Any proposed major change in these activities will be discussed openly by the administration and the involved teachers (and/or their representatives) and they will attempt to reach a consensus. Teachers shall make themselves reasonably available to provide extra help to students, to meet and otherwise communicate with parents, and otherwise to involve themselves in the school community.

9.1.1. District and Building Administration shall not schedule meetings, conferences or other responsibilities which any unit member is required or expected to attend during the hours designated for the monthly CCTA meeting or during Early Release and other time designated for professional development for the faculty without the written agreement of the Association President.

9.1.2. Unit members will attend one faculty meeting per month. Unit members will also attend one department meeting per month outside of school hours. Exceptions to both of the above shall be made for unit members who are legitimately absent from school the day of a scheduled meeting or who are unable to attend any given individual meeting due to coaching or advising athletic or co-curricular activities for Concord-Carlisle High School that cannot be rescheduled. In such cases, the unit member will notify the principal or their department chair of the reason for their absence.

9.2. Members of the staff whose time is deemed needed by the Superintendent, the Principal or other District or building-level administrators, and who agree to work beyond the regular contract period will be reimbursed for their time. The reimbursement will be calculated at the daily rate of 1/185th of their yearly rate.

9.3. Curriculum projects, identified by the Superintendent shall be offered to staff members. Staff members will be involved in discussing matters relevant to the completion of the project. Compensation for such work will be \$300/day.

9.4. MENTOR TEACHER PROGRAM. When a teacher is hired into the District, their Principal and Direct Supervisor will determine whether they should be assigned a Mentor or a Mentor Guide.

9.4.1. Those serving in the position of Mentor and/or Mentor Guide to a new teacher will be required to attend some of the special orientation sessions on two (2) weekdays during the week immediately preceding the first professional day on which all teachers return to school as follows:

Mentors and Mentor guides who have not previously served as a Mentor or Mentor Guide in the preceding five (5) years will attend the entirety of one (1) of the two (2) orientation days with half of the day being devoted to Mentor training by the Mentor Leader and the other half dedicated to time with their mentee. Mentors and Mentor guides who have previously served as a Mentor or Mentor Guide in the preceding five (5) years will attend half of one of the two (2) orientation days dedicated to time with their mentee. For both Mentors and Mentor Guides, the Superintendent or their designee in collaboration with the Mentor Leader will determine which of the two days Mentors and Mentor Guides are expected to attend and the activities that will take place on that day. Mentors, Mentor Guides and the Mentor Leader will be paid at the rate of \$300 per day for attending the orientation session and this will be prorated for those in attendance for a half day.

9.4.2. Those serving in the position of Mentor Guide will be expected to attend part of the Summer Orientation sessions as delineated in Article 9.4.1 as well as meeting with their mentee regularly throughout the school year.

9.4.3. Those serving in the position of Mentor will be expected to attend part of the Summer Orientation sessions as delineated in Article 9.4.1 as well as attending five (5) meetings per year with their mentee led by the Mentor Leader. Those serving as Mentors will also be expected to regularly meet with their mentees and provide peer observation and support.

9.4.4. Mentors may be awarded PDP's for this service at the discretion of the Superintendent or their designee.

9.4.5. All second year teachers will have the option to request a second year of mentoring/guiding, for which their mentor or guide would be compensated at the contractually stipend rate for mentors and

guides for a second year. If the mentor or guide to whom they were assigned in their first year is no longer available or if the second year teacher desires a change, another person in their department will serve as their mentor in their second year and be compensated at the mentor/guide rate.

9.5. School nurses may work up to four (4) days following the end of the school year and/or before the start of the subsequent school year to prepare for the upcoming school year. The reimbursement will be calculated at 1/185th of the nurses' regular salary for each such day worked. It is understood that this limit does not apply to the Lead Nurse who may be needed for more than four (4) days.

9.6. There shall be thirteen (13) student early release days per year on dates and times agreed upon by the Calendar Committee which includes administration, School Committee and CCTA representation.

9.6.1. Three (3) of the early release day afternoons described in 9.6 may be reserved by the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning or Principal after consultation with the CCTA President. When the early release afternoons are offered by the Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning, there will be a menu of Professional Development options from which teachers may select the option that is most useful for them. The professional development time to be reserved on each early release afternoon following student dismissal shall not exceed two (2) hours.

9.6.2. Professional Development Points (PDP's) may be awarded for any professional development activities on these afternoons.

9.6.3. The remaining shorter early release day afternoons shall be for teachers to use at their own discretion to work on their own or to collaboratively work with others in their department, and teachers will stay in the buildings.

9.7. At least five (5) hours over the course of the two professional days at the start of the school year will be reserved for individual teachers' self-directed preparation and planning for their students' arrival. No required meetings, in-person trainings, or supervisory duties, including freshman orientation responsibilities, will occur during these five (5) hours for any members of the bargaining unit.

ARTICLE 10

PAYMENT FOR UNUSED SICK LEAVE

10.1. Upon retirement from teaching, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System, each teacher employed prior to the 1985-86 school year shall be paid for 50% of their accumulated, unused sick leave up to a maximum of 100 days (200 days of accumulated Sick Leave). A teacher who voluntarily takes deferred retirement is not eligible for this unused sick leave payment.

10.2. A teacher first employed after the 1984-85 school year upon retirement from teaching, in accordance with the rules and regulations of the Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement System, shall be paid for 50% of their accumulated, unused sick leave up to a maximum of 62 days (124 days of accumulated Sick Leave). A teacher who voluntarily takes deferred retirement is not eligible for this unused sick leave payment.

10.3. This pay will be calculated using their Regular Salary at the time of retirement on a per day basis according to the contract year in effect at the time with each day being 1/184 of the Regular Salary. It will not include other remuneration in the calculations. People working on a part-time schedule will accumulate and be paid for days in relation to the percentage of time actually worked.

10.4. Payment of unused sick leave will be made in four (4) equal annual installments beginning with the first pay day in January following retirement.

10.5. Upon the death or permanent disability of a member of the professional staff, payment for unused sick leave in accordance with the formula above will be made to the teacher or their beneficiary in one lump

sum payment. Such payment may be made in four (4) equal installments as described in 10.4. if requested in writing.

10.6. A teacher at step 7 of the salary scale (as renumbered pursuant to the 2007 – 2010 collective bargaining agreement) may, not later than October 15 of the school year at the start of which the teacher attained that step, elect to waive irrevocably any rights under this Article. Such election shall be made on a form provided by the School District. A teacher making such election shall, at the start of the next school year (that is, after completion of a year of service on step 7), advance to step 9 (rather than step 8) of the salary scale (unless the step increment was withheld in conformance with an applicable provision of this agreement) and shall, in the year following completion of the teacher’s year of service on step 14, advance to step 16 (rather than step 15) of the salary scale (unless the step increment was withheld in conformance with an applicable provision of this agreement). A teacher who attained and completed a year of service on step 8 (of the salary scales as in effect for the 2004 – 2007 collective bargaining agreement) during the 2006 – 2007 school year may make this election not later than October 15, 2007 and, upon making such an election, shall be advanced retroactively to the start of the 2007 – 2008 school year to the renumbered step 9.

10.7. This Article shall not apply to teachers first regularly employed by the School District as a teacher after the 2006 – 2007 school year.

ARTICLE 11

ENROLLMENT OF CHILDREN OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF MEMBERS

11.1. Upon the recommendation of the Superintendent and the approval of the School Committee, children of professional staff members may enroll, without charge for tuition, in the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District and in the Concord Public Schools.

11.2. The provisions of this Article apply solely to regular education programs. Children requiring services pursuant to Chapter 766 shall be admitted only if the staff member agrees to pay tuition for the special education services and on the Superintendent’s recommendations.

11.3. The provisions of this Article do not apply to placements in day or residential schools pursuant to Chapter 766.

11.4. If the Concord-Carlisle School District at its sole discretion elects to participate in the state’s School Choice Program, the children of professional staff members will be given priority if legally allowable.

11.5. Whatever the Concord-Carlisle School Committee’s decision concerning school choice, should this Article 11 at any time be identified as inconsistent with State Law, this Article 11 shall be construed pursuant to the applicable law without requiring any additional bargaining and without affecting any other provision of this contract.

ARTICLE 12

TUITION REIMBURSEMENT

12.1. Contingent upon the Superintendent’s written approval prior to enrollment, professional staff members will be reimbursed for the cost of tuition (not to exceed \$900.00 per school year or two courses, whichever comes first, less scholarships, grants, or vouchers) for courses at accredited colleges, universities or professional institutions. The superintendent will have discretion to approve tuition reimbursement that exceeds the contractual \$900 limit per educator for individuals if the Superintendent deems it appropriate. A minimum of \$20,000 will be allocated in any one school year for such expenditures.

12.2. Reimbursement of tuition will be made upon the successful completion of any approved course as evidenced by the submission of transcripts and proof of tuition payment.

12.3. Effective with the 2008 – 2009 contract year, and contingent upon the Superintendent’s written approval prior to enrollment, professional staff members will be reimbursed towards the cost of tuition for attendance at a program leading to licensure as a supervisor/director under Massachusetts Department of Education regulations, in order to permit service as a Department Chair.

The maximum amount available for any single professional staff member shall be \$5,500 over the life of a multi-year program, provided that the District’s total obligation under this section 12.3 shall not exceed \$11,000 in any single contract year.

Reimbursement of tuition will be made upon the successful completion of any approved program as evidenced by the submission of a copy of official transcripts and acceptable proof of payment, provided that for an approved multi-year program, reimbursement for the first year’s payment will be made upon submission of transcripts showing successful progress toward completion and proof of payment.

ARTICLE 13 **SUMMER PROGRAM**

13.1. In the event that the School District authorizes a summer program, the following shall apply:

- A) Such program shall be under School District control.
- B) Personnel of the Concord-Carlisle professional staff will have priority over all others for the staffing of positions.
- C) All summer pay will be at the rate of \$225 per day for all full-time summer programs (two classes of 1.5 hours each) and \$112.50 for one-half day (one class of 1.5 hours).
- D) Summer employees will not be paid for days absent.

ARTICLE 14 **PERSONNEL FILE**

14.1. A teacher may, upon request, review the contents of their personnel file and make copies of such contents as concern their work or them self. A teacher may have at their discretion a representative of the Association present during any such review.

14.2. Unless a teacher has had an opportunity to review it, no information will be placed in a teacher’s personnel file to the extent that the information is used, has been used or may be used, to negatively affect the teacher's qualification for employment, promotion, transfer, additional compensation or the possibility that the teacher will be subject to disciplinary action. A copy of the material will either be hand delivered to the teacher or sent by certified mail, return receipt requested. The teacher will acknowledge having had the opportunity to review such material by signing the copy to be filed within fourteen (14) calendar days of its receipt. Such signature, however, shall not be deemed to indicate agreement with the contents thereof. Such material, either hand delivered to a teacher or sent to the teacher by certified mail return receipt requested with a signed receipt returned, will be accepted by both parties as proof that the requirements of the school system as outlined in this Article have been fulfilled in the event that the teacher does not sign the material within fourteen (14) days of its receipt. The teacher will also have the right to submit a written answer to such material within thirty (30) working days of its receipt and they/their answer shall be reviewed by the Superintendent and attached to the file copy.

14.3. Material in a teacher’s personnel file which the teacher has had the opportunity to review under the conditions set forth in Section 14.2, together with any answer submitted by the teacher in accordance with the last sentence of Section 14.2 but excluding any information which is the subject of a timely, pending grievance or of a timely, pending action before (i) a court, (ii) the Department of Secondary and Elementary Education or (iii) a state, local or federal administrative agency (*e.g.*, the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination, the Massachusetts Department of Labor Relations, or the Massachusetts Industrial Accident Board), shall be accepted as an accurate record of they/their employment history and shall not be subject to contrary testimony in arbitration under this Agreement or under G.L. Chapter 71, Sections 41 or 42.

ARTICLE 15
LICENSURE

15.1. The “Recertification Process Guidelines for CPS/CCRSD” are to be used by faculty and administration in the review and completion of Individual Professional Development Plans for the purpose of recertification.

15.2 Evaluation for purposes of Commonwealth of Massachusetts teacher certification shall in no way be governed by the provisions of this Agreement and such evaluation shall not be considered in the determination of any personnel action taken or not taken with respect to any teacher other than action directly related to such teacher’s having or not having required certification.

ARTICLE 16
INDEMNIFICATION

16.1. Rights of indemnification of teachers for expenses in connection with claims and actions brought against them shall be as provided in General Laws, Chapter 258, Section 9.

ARTICLE 17
STAFFING

17.1. While recognizing that the ultimate determination concerning matters of staffing is reserved to the School District, the parties agree as follows:

17.1.1. In each of the major academic departments (mathematics, science, social studies, English and world languages), it is desirable that the ratio of students to full-time teachers approximates an average of 90 to 1. As this represents a goal for a department and not for any individual teacher, individual teachers within the departments may have more or fewer students than the desired maximum. However, the calculation of a department’s ratio does not include teachers assigned to the Ninth Grade Academy or other programs or classes in which the administration has made the choice to assign lower student to teacher ratios. It is desirable that class size for any section of a course should not exceed twenty-five (25) students with the possible exception of Rivers and Revolutions, Twice Told Tales or any other special programs and classes to which the District or Building Administration have assigned more than one teacher. It is desirable that no class should exceed twenty-five (25) students, however, such classes which a department, in conjunction with the administration, has chosen to assign significantly fewer students to for educational or social/emotional reasons will not be utilized in calculating a department’s teacher student ratio. The School District reserves the right to increase the student teacher ratio up to a maximum of 95:1 in these departments for compelling reasons. It is also understood that in these departments the number of classes per full-time equivalent teacher in any given semester should be 4.

17.1.1.1. Each student from the electives that meet twice a week will count as .6 toward the ratio.

17.1.2. For the Art Department, the number of assigned classes per full-time teacher will be four. In addition, each Art teacher may be assigned the equivalent of one teaching block in the Art area.

17.1.3. In the other teaching departments, given the current block schedule, the number of classes assigned per teacher will be 5 for the 2024-2025 school year. Beginning on July 1, 2025 and in all future bargaining agreements unless otherwise negotiated between the parties, for the health and fitness department, the number of assigned classes per full-time teacher will be four. It is desirable that the ratio of students to full-time teachers approximate an average of 200 to 1.

17.1.4. For the guidance department, it is desirable that the ratio of students to full-time counselors approximate an average of 185 to 1. The School District reserves the right to increase the student counselor ratio up to a maximum of 190:1 for compelling reasons. The calculation of the ratio does not include, nor does it apply to, the school adjustment counselors, and if individual guidance counselors solely assigned to first-year students or individual guidance counselors assigned some other administrative task are at any time assigned a lower caseload of students than 185 to 1, their caseload will not be used in calculating the Guidance department ratio.

17.1.5. Full time teacher weekly duties will be capped at two (2) in addition to their flex blocks. For part-time faculty, duties will be prorated based on their FTE. Administration will attempt to distribute duties fairly and equitably both among faculty and across an individual faculty member's weekly teaching schedule, but at minimum, each full-time faculty member will have a full lunch block and at least one planning block during which they are not assigned each day of the week. School nurses and department chairpersons will be exempt from performing student supervisory duties. Teachers will no longer be assigned to advisory as a duty. Coverage for rare whole school needs such as the Youth at Risk Behavior Survey will be collaboratively agreed to by the Association and the Administration. Teachers will no longer be assigned to MARC as a duty.

17.1.5.1. There will be a few exceptions to the two (2) duty cap as indicated below:

Teachers, counselors and other CCTA members who are contractually excused from duties will do flex blocks but remain exempt from all other supervisory duties. These include, but are not limited to, guidance counselors, Special Education teachers, Department Chairs, the CCTA President and Vice-President and Science Teachers who teach two (2) or more lab blocks per week. Science teachers who teach one (1) lab block per week will do both flex blocks but have their additional weekly duties capped at one (1).

17.1.5.2. Given our current schedule, for each regular, weekly, block-length meeting that a faculty member is required to attend during the school day, they will be exempted from one (1) other assigned weekly duty.

17.1.5.3. Teachers will not be expected to do or be assigned to perform "sub-coverage" for other teachers. This will not be a duty. Teachers may elect to provide sub-coverage at \$50 per hour (pro-rated to the length of the period). Teachers who volunteer to do sub-coverage may cover no more than three (3) class meetings per week and they will not be expected to teach the classes to which they are assigned. Such coverage will not be classified as a duty. Logistics of how this will operate will be mutually agreed upon by the Principal and the Association President or their designees.

17.1.6. Part-time teachers are paid 25% of a full-time teacher salary for each class taught.

17.1.6.1. When scheduling Part-Time teachers' teaching blocks and duties, the following parameters for what blocks they may be scheduled will be observed:

.5 FTE:

AM: 8:00am-11:00am: i.e.: ABC and D Tues/Thurs

PM: 11:00am-2:41 pm: i.e.: EFG and D Mon/Wed (including dept. lunch)

.75 FTE:

AM: 8:00am-1:00pm: i.e.: ABCD and E Tues/Thurs: (including dept. lunch)

PM: 9:45-2:41: i.e.: DEFG and C MWF (including dept. lunch)

17.1.7. For the music department, it is desirable that the ratio of students to full-time teachers approximate an average of 180 to 1.

17.1.8. For the Special Education department, it is desirable that the number of students assigned to any full-time case manager shall not exceed twenty-two (22). The Department Chair of the Special Education department, in collaboration with the Special Education Administrator, should be responsible for assigning students to each case manager, making the utmost effort to distribute the students to case managers fairly and equitably, both in terms of overall caseload and degree of student needs and should also consider the impacts on direct services provided by related service providers when assigning caseloads to case managers.

17.1.9. The utmost effort will be made by administration and Department Chairs to fairly and equitably distribute students with IEP's and 504's among regular classroom teachers whenever possible, especially among teachers teaching sections of the same course.

17.1.10. When a teacher, counselor or staff member is temporarily out on leave, the District will make the utmost effort to hire a qualified substitute to cover the individual's workload as soon as possible after they become aware of the impending or unexpected leave. In the event there is difficulty in filling the position, the District may ask other members of the staff member's department to temporarily cover the individual's workload, but those individuals may not provide such coverage if doing so violates the terms of Article 17 on staffing ratios and loads or any other part of the contract. If such a situation should arise, the Superintendent and the Association President will negotiate any appropriate additional compensation which the individual(s) will receive and the additional work responsibilities the individual(s) will undertake. The Superintendent will update the Association President on their progress in filling the position at their regular monthly meeting and will also do so in response to any inquiries made by the Association President in between their monthly meetings.

17.2. Each department in the school will have a common department lunch of 41 minutes and every member of that department will be scheduled for that lunch block every school day.

17.3. Any position created by Building or District administrators which association members fill and which replace a portion of their contractual teaching load, will be negotiated between the Association and the Superintendent. This negotiation will include, but not be limited to compensation and responsibilities. These positions will be posted so all bargaining unit members will have equal opportunity to apply for them. Any results of any such negotiations will be reduced to writing and codified in a Memorandum of Agreement which shall be included in any successor agreements.

ARTICLE 18
ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL DUTIES

18.1. TEMPORARY ABSENCE. Professional staff members may utilize their allowed sick, personal, professional, religious and bereavement leave days in full day, half day or quarter day increments and these options will be made available to select when the employee submits their requested absence to administration.

18.1.1. Sick Leave. Every member of the professional staff on the 185-day schedule shall be allowed fifteen days' absence from school duties annually without loss of salary if occasioned by personal illness. For teachers who are not scheduled to work full time, a day of absence shall be prorated in accordance with their teaching schedules. Sick leave shall accumulate from year to year without limit. New employees may begin with a bank of sick leave representing five days for each year of experience not to exceed thirty days.

18.1.1.1. Sick leave, in addition to personal illness, shall include absence because of illness on the part of a spouse, child, father, mother, or member of the immediate household.

18.1.1.2. A medical certificate or other suitable evidence may be required for all absences exceeding five consecutive days.

18.1.1.3. Sick Leave Bank. A Sick Leave Bank for use by eligible teachers who have exhausted their own sick leave and who have serious personal illness or accident or who are experiencing the catastrophic illness or accident of a child has been established. A Sick Leave Bank Committee consisting of six (6) members shall administer the Sick Leave Bank. Three (3) members will be designated by the School Committee and three (3) designated by the Association. The operation of the Bank and withdrawal there from shall be carried out in accordance with the following provisions:

A) Upon hire and thereafter as necessary, each teacher will deposit to the Bank one (1) day of sick leave. Once deposited sick leave days shall become the property of the Bank and may not be withdrawn by the contributing member(s) for any reason other than those set forth below.

B) All deposits to the Bank will be credited October 1 of each year.

C) Withdrawals may be made only for serious personal illness or accident of the teacher, for child bearing leave, or catastrophic illness or accident of a child, and applied only during the regular school year (185 days).

D) Any member of the Bank, or another member authorized to act on their behalf, who seeks sick leave days from the Bank shall inform in writing the Sick Leave Bank Committee. Copies thereof shall be sent to the president of the Association and to the human resource director setting forth the nature of their illness, accident or the catastrophic illness/accident of a child, an estimate of how long such illness/accident shall continue in the school year in which their leave has been exhausted, and the number of days that they seek to withdraw from the Bank. Said application shall be accompanied by a written statement of a physician with personal knowledge which shall corroborate the nature of the illness and estimate the degree and duration of same. The Sick Leave Bank Committee shall have the right to request of the applicant additional information as needed for the purpose of reaching a decision in a particular case.

E) The initial grant of sick leave by the Sick Leave Bank Committee to an eligible teacher shall not exceed thirty (30) school days and shall be made according to the following criteria:

- 1) adequate medical evidence of serious personal illness/accident or of catastrophic illness/accident of a child
- 2) prior utilization of all eligible sick leave

- 3) length of service in the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District
- 4) propriety in the use of previous sick leave

F) A teacher who is still unable to perform their duties after the period for which sick leave has been granted by the Sick Leave Bank Committee may apply for an additional grant. Such request shall be subject to the provisions set forth above. In no case shall any teacher be granted sick leave to extend beyond the school year in which such leave has been granted. No teacher shall be granted sick leave days by the Sick Leave Bank Committee in more than two (2) consecutive school years for the same illness or for more than 185 school days, whichever period is less. During the first year of employment, a teacher may not withdraw more than 90 school days from the Sick Leave Bank.

G) The granting of sick leave by majority vote of the Sick Leave Bank Committee shall be in writing with a copy of such statement being forwarded to the human resource office for inclusion in the teacher's personnel folder. If the Sick Leave Bank committee is tied regarding a member's request to utilize the sick leave bank, a seventh committee member will be chosen by a majority vote of the committee members to break the tie. If the members are unable to agree on a seventh member, the Association President will select the seventh committee member to break the tie. All decisions of the Sick Leave Bank Committee are final and binding and are not subject to the grievance procedure of this Agreement.

H) In the event of depletion of the Bank's resources, the Sick Leave Bank Committee may recommend to the membership a reassessment of an additional day of contribution. If the Sick Leave Bank balance goes below 900 days, the Sick Leave Bank Committee will notify the Association.

I) In the event of a new contract and/or an extension of the existing one, the balance of days in the Sick Leave Bank are to be carried over to succeeding years.

18.1.2. Bereavement Leave. Bereavement leave will be granted by the immediate supervisor not to exceed five (5) days. The leave is to be granted without salary deductions in the loss of the following: spouse, child, parent, sibling, grandparent, in-law, member of the teacher's immediate household or other close relation or close friend. Any other bereavement leave beyond five (5) days shall be taken from sick leave based on the recommendation of the principal and the Superintendent's approval.

18.1.3. Personal Business. Each regular employee will be granted annually three days' absence from school duties for personal business or for other unusual and imperative reasons with no loss of salary. The benefits of this Section shall not be utilized to extend a vacation period. Unused personal business days will be cumulative to six days per teacher. To be eligible for leave without loss of salary, employees must receive approval from their immediate supervisor at least 24 hours before taking such leave (except in case of emergency). Personal business means a matter which cannot be attended to at a time other than when school is in session.

18.1.4. Leave for Religious Observances. Each regular employee may be granted up to three days' absence from school duties without loss of salary for the observance of religious holidays not regularly included in the school holiday schedule. If taken, there will be no deduction from the individual's accumulated sick leave days. An advance notification to the individual's immediate supervisor is a prerequisite to the granting of leave for religious observances.

18.1.5. Professional Leave. Any teacher, upon application and permission of the Principal or their designee, may be granted leave not to exceed five days annually to attend conferences or meetings, or to visit schools for professional purposes. Any money beyond expenses received by a teacher on professional leave shall be turned over to the Principal for deposit in the department account and will be held there for the remainder of that school year and the following fiscal year to be used for professional activities. If, at the end of such following fiscal year, any such funds remain

unexpended, then they shall be moved into the school district's general account. Receipts for all expenditures must be provided to the business office in order to obtain reimbursement.

18.1.6. Jury Duty. A teacher called to serve on jury duty will be paid the difference between the money received for jury duty less travel allowance and they/their regular pay.

18.1.7. The Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association President will be entitled to up to one (1) additional paid day of leave/release time per quarter above and beyond the other days of leave to which they are already contractually eligible, for a total of four (4) additional days per year, in recognition of the extensive time which tending to school business in collaboration with the administration entails.

18.2. EXTENDED ABSENCE.

18.2.1. Military. If a professional staff member is drafted or enlists in the U.S. military service, they will be granted a military leave of absence for up to four years.

18.2.2. Sabbatical Leave. The School Committee will sponsor two types of Sabbatical Leave, Traditional Sabbatical Leave and Alternative Sabbatical Leave. Types of Traditional Sabbatical Leaves include half-year full pay, full year half-pay, and full year and full pay leaves. Types of Alternative Sabbatical Leaves include (but are not limited to) Fractional Load Sabbaticals, Summer Sabbaticals, and Professional Development Sabbaticals.

The School Committee will fund the equivalent of four half-year Sabbaticals. At least one-quarter of this funding will support Alternative Sabbaticals. The remaining three-quarters of this funding will support either one full and one half Traditional Sabbaticals or three half Traditional Sabbaticals. If there are not enough proposals to use the entire funding designated for Traditional Sabbaticals, then whatever money is remaining after the awarding of Traditional Sabbaticals will be added to the funding for Alternative Sabbaticals.

18.2.2.1. Traditional Sabbatical Leave.

A) Professional staff members may apply for a Traditional Sabbatical Leave for study, research or travel.

B) Eligibility for sabbaticals shall be based upon total years of service in the system (including military leave, parental leave or approved leave of absence). After seven years of eligibility have been attained, a professional staff member shall be eligible for a full year sabbatical at one-half pay or a half-year sabbatical at full pay. After ten years of eligibility have been attained, a professional staff member shall be eligible for a full year sabbatical at full pay. Eligibility for subsequent sabbaticals will follow the same time requirements, minus seven years for each one-half sabbatical previously awarded and twelve years for each full year sabbatical awarded prior to July 1, 1989, and ten years for each full year sabbatical thereafter. The salary shall be the regular teaching salary.

C) Any person awarded a half sabbatical must wait at least two full years before receiving another half sabbatical no matter how many years they have been in the system. Any person awarded a full sabbatical must wait at least four full years before receiving another full sabbatical or two full years before receiving another half sabbatical no matter how many years they have been in the system.

D) By December 1 of the year prior to the year for which the Traditional Sabbatical Leave is considered, Traditional Sabbatical Application Forms will be prepared by the Superintendent and distributed to staff members. The Superintendent shall not be required to prepare and distribute such forms if they have already determined prior to said December 1, based on fiscal constraints or otherwise, that no Traditional Sabbatical Leaves will be granted for that year, provided that

the preparation and distribution of such forms shall not oblige the Superintendent to grant any Traditional Sabbatical Leaves.

E) By December 1 of the year prior to the year for which the Traditional Sabbatical Leave is considered, a Sabbatical Review Committee will be formed consisting of three Association members selected by the Association President; one building administrator; the Superintendent or their designee; and an *ex officio* (non-voting) School Committee member.

F) By December 15, proposals for Traditional Sabbatical Leave will be presented to the Sabbatical Review Committee for consideration.

G) By January 31, the Sabbatical Review Committee will review all proposals and select the best two (one full and one half) or best three (three halves) for presentation to the Superintendent. Criteria for selection should include, but are not limited to: the value of the sabbatical to the teacher, the length of service of the teacher, and the amount of time since that teacher has received a sabbatical. In addition, all recommended proposals should have demonstrable value to students or the department or the school.

H) The Superintendent may award such Traditional Sabbatical Leaves as they determine in their discretion, but not to exceed one full and one half sabbatical, or three half sabbaticals, not later than March 1. It is further understood that the deadlines for the process may be changed by mutual agreement of the School Committee and the Association.

18.2.2.2. Alternative Sabbatical Leave

A) Professional staff members may apply for Alternative Sabbatical Leave for study, research, travel or any other professional activity of demonstrable value. Alternative Sabbaticals can be different from Traditional Sabbaticals in concept, construct or duration.

B) Professional staff members are eligible for Alternative Sabbatical Leave after five years of service. They may apply during their fifth year for a leave in their sixth.

C) By February 1 of the year prior to the year for which the Alternative Sabbatical Leave is considered, Alternative Sabbatical Application Forms will be prepared by the Superintendent and distributed to staff members. The Superintendent shall not be required to prepare and distribute such forms if they have already determined prior to said February 1, based on fiscal constraints or otherwise, that no Alternative Sabbatical Leaves will be granted for that year, provided that the preparation and distribution of such forms shall not oblige the Superintendent to grant any Alternative Sabbatical Leaves.

D) By December 15, proposals for Alternative Sabbatical Leave will be presented to the Sabbatical Review Committee (see 18.2.2.2. E) for consideration.

The Sabbatical Review Committee will review all proposals and select the best for presentation to the Superintendent. Criteria for selection should include, but are not limited to: the value of the sabbatical to the teacher, the length of service of the teacher, and the amount of time since that teacher has received a sabbatical. In addition, all recommended proposals should have demonstrable value to students or the department or the school.

The Superintendent may award such Alternative Sabbatical Leaves as they determine in their discretion, but not to exceed one half sabbatical, not later than April 15. It is further understood that the deadlines for the process may be changed by mutual agreement of the School Committee and the Association

18.2.2.3. The granting of a Sabbatical Leave shall be dependent upon the staff member entering into a written agreement with the School District that upon termination of such leave they will return to service in the public schools of the Region for a period equal to twice the length of such leave, and that, in default of completing such service, they will refund to the Region an amount equal to such proportion of salary received by them while on leave as the amount of service not actually rendered as agreed bears to the whole amount of service agreed to be rendered.

18.2.2.4. The period of leave will be considered a period of teaching for purposes of measuring teaching experience for salary determination. Sabbatical Leave will not affect tenure or other benefits earned as a member of the staff.

18.2.2.5. During the course of Sabbatical Leave, brief monthly reports of progress shall be made to the Superintendent.

18.3. PARENTAL AND CHILD REARING LEAVE.

18.3.1. Parental Leave. An employee shall be entitled to up to sixty (60) days of leave for the purpose of caring for a newborn child; or caring for an adopted child who is under the age of 18; or caring for an adopted child who is under the age of 23 and is mentally or physically disabled.

18.3.1.1. Employees taking parental leave will be granted the following paid leave benefits prior to accessing any other paid leave benefits in the Collective Bargaining Agreement:

Up to fifteen (15) days of paid parental leave, on consecutive work days, not deducted from sick time, personal time or accumulated unused sick days.

Up to an additional forty-five (45) paid consecutive work days may be taken, to be deducted from accumulated sick and/or personal leave under Article 18.1.1. of this collective bargaining agreement.

18.3.1.2. If the employee has an insufficient number of accumulated unused sick days and/or personal days to be eligible to access the totality of the paid benefits outlined above while still retaining five (5) sick days for future use, eligible staff may petition the sick leave bank in accordance with the parameters set out in Article 18.1.1.3. of this collective bargaining agreement. If they are denied by the Sick Leave Bank Committee, they may return to work or elect to complete whatever remains of their sixty (60) days of leave unpaid.

18.3.1.3. The employee seeking the leave shall provide at least thirty (30) days advance notice of their estimated anticipated departure date and the employee's intention to return, unless the delay of notice is for reasons beyond the employee's control.

18.3.1.4. The paid parenting leave described above must begin within six (6) months of the date of the birth or adoption of their child

18.3.1.5. The employee's paid salary while on parenting leave will be pro-rated for less than full-time employees.

18.3.1.6. If both parents are employees of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District, both employees will be entitled to the full leave.

18.3.1.7. Any paid time off under this paid parental leave policy will run concurrently with available leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) and/or the Massachusetts Parental Leave Act (MPLA).

18.3.2. Child-Rearing Leave. Any teacher may be granted a leave of absence without pay for up to three full semesters immediately following childbirth or adoption. Scheduled returns from such child-rearing leaves shall occur at the beginning of a semester unless otherwise agreed upon by the teacher and the Superintendent. Leaves may exceed three consecutive full semesters if agreed upon by the teacher and the Superintendent.

A teacher returning from Child-Rearing Leave may request to fill an existing vacancy (a position that must be posted and/or advertised) of lesser equivalence in the discipline that they left for the remainder of the school year rather than an immediate return to they/their former equivalency. They may fill said vacancy for a maximum of two (2) school years, if such vacancy exists, without affecting their rights to return to their former equivalency.

If a teacher has their teaching load increased because of another teacher's leaving for Child-Rearing Leave, the teacher whose load is increased shall sign a statement acknowledging the reason for the temporary increased load and an agreement to voluntarily reduce their load if necessary when the teacher on Child-Rearing Leave returns. All teachers whether on leave or not will receive equal consideration with respect to reduction-in-force.

18.4. VOLUNTARY LEAVES OF ABSENCE.

18.4.1. Upon application, consistent with School Committee Policy, of a member of the professional staff and upon the recommendation of the principal, after consideration of the merits of the request, the Superintendent may grant a full or partial leave of absence. Written application for leaves of absence must be submitted before July 1 of the year in which leave is requested. Requests submitted after the deadline date will be considered only in the event of extraordinary circumstances as determined by the Superintendent. During a leave of absence, a teacher will receive no salary, no Region payment of insurance plans, or other benefits. A teacher on leave of absence will receive the same consideration with respect to reduction-in-force and future staffing plans as if they were actively teaching and not on leave.

18.4.2. Salary credit for the year of leave of absence is at the discretion of the Superintendent upon the recommendation of the principal. Persons granted leaves of absence by the Superintendent who are on leave on January 1 must inform the Superintendent by February 1 of the year in which they intend to return or the teacher's service will be considered terminated at the end of the school year for which the leave was granted.

18.4.3. A teacher's insurance plan will be continued during the period of any unpaid leave of absence (including a parental leave), provided the teacher pays the total monthly cost of such coverage to the Region by the seventh (7th) of each month.

18.5. ADDITIONAL LEAVE. At the discretion of the Superintendent, additional leave may be granted beyond normal sick leave and other leave provisions of the current policy.

18.6. ABSENCES REQUIRING SALARY DEDUCTION. Extended absence owing to personal illness in excess of sick leave allowance shall carry a salary deduction equal to the actual cost of substitute services, but this provision shall neither exceed ten (10) weeks nor shall it extend beyond the school year in which the extended absence owing to said personal illness in excess of sickness allowance began. Absences for reasons other than personal illness or serious emergency shall carry a deduction of 1/185th of annual salary for each day of such absence for all personnel engaged for the period of the school year.

18.7. THE FAMILY AND MEDICAL LEAVE ACT OF 1993. Upon receipt of an application, the Superintendent shall approve a maximum of twelve (12) weeks unpaid, job protected leave each year for specified family and medical reasons consistent with the FMLA. For purposes of the FMLA, the year is defined as the twelve (12) consecutive months immediately preceding the requested leave date.

ARTICLE 19
DEPARTMENT CHAIR POSITIONS

19.1. An appointment to a department chairpersonship shall be for a three-year period, subject to an annual review by the Principal and a determination by them that the incumbent is meeting the goals and objectives established for the incumbent by the Principal in consultation with members of the department as described below. Members of a department, at their option, may participate in the process of nominating candidates for department chair positions. Should they desire to recommend a nominee, they shall first consult with the Principal concerning goals and objectives for the department and its chairperson and other relevant matters. Thereafter, but prior to May 1, the name of a nominee may be presented to the Principal for their consideration. Any nominee who is recommended by the majority of their department and who possesses proficient or exemplary overall evaluations will be given prioritized consideration for the department chairperson position by the Principal. If the Principal chooses to approve a different nominee, they shall so advise the department. While the Principal shall have the ultimate decision as to who shall be appointed to department chair positions, rotating department chair positions best serve the interests and culture of Concord-Carlisle High School.

19.1.1. Starting in the school year of 2025-2026, Department Chairpersons may be required by Administration to attend a Leadership Team meeting to last no longer than one half of one regular school day during the week prior to the start of school, not including Fridays. If their attendance is deemed necessary by the Administration, the Chairs will be paid at the rate of \$300 per day, prorated for a half day, for their attendance. If other members of the bargaining unit who are not Department Chairs are invited by Administration to attend, their attendance will be optional and they will also be paid at the rate of \$300 per day, prorated for a half day. The administration will be required to inform the Department Chairs of the date of the following year's one half day Leadership Team meeting by November 1st of the preceding school year. The principal may use their discretion to occasionally excuse a department chair from this commitment in the case of unavoidable family commitments or extenuating personal circumstances.

19.2. If in the procedure outlined in Section 19.1. the Superintendent should appoint an incumbent chairperson to a succeeding term, the following shall apply:

- A) The incumbent shall resign the chair position with an effective date no later than June 25.
- B) The succeeding term shall begin no earlier than July 25.
- C) Prior to reassuming the chair position, the resigned chairperson shall sign a statement acknowledging that the interruption of service as chairperson prevents their gaining tenure in that position.

19.3. If an incumbent chairperson declines to sign a statement as described in 19.2.C. and if the Superintendent proceeds to appoint the person to a succeeding term, then the Association reserves its rights to challenge such appointment if it feels it was in violation of this Agreement.

19.4. To ensure smooth transitions in department leadership, when an individual is appointed to become a chair of a department for the first time, they will participate in training provided by the district to help acquaint them with, and prepare them for, the various tasks and responsibilities of the chair position. This training shall not exceed fifteen (15) hours. Training presenters and contents will be determined by the Superintendent and the Association President or their designees. Presenters may include past or present department chairs and administrators. If appropriate, these training hours may count toward the number of hours required for state licensure for various supervisory positions.

ARTICLE 20
TAX SHELTERED ANNUITIES

20.1. By request of the individual concerned and their authorization for salary deduction, tax-sheltered annuities are authorized by the School District to be purchased for a member of the professional staff.

ARTICLE 21

GRIEVANCE PROCEDURE

21.1. A professional staff member who believes that they are aggrieved by a violation of the Agreement shall discuss the matter with their immediate supervisor within thirty (30) school days of the time the employee should reasonably have known that they may be aggrieved. The immediate supervisor shall render a decision within fourteen (14) calendar days.

21.2. If the grievance is not settled to the satisfaction of the employee, they may present the grievance to the principal in writing within fourteen (14) calendar days, after the decision of the immediate supervisor is due. Such grievance shall be submitted on a form (see Appendix B) reciting, at a minimum, the nature of the violation alleged, the article or articles of the agreement alleged to have been violated, and the remedy sought, and providing spaces to reflect subsequent steps in the grievance process.

21.3. In the case of a written grievance, within fourteen (14) calendar days of the receipt of the statement, the principal shall review the appeal, discuss the matter with the grievant and the immediate supervisor and render a written decision.

21.4. If the grievance is not settled to the satisfaction of the employee, the grievance may be appealed in writing to the Superintendent within fourteen (14) calendar days after the principal's decision is due.

21.5. The Superintendent shall meet with the employee, and if the employee so chooses, a representative of the Association, within thirty (30) calendar days after receipt of the written grievance. The Superintendent shall provide their decision in writing to the employee within fourteen (14) calendar days after the conclusion of the meeting.

21.6. Any time interval specified herein may be extended by mutual agreement. If the answer at any step is not provided within the specified time limits, the grievance shall be deemed denied on the day the decision was due and the grievance shall be qualified to be carried to the next higher level. If an individual's grievance is once settled or if it is not presented within the time limits specified herein, it shall be considered closed and shall not thereafter be subject to the grievance procedure or to arbitration hereunder.

21.7. If the grievant is dissatisfied with the Superintendent's decision, they may file an appeal with the School Committee within fourteen (14) calendar days following receipt of the Superintendent's decision. The School Committee at its sole discretion will determine whether or not to hear the appeal. The School Committee shall provide to the grievant in writing its determination whether or not to hear the appeal and, if determining to hear the appeal, shall provide to the grievant in writing its decision concerning the appeal.

21.8. Either the Association or the School District may determine to process individual grievances that address the same issue arising from the same basic facts as a group grievance.

ARTICLE 22
ARBITRATION

22.1. In the event the Association elects to submit a grievance to arbitration, the arbitrator shall be selected according to, and shall be governed by, the procedure set forth in this Article. The Association must notify the Superintendent in writing of its intention to arbitrate within thirty (30) calendar days following receipt of the Committee's decision on the grievance.

22.2. The arbitrator shall be selected by mutual agreement of the parties. If the parties cannot agree within fourteen (14) calendar days after receipt by the Superintendent of written notice that the Association intends to arbitrate, the Association may, within twenty (20) calendar days after such receipt refer the grievance to the American Arbitration Association. The arbitrator shall be selected in accordance with the then current rules of the American Arbitration Association applicable to labor arbitrations. Any arbitration hereunder shall be conducted in accordance with such rules, subject to the provisions of this Agreement. The School District and the Association shall share equally in compensation and expenses of the arbitrator.

22.3. The School District shall have standing to question arbitrability.

22.4. The function of the arbitrator is to determine the interpretation and application of specific provisions of this Agreement. There shall be no right in arbitration to obtain, and no arbitrator shall have any authority or power to award or determine any change in, modification or alteration of, addition to, or detraction from, any of the provisions of this Agreement. No arbitrator shall set aside any action of the School District involving the exercise of judgment unless the Association establishes that there was no reasonable basis for such judgment, and the arbitrator shall be subject to the principle that there are no restrictions intended on the rights or authority of the School District other than those expressly set forth in this Agreement. The arbitrator may or may not make their award retroactive as the equities of the case may require. Each grievance shall be separately processed in any arbitration proceedings hereunder unless the parties otherwise agree. The arbitrator shall furnish a written opinion specifying the reasons for their decision. The decision of the arbitrator, if within the scope of their authority and power under this Agreement, shall be final and binding upon the School District, and the Association and the teacher(s) involved in the grievance.

ARTICLE 23
SCHOOL CALENDAR

23.1. The Calendar Committee will be comprised of representatives of the Association and representatives of the School Committee and these two parties will perform the following functions:

23.1.1. The representatives will develop the calendar through a series of joint meetings.

23.1.2. After tentative agreement has been reached, Association representatives will determine if the proposed calendar has the support of a majority of the members of the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association.

23.1.3. If mutual agreement exists, the calendar proposal will be forwarded to the School Committee for consideration. In the event mutual agreement cannot be reached, Association representatives and School Committee representatives will each present their recommendations for a workable calendar to the School Committee.

23.1.4. The final decision will rest with the School Committee.

23.2. The beginning of school for teachers shall occur no earlier than the dates specified on the following chart:

Labor Day Date	Earliest School Start Date For Teachers
1-Sep	Mon, 25 Aug
2-Sep	Mon, 26 Aug
3-Sep	Mon, 27 Aug
4-Sep	Mon, 28 Aug
5-Sep	Thur, 25 Aug
6 Sep	Thur, 26 Aug
7 Sep	Thur, 27 Aug

There shall be no school for teachers on the Friday prior to Labor Day weekend except by written agreement of the Association President and the Superintendent.

ARTICLE 24
CONSULTATION ON PROFESSIONAL CONCERNS

24.1. The Superintendent or their representative shall meet at least once each month with the President of the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association or their representative. Other members of the Administration or Association may be present, upon mutual agreement. Dates for these meetings will be mutually determined.

24.2. The Principal(s) shall meet at least once each month with two (2) members of the Association's Executive Board, designated by the President. Dates for these meetings will be mutually determined.

24.3. Upon agreement by the Superintendent, Principal, and Association President, the meetings called for in Section 24.1. and 24.2. may be combined in any given month.

24.4. The President and Vice-President of the Association will be released from supervisory duties commencing with their election to office for the duration of their term.

24.5. Whenever a committee which is initiated by the District or by building Administration during the regular school year is formed, the President of the Association may appoint at least three (3) members of the bargaining unit to serve on said committee. However, having CCTA representation on a committee does not constitute bargaining and the CCTA reserves its rights to negotiate changes in hours, wages or working conditions.

24.5.1. With the exception of hiring committees and membership on committees with contractually agreed upon stipends, whenever a committee will require unusually large commitments, as determined by the Superintendent and Association President, due to the quantity and length of meetings, the duration of the committee's existence, the magnitude of the committee's charge, or the significant work required outside of the formal meeting times during the regular school year, the District and the Association will negotiate appropriate compensation for such committee members. Such committee work which takes place during the summer, however, will continue to be paid at the contractual Summer per diem rate.

ARTICLE 25

REDUCTION-IN-STAFF

25.1. The School Committee retains the right to reduce the number of teachers on its staff within the staffing philosophy expressed in other sections of this contract. The decision to reduce staff shall not be subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures of this contract. As between teachers with professional teacher status and teachers without professional teacher status, the provisions of applicable law shall apply with respect to reductions in staff.

25.2. The order in which teachers are dismissed from a discipline under RIF will be determined by seniority. The provisions of this Article also apply to circumstances involving the reduction of full-time teachers with professional teacher status to part-time status.

25.3. If the School Committee decides to effect a reduction-in-force, the order of reduction of teachers in a given discipline shall be reduced in order of seniority until the number has been met.

25.4. DEFINITIONS:

25.4.1. Discipline. For the purposes of this Article, discipline will normally coincide with department such as, but not limited to:

English; Mathematics; World Language; Social Studies; Science; Art

The School Committee may, at its sole discretion, broaden or narrow this concept if it deems that the needs of the system so require. Examples of a narrowed concept would include but not be limited to:

French; Spanish; Latin; Chemistry/Biology; etc.

25.4.2. Seniority. For purposes of this Article, seniority shall mean continuous employment in the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District in years, months, and calendar days, including any periods of authorized leave of absence. The following procedure will be used to resolve ties in length of service:

- A) Total number of years, or fractions thereof, of teaching service in Concord-Carlisle Regional School District.
- B) Total number of years, or fractions thereof, of teaching service in the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District and the Concord Public Schools.
- C) A lottery to be held in September of every school year in which teachers who begin their employment in the same year. Teachers who are hired later in the year will be assigned subsequent numbers of lesser seniority.
- D) Seniority determined by annual lotteries or the 1989 lottery shall not be subject to grievance procedures.

25.4.3. Lay-off. Lay-off means an involuntary unpaid leave of absence to be granted by the School District for a period of two years, provided that said teacher has waived, in, writing, subsequent to receipt of a notice of reduction-in-force, any present or future rights to a dismissal hearing they may have pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 42 and 43A of the Massachusetts General Laws. See Waiver Form, Appendix E.

25.4.4. Recall. Recall means the right to return to a position in the discipline from which a teacher was originally laid off in the reverse order in which said teacher was laid off. The Superintendent must decide on each lay off individually and the order of lay off shall be established by the sequence in which the decisions were made. An up-to-date list of recall order by discipline shall be maintained by the Superintendent and shall be available to the Association upon request.

25.4.5. Terminated. Terminated means dismissed pursuant to Chapter 71, Section 42.

25.4.6. Vacancy. A vacancy for purposes of returning a laid-off teacher who has been recalled to active service shall exist only after the School District has met any other obligations it has pursuant to any other provision of this Agreement and any state law.

25.4.7. Minimal Qualifications. Minimal Qualifications means the specific certification, professional training, experience and skills which the School District in its sole discretion establishes for a position.

25.5. NOTIFICATION. Under normal circumstances, a teacher so identified for a reduction in force shall be notified by June 15 of the school year preceding the school year in which the reduction is to be effected. In the event of a reduction in state or federal revenues occurring after June 15 such that the need for reduction in force is not determined by the School District until after that date, then the School District shall notify a teacher so identified as soon as practicable once the School District has determined the need for such a reduction, which shall then be effective as of the date determined by the School District. If the teacher wishes to have lay-off status (rather than termination) said teacher must so notify the Superintendent, in writing, within ten (10) school days of the receipt of the RIF notice.

25.6. RECALL. If subsequent to a RIF notice, a vacancy occurs in a discipline from which teachers have been reduced and elected lay-off status, a recall notice shall be sent via certified mail to the teacher most recently reduced from the discipline in which the vacancy exists.

25.6.1. If a teacher fails to notify the Superintendent within fourteen (14) calendar days of the issuance of a recall notice of their intent to accept recall, said teacher shall forfeit all rights and benefits provided for in this Agreement.

25.6.2. A teacher who declines recall to less than a full year position will remain on the recall list. A teacher who declines recall to a full year, full time position shall forfeit all rights and benefits provided for in this Agreement.

25.6.3. A teacher who accepts recall must commence work on the date set forth in the recall notice or within twenty-one (21) calendar days, whichever is later. A teacher who accepts recall shall have all benefits accrued up to June 30th of the school year in which the RIF notice was given restored upon recall.

25.6.4. Teachers with recall benefits are required to keep the Superintendent informed of their current mailing address.

25.6.5. Teachers who have been laid-off shall be given preference on the substitute list should they so desire.

25.6.6. The effect on teachers with professional teacher status of a lay-off shall be determined in accordance with applicable law.

25.7. REDUCTION-IN-FORCE TRANSFER PROCESS.

25.7.1. A teacher identified for reduction-in-force may request in writing a transfer to a position, involving no greater full-time equivalency than the position held by the teacher immediately prior to the receipt of the RIF notice in another discipline where a teacher with no professional teacher status is employed or a vacancy exists. This request shall be addressed to the Human Resource Office with a copy to the Principal. This process is available to a teacher with professional teacher status identified for reduction-in-force (“RIF”) exclusively during the period beginning with the teacher’s receipt of a RIF notice Superintendent’s letter) and ending with the effective date of the teacher’s RIF, as specified in the Superintendent’s RIF decision, but in any event no sooner than June 30 of the school year in which the RIF notice is issued. The execution of an employment status waiver from (Appendix E to the Agreement) does not extend the period during which a teacher with professional teacher status identified for RIF may utilize the RIF Transfer Process beyond the effective date of said teacher’s RIF (or June 30, if later).

25.7.2. The department chairperson or coordinator of the potential receiving discipline and the principal shall meet with the teacher requesting the transfer. The purpose of such meeting is to interview the teacher requesting the transfer to determine if that teacher has the minimal qualifications beyond certification to maintain the discipline standards as they presently exist. If it is determined that the teacher is minimally qualified, the transfer shall be permitted. If it is determined that the teacher is not minimally qualified, the transfer will be denied.

25.7.3. The affected teacher with professional teacher status may appeal to the Superintendent and/or designee.

ARTICLE 26 **TEACHER EMERITUS PROGRAM**

26.1. The intent of this provision is to create the position of Teacher Emeritus, a position which provides the opportunity of a teacher retired from the CCRSD to continue their employment in the school system in an honorary capacity subject to the stipulations listed below. The creation of this position can provide a benefit to the teacher, a financial saving to the Region, an opportunity for employment and/or career advancement to other teachers, and an opportunity for the Region to benefit from the experience and expertise of the retiree.

26.2. The provisions of the Teacher Emeritus Program are as follows:

26.2.1. A teacher must have been employed a minimum of 15 years in the CCRSD.

26.2.2. A retired teacher can be employed as a Teacher Emeritus for a maximum period of 3 years. These years need not be consecutive.

26.2.3. A Teacher Emeritus may teach the equivalent of no more than 2 classes per semester.

26.2.4. Each Teacher Emeritus on the 185-day schedule shall be allowed 15 days of absence from school duties occasioned by personal illness without loss of salary and three personal leave days. For teachers who are not scheduled to work full time, a day of absence shall be prorated in accordance with their teaching schedules. These sick leave and personal leave days are not cumulative and Teachers Emeritus are not eligible for the provisions of unused sick leave Article 18 of the Sick Leave Bank (Article 18.1.1.3.).

26.3. The position of Teacher Emeritus shall have no negative impact on the bargaining unit and/or its individual members. The employment of a Teacher Emeritus shall not cause the lay-off of any bargaining unit member, nor shall it cause the reduction of any bargaining unit member from a full to a fractional position

or from a fractional position to a smaller fractional position. No bargaining unit position shall be eliminated due to the employment of a Teacher Emeritus.

26.4. Should a Teacher Emeritus leave the service of CCRSD during a year of employment, the position which he or she held shall continue to be a bargaining-unit-position and shall be filled pursuant to existing practice and policy.

ARTICLE 27

CRIMINAL OFFENDER RECORD INFORMATION (CORI)

27.1. In compliance with the provisions of Chapter 385 of the Acts of 2002, the Superintendent of Schools shall request and review criminal background checks through the Massachusetts Criminal History Systems Board (“CORI reports”). Such checks shall not take place more than once every three (3) years, more or less, unless there are allegations of employee misconduct made by or to law enforcement agencies or courts warranting additional CORI reports, or unless a more frequent report is required to bring a particular employee onto any regular cycle or schedule on which such reports are routinely sought by the district with respect to other employees.

Employees shall be made aware that CORI reports concerning them are being requested and when such request is actually made. Employees, upon request, shall be provided with a copy of the CORI report received by the Superintendent.

All CORI reports shall be kept in a separate secure file maintained in the District’s central offices. CORI reports shall be destroyed at the times required by law. Even after retirement or termination of employment copies of any then-existing reports may be requested by an employee and shall be provided.

After review of a CORI report, the Superintendent or they/their designated appropriate administrator may meet with the employee who may, at such meeting, be represented by the Association. Any and all personnel actions resulting from information acquired from a CORI report shall be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, any applicable School Committee policy and the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 28

DISCIPLINE & DISCHARGE

28.1 No teacher shall be reprimanded, reduced in rank or compensation, or deprived of any professional advantage without good cause. In the case of a disciplinary suspension or termination, a teacher’s exclusive remedy shall be provided under applicable law, and there will be no separate recourse under this Agreement.

28.2 The Association recognizes the responsibility of members of the administration to reprimand teachers for delinquency of professional performance. The Association also acknowledges that nothing in this Article prohibits or restricts the filing of letters, memoranda or other written material which might aid in making a subsequent objective evaluation.

ARTICLE 29
EVALUATION

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Appendix G – Teacher Rubric

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1) **Purpose of Educator Evaluation**

- A) This contract language is locally negotiated and based on M.G.L., c.71, § 38; M.G.L. c.150E; the Educator Evaluation regulations, 603 CMR 35.00 et seq.; and the Model System for Educator Evaluation developed and which may be updated from time to time by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education. See 603 CMR 35.02 (definition of model system). In the event of a conflict between this collective bargaining agreement and the governing laws and regulations, the laws and regulations will prevail.
- B) The regulatory purposes of evaluation are:
 - i) To promote student learning, growth, and achievement by providing Educators with feedback for improvement, enhanced opportunities for professional growth, and clear structures for accountability, 603 CMR 35.01(2)(a);
 - ii) To provide a record of facts and assessments for personnel decisions, 35.01(2)(b);
 - iii) To ensure that every school committee has a system to enhance the professionalism and accountability of teachers and administrators that will enable them to assist all students to perform at high levels, 35.01(3); and
 - iv) To assure effective teaching and administrative leadership, 35.01(3).

2) **Definitions** (* indicates definition is generally based on 603 CMR 35.02)

- A) ***Artifacts of Professional Practice:** Products of an Educator’s work and student work samples that demonstrate the Educator’s knowledge and skills with respect to specific performance standards.
- B) **Caseload Educator:** Educators who teach or counsel individual or small groups of students through consultation with the regular classroom teacher, for example, school nurses, guidance counselors, speech and language pathologists, and some reading specialists and special education teachers.
- C) **Classroom teacher:** Educators who teach preK-12 whole classes, and teachers of special subjects as such as art, music, library, and physical education. May also include special education teachers and reading specialists who teach whole classes.
- D) **Categories of Evidence:** Multiple measures of student learning, growth, and achievement, judgments based on observations and artifacts of professional practice, including unannounced observations of practice of any duration; and additional evidence relevant to one or more Standards of Effective Teaching Practice (603 CMR 35.03).
- E) ***District-determined Measures:** Measures of student learning, growth and achievement related to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks, Massachusetts Vocational Technical Education Frameworks, or other relevant frameworks, that are comparable across grade or subject level district wide. These measures may include, but shall not be limited to: portfolios approved commercial assessments and district developed pre and post unit and course assessments, and capstone projects.
- F) ***Educator(s):** Inclusive term that applies to all classroom teachers and caseload educators, unless otherwise noted.

- G) ***Educator Plan:** The growth or improvement actions identified as part of each Educator’s evaluation. The type of plan is determined by the Educator’s career stage, overall performance rating, and the rating of impact on student learning, growth and achievement. There shall be four types of Educator Plans:
- i) **Developing Educator Plan** shall mean a plan developed by the Educator and the Evaluator for one school year or less for an Educator without Professional Teacher Status (PTS); or, at the discretion of an Evaluator, for an Educator with PTS in a new assignment.
 - ii) **Self-Directed Growth Plan** shall mean a plan developed by the Educator for one or two school years for Educators with PTS who are rated proficient or exemplary.
 - iii) **Directed Growth Plan** shall mean a plan developed by the Educator and the Evaluator of one school year or less for Educators with PTS who are rated needs improvement.
 - iv) **Improvement Plan** shall mean a plan developed by the Evaluator of at least 30 calendar days and no more than one school year for Educators with PTS who are rated unsatisfactory with goals specific to improving the Educator’s unsatisfactory performance. In those cases where an Educator is rated unsatisfactory near the close of a school year, the plan may include activities during the summer preceding the next school year.
- H) ***ESE:** The Massachusetts Department of Elementary and Secondary Education.
- I) ***Evaluation:** The ongoing process of defining goals and identifying, gathering, and using information as part of a process to improve professional performance (the “formative evaluation” and “formative assessment”) and to assess total job effectiveness and make personnel decisions (the “summative evaluation”).
- J) ***Evaluator:** Any person designated by a superintendent who has primary or supervisory responsibility for observation and evaluation. The superintendent is responsible for ensuring that all Evaluators have training in the principles of supervision and evaluation. Each Educator will have one primary Evaluator at any one time responsible for determining performance ratings.
- i) **Primary Evaluator** shall be the person who determines the Educator’s performance ratings and evaluation.
 - ii) **Supervising Evaluator** shall be the person responsible for developing the Educator Plan, supervising the Educator’s progress through formative assessments, evaluating the Educator’s progress toward attaining the Educator Plan goals, and making recommendations about the evaluation ratings to the primary Evaluator at the end of the Educator Plan. The Supervising Evaluator may be the primary Evaluator or they/their designee.
 - iii) **Teaching Staff Assigned to More Than One Building:** Each Educator who is assigned to more than one building will be evaluated by the appropriate administrator where the individual is assigned most of the time. The principal of each building in which the Educator serves must review and sign the evaluation, and may add written comments. In cases where there is no predominate assignment, the superintendent will determine who the primary Evaluator will be.

- iv) **Notification:** The Educator shall be notified in writing of they/their primary Evaluator and supervising Evaluator, if any, at the outset of each new evaluation cycle. The Evaluator(s) may be changed upon notification in writing to the Educator.

- K) **Evaluation Cycle:** A five-component process that all Educators follow consisting of 1) Self-Assessment; 2) Goal-setting and Educator Plan development; 3) Implementation of the Plan; 4) Formative Assessment/Evaluation; and 5) Summative Evaluation.

- L) ***Experienced Educator:** An educator with Professional Teacher Status (PTS).

- M) ***Family:** Includes students' parents, legal guardians, foster parents, or primary caregivers.

- N) ***Formative Assessment:** The process used to assess progress towards attaining goals set forth in Educator plans, performance on standards, or both. This process may take place at any time(s) during the cycle of evaluation, but typically takes place at mid-cycle.

- O) ***Formative Evaluation:** An evaluation conducted at the end of Year 1 for an Educator on a 2- year Self-Directed Growth plan which is used to arrive at a rating on progress towards attaining the goals set forth in the Educator Plan, performance on Standards and Indicators of Effective Teaching Practice, or both.

- P) ***Goal:** A specific, actionable, and measurable area of improvement as set forth in an Educator's plan. A goal may pertain to any or all of the following: Educator practice in relation to Performance Standards, Educator practice in relation to indicators, or specified improvement in student learning, growth and achievement. Goals may be developed by individual Educators, by the Evaluator, or by teams, departments, or groups of Educators who have the same role.

- Q) ***Measurable:** That which can be classified or estimated in relation to a scale, rubric, or standards.

- R) **Multiple Measures of Student Learning:** Measures must include a combination of classroom, school and district assessments, student growth percentiles on state assessments, if state assessments are available, and student MEPA gain scores. This definition may be revised as required by regulations or agreement of the parties upon issuance of ESE guidance expected by July 2012.

- S) ***Observation:** A data gathering process that includes notes and judgments made during one or more classroom or worksite visits(s) of any duration by the Evaluator and may include examination of artifacts of practice including student work. An observation may occur in person or through video. Video observations will be done openly and with knowledge of the Educator. The parties agree to bargain the protocols of video observations should either party wish to adopt such practice. Classroom or worksite observations conducted pursuant to this article must result in feedback to the Educator. Normal supervisory responsibilities of department, building and district administrators will also cause administrators to drop in on classes and other activities in the worksite at various times as deemed necessary by the administrator. Carrying out these supervisory responsibilities, when they do not result in targeted and constructive feedback to the Educator, are not observations as defined in this Article.

- T) **Parties:** The parties to this agreement are the local school committee and the employee organization that represents the Educators covered by this agreement for purposes of collective bargaining ("Employee Organization/Association").

- U) ***Performance Rating:** Describes the Educator’s performance on each performance standard and overall. There shall be four performance ratings:
- **Exemplary:** The Educator’s performance consistently and significantly exceeds the requirements of a standard or overall. The rating of exemplary on a standard indicates that practice significantly exceeds proficient and could serve as a model of practice on that standard district-wide.
 - **Proficient:** The Educator’s performance fully and consistently meets the requirements of a standard or overall. Proficient practice is understood to be fully satisfactory.
 - **Needs Improvement:** The Educator’s performance on a standard or overall is below the requirements of a standard or overall, but is not considered to be unsatisfactory at this time. Improvement is necessary and expected.
 - **Unsatisfactory:** The Educator’s performance on a standard or overall has not significantly improved following a rating of needs improvement, or the Educator’s performance is consistently below the requirements of a standard or overall and is considered inadequate, or both.
- V) ***Performance Standards:** Locally developed standards and indicators pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71, § 38 and consistent with, and supplemental to 603 CMR 35.00. The parties may agree to limit standards and indicators to those set forth in 603 CMR 35.03.
- W) ***Professional Teacher Status:** PTS is the status granted to an Educator pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71, § 41.
- X) **Rating of Educator Impact on Student Learning:** A rating of high, moderate or low based on trends and patterns on state assessments and district-determined measures. The parties will negotiate the process for using state and district-determined measures to arrive at an Educator’s rating of impact on student learning, growth achievement, using guidance and model contract language from ESE, expected by July 2012.
- Y) **Rating of Overall Educator Performance:** The Educator’s overall performance rating is based on the Evaluator’s professional judgment and examination of evidence of the Educator’s performance against the four Performance Standards and the Educator’s attainment of goals set forth in the Educator Plan, as follows:
- i) Standard 1: Curriculum, Planning and Assessment
 - ii) Standard 2: Teaching All Students
 - iii) Standard 3: Family and Community Engagement
 - iv) Standard 4: Professional Culture
 - v) Attainment of Professional Practice Goal(s)
 - vi) Attainment of Student Learning Goal(s)
- Z) ***Rubric:** A scoring tool that describes characteristics of practice or artifacts at different levels of performance. The rubrics for Standards and Indicators of Effective Teaching Practice are used to rate Educators on Performance Standards, these rubrics consists of:
- i) Standards: Describes broad categories of professional practice, including those required in 603 CMR 35.03

- ii) Indicators: Describes aspects of each standard, including those required in 603 CMR 35.03
 - iii) Elements: Defines the individual components under each indicator
 - iv) Descriptors: Describes practice at four levels of performance for each element
- AA) ***Summative Evaluation:** An evaluation used to arrive at a rating on each standard, an overall rating, and as a basis to make personnel decisions. The summative evaluation includes the Evaluator's judgments of the Educator's performance against Performance Standards and the Educator's attainment of goals set forth in the Educator's Plan.
- BB) ***Superintendent:** The person employed by the school committee pursuant to M.G.L. c. 71 §59 and §59A. The superintendent is responsible for the implementation of 603 CMR 35.00.
- CC) ***Teacher:** An Educator employed in a position requiring a certificate or license as described in 603 CMR 7.04(3) (a, b, and d) and in the area of vocational education as provided in 603 CMR 4.00. Teachers may include, for example, classroom teachers, librarians, guidance counselors, or school nurses.
- DD) ***Trends in student learning:** At least two years of data from the district-determined measures and state assessments used in determining the Educator's rating on impact on student learning as high, moderate or low.

3) Evidence Used in Evaluation

The following categories of evidence shall be used in evaluating each Educator:

- A) Multiple measures of student learning, growth, and achievement, which shall include:
- i) Measures of student progress on classroom assessments that are aligned with the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks or other relevant frameworks and are comparable within grades or subjects in a school;
 - ii) At least two district-determined measures of student learning related to the Massachusetts Curriculum Frameworks or the Massachusetts Vocational Technical Education Frameworks or other relevant frameworks that are comparable across grades and/or subjects district-wide. These measures may include: portfolios, approved commercial assessments and district-developed pre and post unit and course assessments, and capstone projects. One such measure shall be the MCAS Student Growth Percentile (SGP) or Massachusetts English Proficiency Assessment gain scores, if applicable, in which case at least two years of data is required.
 - iii) Measures of student progress and/or achievement toward student learning goals set between the Educator and Evaluator for the school year or some other period of time established in the Educator Plan.
 - iv) For Educators whose primary role is not as a classroom teacher, the appropriate measures of the Educator's contribution to student learning, growth, and achievement set by the district. The measures set by the district should be based on the Educator's role and responsibility.

- B) Judgments based on observations and artifacts of practice including:
 - i. Unannounced observations of practice of any duration.
 - ii. Announced observation(s) for non-PTS Educators in their first year of practice in a school, Educators on Improvement Plans, and as determined by the Evaluator.
 - iii. Examination of Educator work products.
 - iv. Examination of student work samples.
- C) Evidence relevant to one or more Performance Standards, including but not limited to:
 - i) Evidence compiled and presented by the Educator, including:
 - (a) Evidence of fulfillment of professional responsibilities and growth such as self-assessments, peer collaboration, professional development linked to goals in the Educator plans, contributions to the school community and professional culture;
 - (b) Evidence of active outreach to and engagement with families;
 - ii) Evidence of progress towards professional practice goal(s);
 - iii) Evidence of progress toward student learning outcomes goal(s).
 - iv) Student and Staff Feedback – see # 23-24, below; and
 - v) Any other relevant evidence from any source that the Evaluator shares with the Educator. Other relevant evidence could include information provided by other administrators such as the superintendent.

4) **Rubrics**

Teachers - **Appendix E**

Specialized Instructional Support Personnel – **Appendix F**

Department Chairs – **Appendix G**

Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Department Chairs – **Appendix H**

5) **Evaluation Cycle: Training**

- A) Prior to the implementation of the new evaluation process contained in this article, districts shall arrange training for all Educators, principals, and other Evaluators that outlines the components of the new evaluation process and provides an explanation of the evaluation cycle. The district through the superintendent shall determine the type and quality of training based on guidance provided by ESE
- B) By November 1st of the first year of this agreement, all Educators shall complete a professional learning activity about self-assessment and goal-setting satisfactory to the superintendent or principal. Any Educator hired after the November 1st date, and who has not previously completed such an activity, shall complete such a professional learning activity about self-assessment and

goal- setting within three months of the date of hire. The district through the superintendent shall determine the type and quality of the learning activity based on guidance provided by ESE.

6) **Evaluation Cycle: Annual Orientation**

- A) At the start of each school year, the superintendent, principal or designee shall conduct a meeting for Educators and Evaluators focused substantially on educator evaluation. The superintendent, principal or designee shall:
- i) Provide an overview of the evaluation process, including goal setting and the educator plans.
 - ii) Provide all Educators with directions for obtaining a copy of the forms used by the district. These may be electronically provided.
 - iii) The faculty meeting may be digitally recorded to facilitate orientation of Educators hired after the beginning of the school year.

7) **Evaluation Cycle: Self-Assessment**

A) Completing the Self-Assessment

- i) The evaluation cycle begins with the Educator completing and submitting to the Primary or Supervising Evaluator a self-assessment by October 1st or within four weeks of the start of their employment at the school.
- ii) The self-assessment includes:
 - (a) An analysis of evidence of student learning, growth and achievement for students under the Educator's responsibility.
 - (b) An assessment of practice against each of the four Performance Standards of effective practice using the district's rubric.
 - (c) Proposed goals to pursue:
 - (1st) At least one goal directly related to improving the Educator's own professional practice.
 - (2nd) At least one goal directed related to improving student learning.

B) Proposing the goals

- i) Educators must consider goals for grade-level, subject-area, department teams, or other groups of Educators who share responsibility for student learning and results, except as provided in (ii) below. Educators may meet with teams to consider establishing team goals. Evaluators may participate in such meetings.
- ii) For Educators in their first year of practice, the Evaluator or they/their designee will meet with each Educator by October 1st (or within four weeks of the Educator's first day of employment if the Educator begins employment after September 15th) to assist the Educator in completing the self- assessment and drafting the professional practice and student learning goals which must include induction and mentoring activities.

- iii) Unless the Evaluator indicates that an Educator in they/their second or third years of practice should continue to address induction and mentoring goals pursuant to 603 CMR 7.12, the Educator may address shared grade level or subject area team goals.
- iv) For Educators with PTS and ratings of proficient or exemplary, the goals may be team goals. In addition, these Educators may include individual professional practice goals that address enhancing skills that enable the Educator to share proficient practices with colleagues or develop leadership skills.
- v) For Educators with PTS and ratings of needs improvement or unsatisfactory, the professional practice goal(s) must address specific standards and indicators identified for improvement. In addition, the goals may address shared grade level or subject area team goals.

8) **Evaluation Cycle: Goal Setting and Development of the Educator Plan**

- A) Every Educator has an Educator Plan that includes, but is not limited to, one goal related to the improvement of practice; one goal for the improvement of student learning. The Plan also outlines actions the Educator must take to attain the goals established in the Plan and benchmarks to assess progress. Goals may be developed by individual Educators, by the Evaluator, or by teams, departments, or groups of Educators who have the similar roles and/or responsibilities. See Sections 15-19 for more on Educator Plans.
- B) To determine the goals to be included in the Educator Plan, the Evaluator reviews the goals the Educator has proposed in the Self-Assessment, using evidence of Educator performance and impact on student learning, growth and achievement based on the Educator's self-assessment and other sources that Evaluator shares with the Educator. The process for determining the Educator's impact on student learning, growth and achievement will be determined after ESE issues guidance on this matter. See #22, below.
- C) Educator Plan Development Meetings shall be conducted as follows:
 - i) Educators in the same school may meet with the Evaluator in teams and/or individually at the end of the previous evaluation cycle or by October 15th of the next academic year to develop their Educator Plan. Educators shall not be expected to meet during the summer hiatus.
 - ii) For those Educators new to the school, the meeting with the Evaluator to establish the Educator Plan must occur by October 15th or within six weeks of the start of their assignment in that school
 - iii) The Evaluator shall meet individually with Educators with PTS and ratings of needs improvement or unsatisfactory to develop professional practice goal(s) that must address specific standards and indicators identified for improvement. In addition, the goals may address shared grade level or subject matter goals.
- D) The Educator completes the Goals and Educator Plan by November 1st. The Evaluator retains final authority over the content of the Educator's Goals and Plan.

9) **Evaluation Cycle: Observation of Practice and Examination of Artifacts – Educators without PTS**

- A) In the first year of practice or first year assigned to a school:

- i) The Educator shall have at least one (1) announced observation during the school year using the protocol described in section 11B, below.
 - ii) The Educator shall have at least three (3) unannounced observations during the school year, of which one shall be conducted by an administrator and the remainder by their primary Evaluator or department chair.
 - B) In their second year of practice or second year as a non-PTS Educator in the school:
 - i) The Educator shall have at least three (3) unannounced observations during the school year, of which one (1) shall be conducted by an administrator and the remainder by their primary Evaluator or department chair.
 - C) In their third year of practice or third year as a non-PTS Educator in the school:
 - i) The Educator shall have at least two (2) unannounced observations during the school year, all of which will be conducted by their primary Evaluator or department chair.
 - D) The numbers of observations listed here are to be considered a minimum number, and shall not preclude neither administrator(s) nor primary evaluator(s)/department chair from conducting additional observations of developing educators
- 10) **Evaluation Cycle: Observation of Practice and Examination of Artifacts – Educators with PTS**
 - A) The Educator whose overall rating is proficient or exemplary must have at least one unannounced observation during the evaluation cycle. This observation will be conducted by their primary Evaluator or department chair.
 - B) The Educator whose overall rating is needs improvement must be observed according to the Directed Growth Plan during the period of Plan which must include at least two unannounced observations.
 - C) The Educator whose overall rating is unsatisfactory must be observed according to the Improvement Plan which must include both unannounced and announced observation. The number and frequency of the observations shall be determined by the Evaluator, but in no case, for improvement plans of one year, shall there be fewer than one announced and four unannounced observations. For Improvement Plans of six months or fewer, there must be no fewer than one announced and two unannounced observations.
- 11) **Observations**

The Evaluator 's first observation of the Educator should take place by November 15. Observations required by the Educator Plan should be completed by May 15th. The Evaluator may conduct additional observations after this date. The Evaluator is not required nor expected to review all the indicators in a rubric during an observation.

 - A) Unannounced Observations
 - i) Unannounced observations may be in the form of partial or full-period classroom visitations, walkthroughs, or any other means deemed useful by the Evaluator, principal, superintendent or other administrator.

- ii) The Educator will be provided with at least brief written feedback from the Evaluator within 3-5 school days of the observation using the form in Appendix D. The written feedback shall be delivered to the Educator in person via MyLearningPlan.
- iii) Any observation or series of observations resulting in one or more standards judged to be unsatisfactory or needs improvement for the first time must be followed by at least one observation of at least 30 minutes in duration within 30 school days.

B) Announced Observations

- i) All non-PTS Educators in their first year in the school, PTS Educators on Improvement Plans and other educators at the discretion of the Evaluator shall have at least one Announced Observation.
 - (a) The Evaluator shall select the date and time of the lesson or activity to be observed and discuss with the Educator any specific goal(s) for the observation.
 - (b) Within 5 school days of the scheduled observation, upon request of either the Evaluator or Educator, the Evaluator and Educator shall meet for a pre-observation conference. In lieu of a meeting, the Educator may inform the Evaluator in writing of the nature of the lesson, the student population served, and any other information that will assist the Evaluator to assess performance
 - (1st) The Educator shall provide the Evaluator a draft of the lesson, student conference, IEP plan or activity. If the actual plan is different, the Educator will provide the Evaluator with a copy prior to the observation.
 - (2nd) The Educator will be notified as soon as possible if the Evaluator will not be able to attend the scheduled observation. The observation will be rescheduled with the Educator as soon as reasonably practical.
 - (c) Within 5 school days of the observation, the Evaluator and Educator shall meet for a post- observation conference. This timeframe may be extended due to unavailability on the part of either the Evaluator or the Educator, but shall be rescheduled within 24 hours if possible.
 - (d) The Evaluator shall provide the Educator with written feedback within 5 school days of the post- observation conference. For any standard where the Educator's practice was found to be unsatisfactory or needs improvement, the feedback must:
 - (1st) Describe the basis for the Evaluator 's judgment.
 - (2nd) Describe actions the Educator should take to improve they/their performance.
 - (3rd) Identify support and/or resources the Educator may use in they/their improvement.
 - (4th) State that the Educator is responsible for addressing the need for improvement.

12) **Evaluation Cycle: Formative Assessment**

- A) A specific purpose for evaluation is to promote student learning, growth and achievement by providing Educators with feedback for improvement. Evaluators are expected to make frequent unannounced visits to classrooms. Evaluators are expected to give targeted constructive feedback to Educators based on their observations of practice, examination of artifacts, and analysis of multiple measures of student learning, growth and achievement in relation to the Standards and Indicators of Effective Teaching Practice.
- B) Formative Assessment may be ongoing throughout the evaluation cycle but typically takes places mid- cycle when a Formative Assessment report is completed. For an Educator on a two-year Self-Directed Growth Plan, the mid-cycle Formative Assessment report is replaced by the Formative Evaluation report at the end of year one. See section 13 below.
- C) The Formative Assessment report provides written feedback and ratings to the Educator about they/their progress towards attaining the goals set forth in the Educator Plan, performance on Performance Standards and overall, or both
- D) No less than two weeks before the due date for the Formative Assessment report, which due date shall be established by the Evaluator with written notice to the Educator, the Educator shall provide to the Evaluator evidence of family outreach and engagement, fulfillment of professional responsibility and growth, and progress on attaining professional practice and student learning goals. The educator may provide to the Evaluator additional evidence of the educator's performances against the four Performance Standards.
- E) Upon the request of either the Evaluator or the Educator, the Evaluator and the Educator will meet either before or after completion of the Formative Assessment Report.
- F) The Evaluator shall complete the Formative Assessment report and provide a copy to the Educator. All Formative Assessment reports must be signed by the Evaluator and delivered face-to-face, by email or to the Educator's school mailbox or home.
- G) The Educator may reply in writing to the Formative Assessment report within 5 school days of receiving the report.
- H) The Educator shall sign the Formative Assessment report by within 5 school days of receiving the report. The signature indicates that the Educator received the Formative Assessment report in a timely fashion. The signature does not indicate agreement or disagreement with its contents.
- I) As a result of the Formative Assessment Report, the Evaluator may change the activities in the Educator Plan.
- J) If the rating in the Formative Assessment report differs from the last summative rating the Educator received, the Evaluator may place the Educator on a different Educator Plan, appropriate to the new rating.

13) **Evaluation Cycle: Formative Evaluation for Two Year Self-Directed Plans Only**

- A) Educators on two-year Self-Directed Growth Educator Plans receive a Formative Evaluation report near the end of the first year of the two-year cycle. The Formative Evaluation rating at the end of the first year of an evaluation cycle will be the same as the summative evaluation rating of the prior year unless evidence demonstrates a significant change in performance, in which case the rating on the performance standards may change, and the Evaluator may place the Educator on a different Educator plan appropriate to the new rating. If there are performance changes, the educator will

be notified in writing by the evaluator, and this change will be substantiated by at least two observations. At any point along the two-year cycle, an educator may be observed by the evaluator.

- B) The Formative rating will be the same as the summative evaluation rating of the prior year, but any written narrative from the prior evaluation cycle will not be copied or included in the new evaluation cycle on Frontline.
- C) PTS educators should continue to submit an appropriate number of S&E artifacts at the end of the first year of their evaluation cycle, however it will be understood that all evidence will be officially due and reviewed at the end of year 2 of the cycle.
- D) The Evaluator shall submit the Formative Evaluation report and provide a copy to the Educator. All Formative Evaluation reports must be signed by the Evaluator and delivered face-to-face, by email or to the Educator's school mailbox or home.
- E) Upon the request of either the Evaluator or the Educator, the Evaluator and the Educator will meet either before or after completion of the Formative Evaluation Report.
- F) The Educator may reply in writing to the Formative Evaluation report within 5 school days of receiving the report.
- G) The Educator shall sign the Formative Evaluation report by within 5 school days of receiving the report. The signature indicates that the Educator received the Formative Evaluation report in a timely fashion. The signature does not indicate agreement or disagreement with its contents.
- H) As a result of the Formative Evaluation report, the Evaluator may change the activities in the Educator Plan.
- I) If the rating in the Formative Evaluation report differs from the last summative rating the Educator received, the Evaluator may place the Educator on a different Educator Plan, appropriate to the new rating.
- J) All formative evaluation reports will be finalized by the Principal or their designee.

14) **Evaluation Cycle: Summative Evaluation**

- A) The evaluation cycle concludes with a summative evaluation report. For Educators on a one or two- year Educator Plan, the summative report must be written and provided to the educator by June 1st.
- B) The Evaluator determines a rating on each standard and an overall rating based on the Evaluator's professional judgment, an examination of evidence against the Performance Standards and evidence of the attainment of the Educator Plan goals.
- C) The professional judgment of the primary Evaluator shall determine the overall summative rating that the Educator receives.
- D) For an educator whose overall performance rating is exemplary or proficient and whose impact on student learning is low, the Evaluator's supervisor shall discuss and review the rating with the Evaluator and the supervisor shall confirm or revise the educator's rating. In cases where the superintendent serves as the primary Evaluator, the superintendent's decision on the rating shall not be subject to review.
- E) The summative evaluation rating must be based on evidence from multiple categories of evidence. MCAS Growth scores shall not be the sole basis for a summative evaluation rating.

- F) To be rated proficient overall, the Educator shall, at a minimum, have been rated proficient on the Curriculum, Planning and Assessment and the Teaching All Students Standards of Effective Teaching Practice.
- G) No less than four weeks before the due date for the Summative Evaluation report, which due date shall be established by the Evaluator with written notice provided to the Educator, the Educator will provide to the Evaluator evidence of family outreach and engagement, fulfillment of professional responsibility and growth, and progress on attaining professional practice and student learning goals. The educator may also provide to the Evaluator additional evidence of the educator's performance against the four Performance Standards.
- H) The Summative Evaluation report should recognize areas of strength as well as identify recommendations for professional growth.
- I) The Evaluator shall deliver a signed copy of the Summative Evaluation report to the Educator face-to-face, by email or to the Educator's school mailbox or home no later than June 1st.
- J) The Evaluator shall meet with the Educator rated needs improvement or unsatisfactory to discuss the summative evaluation. The meeting shall occur by June 1st.
- K) The Evaluator may meet with the Educator rated proficient or exemplary to discuss the summative evaluation, if either the Educator or the Evaluator requests such a meeting. The meeting shall occur by June 10th.
- L) Upon mutual agreement, the Educator and the Evaluator may develop the Self-Directed Growth Plan for the following two years during the meeting on the Summative Evaluation report.
- M) The Educator shall sign the final Summative Evaluation report by June 15th. The signature indicates that the Educator received the Summative Evaluation report in a timely fashion. The signature does not indicate agreement or disagreement with its contents.
- N) The Educator shall have the right to respond in writing to the summative evaluation which shall become part of the final Summative Evaluation report.
- O) All summative evaluation reports will be finalized by the principal or their designee.
- P) A copy of the signed final Summative Evaluation report shall be filed in the Educator's personnel file.

15) **Educator Plans – General**

- A) Educator Plans shall be designed to provide Educators with feedback for improvement, professional growth, and leadership; and to ensure Educator effectiveness and overall system accountability. The Plan must be aligned to the standards and indicators and be consistent with district and school goals.
- B) The Educator Plan shall include, but is not limited to:
 - i) At least one goal related to improvement of practice tied to one or more Performance Standards;
 - ii) At least one goal for the improvement the learning, growth and achievement of the students under the Educator's responsibility;

- iii) An outline of actions the Educator must take to attain the goals and benchmarks to assess progress. Actions must include specified professional development and learning activities that the Educator will participate in as a means of obtaining the goals, as well as other support that may be suggested by the Evaluator or provided by the school or district. Examples may include but are not limited to coursework, self-study, action research, curriculum development, study groups with peers, and implementing new programs.
 - C) It is the Educator's responsibility to attain the goals in the Plan and to participate in any trainings and professional development provided through the state, district, or other providers in accordance with the Educator Plan.
- 16) **Educator Plans: Developing Educator Plan**
 - A) The Developing Educator Plan is for all Educators without PTS, and, at the discretion of the Evaluator, Educators with PTS in new assignments.
 - B) The Educator shall be evaluated at least annually.
- 17) **Educator Plans: Self-Directed Growth Plan**
 - A) A Two-year Self-Directed Growth Plan is for those Educators with PTS who have an overall rating of proficient or exemplary, and after 2013-2014 whose impact on student learning is moderate or high. A formative evaluation report is completed at the end of year 1 and a summative evaluation report at the end of year 2.
 - B) A One-year Self-Directed Growth Plan is for those Educators with PTS who have an overall rating of proficient or exemplary, and after 2013-2014 whose impact on student learning is low. In this case, the Evaluator and Educator shall analyze the discrepancy between the summative evaluation rating and the rating for impact on student learning to seek to determine the cause(s) of the discrepancy.
- 18) **Educator Plans: Directed Growth Plan**
 - A) A Directed Growth Plan is for those Educators with PTS whose overall rating is needs improvement.
 - B) The goals in the Plan must address areas identified as needing improvement as determined by the Evaluator.
 - C) The Evaluator shall complete a summative evaluation for the Educator at the end of the period determined by the Plan, but at least annually, and in no case later than June 10th.
 - D) For an Educator on a Directed Growth Plan whose overall performance rating is at least proficient, the Evaluator will place the Educator on a Self-Directed Growth Plan for the next Evaluation Cycle.
 - E) For an Educator on a Directed Growth Plan whose overall performance rating is not at least proficient, the Evaluator will rate the Educator as unsatisfactory and will place the Educator on an Improvement Plan for the next Evaluation Cycle.
- 19) **Educator Plans: Improvement Plan**
 - A) An Improvement Plan is for those Educators with PTS whose overall rating is unsatisfactory.

- B) The parties agree that in order to provide students with the best instruction, it may be necessary from time to time to place an Educator whose practice has been rated as unsatisfactory on an Improvement Plan of no fewer than 30 calendar days and no more than one school year. In the case of an Educator receiving a rating of unsatisfactory near the close of one school year, the Improvement Plan may include activities that occur during the summer before the next school year begins.
- C) The Evaluator must complete a summative evaluation for the Educator at the end of the period determined by the Evaluator for the Plan.
- D) An Educator on an Improvement Plan shall be assigned a Supervising Evaluator (see definitions). The Supervising Evaluator is responsible for providing the Educator with guidance and assistance in accessing the resources and professional development outlined in the Improvement Plan. The primary Evaluator may be the Supervising Evaluator.
- E) The Improvement Plan shall define the problem(s) of practice identified through the observations and evaluation and detail the improvement goals to be met, the activities the Educator must take to improve and the assistance to be provided to the Educator by the district.
- F) The Improvement Plan process shall include:
 - i) Within ten school days of notification to the Educator that the Educator is being placed on an Improvement Plan, the Evaluator shall schedule a meeting with the Educator to discuss the Improvement Plan. The Evaluator will develop the Improvement Plan, which will include the provision of specific assistance to the Educator.
 - ii) The Educator may request that a representative of the Employee Organization/Association attend the meeting(s).
 - iii) If the Educator consents, the Employee Organization/Association will be informed that an Educator has been placed on an Improvement Plan.
- G) The Improvement Plan shall:
 - i) Define the improvement goals directly related to the performance standard(s) and/or student learning outcomes that must be improved;
 - ii) Describe the activities and work products the Educator must complete as a means of improving performance;
 - iii) Describe the assistance that the district will make available to the Educator;
 - iv) Articulate the measurable outcomes that will be accepted as evidence of improvement;
 - v) Detail the timeline for completion of each component of the Plan, including at a minimum a mid- cycle formative assessment report of the relevant standard(s) and indicator(s);
 - vi) Identify the individuals assigned to assist the Educator which must include minimally the Supervising Evaluator; and,
 - vii) Include the signatures of the Educator and Supervising Evaluator.

- H) A copy of the signed Plan shall be provided to the Educator. The Educator's signature indicates that the Educator received the Improvement Plan in a timely fashion. The signature does not indicate agreement or disagreement with its contents.
- D) Decision on the Educator's status at the conclusion of the Improvement Plan.
- i) All determinations below must be made no later than June 1. One of three decisions must be made at the conclusion of the Improvement Plan:
 - (a) If the Evaluator determines that the Educator has improved they/their practice to the level of proficiency, the Educator will be placed on a Self-Directed Growth Plan.
 - (b) In those cases, where the Educator was placed on an Improvement Plan as a result of they/their summative rating at the end of their Directed Growth Plan, if the Evaluator determines that the Educator is making substantial progress toward proficiency, the Evaluator shall place the Educator on a Directed Growth Plan.
 - (c) In those cases where the Educator was placed on an Improvement Plan as a result of they/their Summative rating at the end of their Directed Growth Plan, if the Evaluator determines that the Educator is not making substantial progress toward proficiency, the Evaluator shall recommend to the Superintendent that the Educator be dismissed.
 - (c) If the Evaluator determines that the Educator's practice remains at the level of unsatisfactory, the Evaluator shall recommend to the superintendent that the Educator be dismissed.

20) Timelines

Developing Educator Plan: Educators with Non-Professional Status For educators without Professional Status or at the discretion of an Evaluator for an educator in a new assignment; 1 school year in length		Self-Directed Growth Plan: Educators with PTS on Two-Year Plans		Self-Directed Growth Plan: Educators with PTS on One-Year Plan		Directed Growth Plan: Educators with PTS on One-Year Plan	
Activity	Due Date	Activity	Due Date	Activity	Due Date	Activity	Due Date
Evaluator meets with educator to assist in self-assessment & goal setting process	October 1	Evaluator meets with educator to assist in self-assessment & goal setting process	October 1	Evaluator meets with educator to assist in self-assessment & goal setting process	October 1	Evaluator meets with educator to assist in self-assessment & goal setting process	October 1
Educator submits self-assessment and proposed goals	October 1	Educator submits self-assessment and proposed goals	October 1	Educator submits self-assessment and proposed goals, <i>one of which must address low outcomes.</i>	October 1	Educator submits self-assessment and proposed goals, <i>one of which must address low outcomes.</i>	October 1
Evaluator meets with educators in teams or individually to establish Educator Plans (Educator Plans may be established at Summative Evaluation Report meeting in prior school year)	October 15	Evaluator meets with educators in teams or individually to establish Educator Plans (Educator Plans may be established at Summative Evaluation Report meeting in prior school year)	October 15	Evaluator meets with educators in teams or individually to establish Educator Plans (Educator Plans may be established at Summative Evaluation Report meeting in prior school year)	October 15	Evaluator meets with educators in teams or individually to establish Educator Plans (Educator Plans may be established at Summative Evaluation Report meeting in prior school year)	October 15
Evaluator completes Education Plan	November 1	Evaluator completes Education Plan	November 1	Evaluator completes Goals and Education Plan	November 1	Evaluator completes Education Plan	November 1
Evaluator completes first announced observation of each educator	November 15	Evaluator completes unannounced observation(s)	Anytime during the 2-year evaluation cycle	Evaluator completes unannounced observation(s)	Anytime during evaluation cycle	Evaluator completes unannounced observation(s)	Anytime during evaluation cycle
Evaluator completes unannounced observation(s)	Anytime during evaluation cycle	Educator submits evidence on parent outreach, professional growth, progress on goals (and other standards, if desired)	Anytime during first year of 2-year evaluation cycle, but prior to May 1	Educator submits evidence on parent outreach, professional growth, progress on goals (and other standards, if desired)	January 15	Educator submits evidence on parent outreach, professional growth, progress on goals (and other standards, if desired)	January 15

Educator submits evidence on parent outreach, professional growth, progress on goals (and other standards, if desired)	January 15	Evaluator completes formative evaluation Report	June 1 of Year 1	Evaluator completes mid-cycle Formative Evaluation Report	February 1	Evaluator completes mid-cycle Formative Evaluation Report	February 15
Evaluator completes mid-cycle Formative Assessment Report	February 15	Evaluator conducts Formative Evaluation Meeting at request of Evaluator or Educator	June 1 of Year 1	Evaluator conducts Formative Evaluation Meeting at Request of Evaluator or Educator	February 15	Evaluator conducts Formative Evaluation Meeting at Request of Evaluator or Educator	March 1
Evaluator holds Formative Assessment Meetings if requested by either Evaluator or Educator	March 1	Educator submits evidence on parent outreach, professional growth, progress on goals (and other standards, if desired)	Anytime during the 2-year evaluation cycle, but prior to May 1 of the second year	Educator submits evidence on parent outreach, professional growth, progress on goals (and other standards, if desired)	May 1	Educator submits Evidence on parent outreach, professional growth, progress on goals (and other standards, if desired)	April 15
Educator submits evidence on parent outreach, professional growth, progress on goals (and other standards, if desired)	April 15	Evaluator completes and delivers Summative Evaluation Report	June 1 of Year 2	Evaluator Completes and delivers Summative Evaluation Report	June 1	Evaluator Completes and delivers Summative Evaluation Report	May 15
Evaluator completes and delivers Summative Evaluation Report	May 15	Evaluator s meets with Educators whose overall Summative Evaluation ratings are “Needs Improvement” or “Unsatisfactory”	June 1 of Year 2	Evaluator s meets with Educators whose overall Summative Evaluation ratings are “Needs Improvement” or “Unsatisfactory”	June 1	Evaluator s meets with Educators whose overall Summative Evaluation ratings are “Needs Improvement” or “Unsatisfactory”	June 1
Evaluator s meets with Educators whose overall Summative Evaluation ratings are “Needs Improvement” or “Unsatisfactory”	June 1	Evaluator meets with Educators whose ratings are “Proficient” or “Exemplary” at request of Evaluator or Educator	June 10 of Year 2	Evaluator meets with Educators whose ratings are “Proficient” or “Exemplary” at request of Evaluator or Educator	June 1	Evaluator meets with Educators whose ratings are “Proficient” or “Exemplary” at request of Evaluator or Educator	June 10
Evaluator meets with Educators whose ratings are “Proficient” or “Exemplary” at request of Evaluator or Educator	June 10	Educator signs Summative Evaluation Report and adds any response	June 15 of Year 2	Educator signs Summative Evaluation Report and adds any response	June 15	Educator signs Summative Evaluation Report and adds any response	June 15
Educator signs Summative Evaluation Report and adds any response	June 15						

21) **Career Advancement**

- A) In order to attain Professional Teacher Status, the Educator should achieve ratings of proficient or exemplary on each Performance Standard and overall. A principal considering making an employment decision that would lead to PTS for any Educator who has not been rated proficient or exemplary on each performance standard and overall on the most recent evaluation shall confer with the superintendent by May 1. The principal's decision is subject to review and approval by the superintendent.
- B) In order to qualify to apply for a teacher leader position, the Educator must have had a Summative Evaluation performance rating of proficient or exemplary for at least the previous two years.
- C) Educators with PTS whose summative performance rating is exemplary and, after 2013-14 whose impact on student learning is rated moderate or high, shall be recognized and rewarded with leadership roles, promotions, additional compensation, public commendation or other acknowledgement as determined by the district through collective bargaining where applicable.

22) **Rating Impact on Student Learning Growth**

ESE will provide model contract language and guidance on rating educator impact on student learning growth based on state and district-determined measures of student learning by July 15, 2012. Upon receiving this model contract language and guidance, the parties agree to bargain with respect to this matter.

23) **Using Student feedback in Educator Evaluation**

ESE will provide model contract language, direction and guidance on using student feedback in Educator Evaluation by June 30, 2013. Upon receiving this model contract language, direction and guidance, the parties agree to bargain with respect to this matter.

24) **Using Staff feedback in Educator Evaluation**

ESE will provide model contract language, direction and guidance on using staff feedback in Administrator Evaluation by June 30, 2013. Upon receiving this model contract language, direction and guidance, the parties agree to bargain with respect to this matter.

25) **General Provisions**

- A) Only Educators who are licensed may serve as primary Evaluators of Educators.
- B) Evaluators shall not make negative comments about the Educator's performance, or comments of a negative evaluative nature, in the presence of students, parents or other staff, except in the unusual circumstance where the Evaluator concludes that they/their must immediately and directly intervene. Nothing in this paragraph is intended to limit an administrator's ability to investigate a complaint, or secure assistance to support an Educator.
- C) All formative and summative evaluation reports will be finalized by the Principal or their designee.
- D) The superintendent shall insure that Evaluators have training in supervision and evaluation, including the regulations and standards and indicators of effective teaching practice promulgated by ESE (35.03), and the evaluation Standards and Procedures established in this Agreement.

- E) Should there be a serious disagreement between the Educator and the Evaluator regarding an overall summative performance rating of unsatisfactory, the Educator may meet with the Evaluator's supervisor to discuss the disagreement. Should the Educator request such a meeting, the Evaluator's supervisor must meet with the Educator. The Evaluator may attend any such meeting at the discretion of the superintendent.
- F) The parties agree to establish a joint labor-management evaluation team which shall review the evaluation processes and procedures annually through the first three years of implementation and recommend adjustments to the parties. It is the intent of the School District and the Association that the evaluation process be reviewed on a periodic basis. If changes in the evaluation process are recommended, the new process will be subject to ratification by the Association and the School Committee.
- G) Violations of this article are subject to the grievance and arbitration procedures. The arbitrator shall determine whether there was substantial compliance with the totality of the evaluation process. When the evaluation process results in the termination or non-renewal of an Educator, then no financial remedy or reinstatement shall issue if there was substantial compliance.
- H) Subject to the provisions of this article, all observations by any means for the purpose of evaluating the professional performance of a teacher will be conducted openly and with the full knowledge of the teacher.

ARTICLE 30
GENERAL

30.1. All complaints will be directed to the faculty member immediately involved in accordance with the process outlined in Appendix C.

30.2. ATTRACTING AND RETAINING A DIVERSE FACULTY

30.2.1. All district and school-based administrators, including department chairs, will participate in annual training on managing, supporting and evaluating teachers in a culturally competent manner and on how to best create inclusive environments in the district and school overall, as well as within individual departments. The district and association will collaborate on identifying an optimal training program.

30.2.2. The District will designate funds for the following to assist in the recruitment and retention of a diverse teaching faculty:

- MTEL preparation and tutoring/classes/tuition
- Funds for educators to attend conferences for educators of color
- Tuition reimbursement for graduate courses and career advancement courses:

30.2.3. The District will compile a list of teachers who identify as people of color and collect and maintain data on the recruitment/hiring and retention of educators of color. For educators of color who have voluntarily given their consent, the District will share this list and data with the Association President or their designee(s) annually so that they can mutually devise strategies to improve the District's attraction and retention of a diverse faculty. Both the District and Building Administration and the Association leadership will commit to attendance at such meetings.

30.2.4. The Association will gather feedback once or twice a year from all educators who identify as people of color to get a measure of how the school and district are doing at creating a welcoming and inclusive environment and to identify areas for improvement if they should arise. The Association President and/or their designee(s) will meet with Administration to update them on said feedback and

collaboratively work together to address any concerns and improve our joint efforts. Both the District and Building Administration and the Association leadership will commit to attendance at such meetings.

30.3. O5 PROGRAM: See Appendix A.

30.4. 9th GRADE ACADEMY: See Appendix B.

30.5. Teachers who inform the District of their plans to retire by November 1st of their final year as a CCHS employee will receive a \$1000 incentive to be paid at the end of the school year in which they retire in their final regular biweekly paycheck. This will not preclude said employee from participation in any other retirement incentives that may be offered more broadly to the entire faculty or in sick-leave buy back.

ARTICLE 31 **DURATION OF AGREEMENT**

31.1. The conditions of employment subject to the provisions of this Agreement become applicable on July 1, 2024 and shall continue to be so applicable until June 30, 2027.

31.2. Any party to this Agreement may initiate negotiations for a successor agreement to this Agreement to be effective on or after July 1, 2027, by tendering written notice to the other parties on or after September 1, 2026. In the event that negotiations are undertaken for a successor agreement, all terms and conditions of this Agreement shall continue in full force and effect until a successor agreement is signed.

The July 1, 2024 - June 30, 2027 Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Concord Carlisle Teachers Association and the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District School Committee is hereby duly executed by the respective representatives of the parties to the Agreement.

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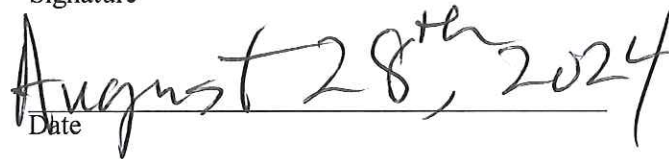
This Agreement has been mutually ratified by the Concord-Carlisle Regional District School Committee and the Concord-Carlisle Teachers' Association.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties have caused these presents to be signed and delivered by their duly authorized representatives as of the day and year first below written.

For the Concord-Carlisle Teachers Association:

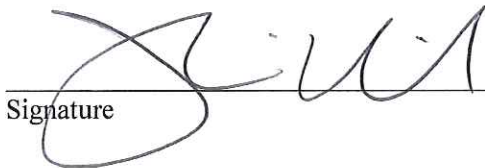


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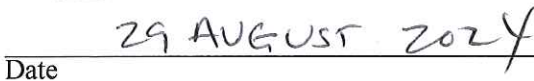


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For the Concord-Carlisle School Committee:



Signature



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APPENDIX A

THE Q5 PROGRAM

For the duration of the 2024-2027 collective bargaining agreement, the District and CCTA agree to the following parameters, working conditions and compensation regarding the Q5 program as long as it continues to exist:

1. One day of paid summer work will be made available for all individuals developing new Q5 courses (including new CCHS educators since 2019 and veteran staff developing new Q5 offerings) at the curriculum development rate of \$300 per day. One day of paid summer work will be made available for all individuals reconfiguring and updating old Q5 courses. The timing and scheduling of the summer days worked by any given individual will be at the discretion of that individual. These parameters will continue to exist during each year of this collective bargaining agreement.
2. A minimum of two hours of regularly scheduled staff meeting time during the school year in which Q5 occurs (faculty meeting time, department meeting time, or professional development time, etc.) will be set aside for staff-directed Q5 preparation. In addition, the regularly scheduled June faculty meeting will be dedicated to Q5 teacher planning and preparation each year that Q5 runs.
3. All full-time staff will be assigned to a half day (3 hours) course for four days or a full day (6 hours) course for two days. Responsibilities will be pro-rated for part-time teachers. The rest of the week will be dedicated to completing end of year tasks.
4. If a staff member offers a course that the administration opts not to run, the staff member will not be assigned to lead another course; rather, staff will be assigned to assist other staff members in larger-enrollment courses. Affected staff members (both course leaders and assistants) will be consulted and have input and choice into these assignments.
5. The student to staff ratio in any course will not exceed 20:1. It is desirable that the student to staff ratio in any course not exceed 15:1.
6. Faculty and staff who lead overnight trips that overlap with the four days of Q5 will be excused from participating in Q5 that year and will be paid the appropriate stipends for leading overnight trips as delineated in Article 6.7.1 of the collective bargaining agreement.
7. At the end of each school year, the Superintendent and the Association President and/or their designees will evaluate how the Q5 program went, weighing its value-added vs any trade-offs and will jointly determine whether the program will continue the following year. Any proposed modifications to the program and its parameters as listed in #'s 1-6 above will be subject to collective bargaining, and if agreed upon, reduced to writing. If Q5 is continued each year, money will be budgeted for summer work for faculty designing new courses and redesigning existing courses.
8. A preapproval process will be designed by the Principal(s) and the CCTA President and/or their designees for both summer work and overall course approval.

APPENDIX B – 9th GRADE ACADEMY

1. An appointment as Cohort Leader shall be for a two (2) year period with, ideally, no leader serving more than two (2) consecutive terms. Leaders will be compensated as listed in Article 6.7 of this collective bargaining agreement. In the spring, once the following year's cohorts are established, the District will internally post available Cohort Leader Positions. Anyone with professional status and at least two classes in the 9th Grade Academy the following year may apply for the role. If there are multiple applicants for an open Cohort leader position, priority will be given to staff who have served longest in the Academy and have not yet served as leaders. Cohort Leaders will meet once a week as a group. This meeting will count as a "duty."
2. Cohort staff meetings will be held up to two times per week. Meetings will count as "duties" in staff schedules.
3. When considering the participation of teachers of a particular department in the 9th Grade Academy and making recommendations to the Principal, Department members and the Department Chair will assess, and then the Principal will consider whether the assignment:
 - negatively impacts course or elective offerings for 10, 11, and 12th graders
 - restricts the departments' ability to make use of an individual teacher's expertise
 - conflicts with individual teacher's career goals and life circumstances
4. All Academy staff will remain full members of their academic departments and their Evaluators and evaluation system will continue to be the same as all other non-Academy members of said departments. Teachers are not required to be full-time in the Academy in order to participate in it.
5. In the Spring of each year, teachers may request to exit the 9th Grade Academy either fully or partially the next school year, in which case other teachers may rotate into the 9th Grade Academy or increase the percent of their FTE that is devoted to the 9th Grade Academy. If multiple teachers request to leave and after the considerations outlined above in #3 are weighed, priority will be given to staff who have served the most consecutive years in the Academy.
6. When assigning students to different cohorts, administration will make the utmost effort to evenly distribute the number of students with documented needs (academic and social-emotional) across the cohorts.
7. If lower class sizes or counselor loads are given to teachers and staff in the 9th Grade Academy, these loads will not be included when calculating departmental ratios.
8. In collaboration with Academy staff and the CCTA, the District will develop a way to evaluate the efficacy of the 9th Grade Academy Program and the impact on the rest of the high school. Results and feedback may not be used to evaluate teachers individually or collectively.
9. Any renegotiated 9th Grade Academy Appendix shall replace this existing Appendix B.

APPENDIX C – STEPS IN THE CONFLICT/COMPLAINT RESOLUTION PROCESS

Steps in the Conflict/Complaint Resolution Process

Step 1. A complaint about an employee, whether from a parent, student, or other individual must be communicated as soon as possible, but no more than thirty (30) school days after the date the parent, student or other individual first knew of the action, incident or circumstances giving rise to the complaint. The complainant will meet at a mutually agreeable time with the employee, at the employee's option, with or without employee's representation, to work out a resolution.

1a. If a complaint about the employee is instead initially directed to an administrator, any such complaints will be reported to the employee within three (3) school days by the administrator receiving the complaint. The name of the complainant shall be given to the unit member. No action may be taken by the District on an anonymous complaint unless investigation and/or action is required by law.

Step 2. If the matter is not resolved at the Step 1 meeting, the employee's immediate supervisor shall schedule, facilitate and attend a meeting between the employee and the complainant at a mutually agreeable time. The employee, at the employee's option, may have representation at this meeting. If the complainant refuses to meet with the employee, the matter will be dropped.

Step 3. If the meeting is not resolved to the satisfaction of the complainant at the meeting with the employee and their immediate supervisor in Step 2, the complainant will submit the complaint in writing on the district Conflict/Complaint Resolution Form and submit it to the employee's principal within ten (10) school days after being notified of the process. The complaint will be dropped if the form is not received within ten (10) school days of the meeting between the employee, their supervisor and the complainant (see Step 2).

Step 4. After receiving the form, the principal shall meet with the employee within five (5) school days to review the complaint and prepare responsive comments after meeting with both parties. The employee may have representation at this meeting. A written summary and resolution of the complaint will be developed and shared with the complainant and the employee within five (5) school days.

Step 5. Either complainant or employee may submit a written appeal to the Superintendent within five (5) school days after receiving the written summary and resolution. If no appeal is written and received, the matter will be dropped and the summary and resolution will stand. If there is an appeal, the Superintendent will review the complaint and make a determination to uphold, change or modify the resolution within fifteen (15) school days after meeting with both parties. The employee will meet with the Superintendent with the option for representation in order to present information for consideration. A written summary of the Superintendent's decision will be developed and shared with the complainant and the employee. Absent formal disciplinary action against the employee taken at Level 5 of the procedure, nothing about the complaint should go into the employee's personnel file.

Conflict/Complaint Resolution Form to be used in Step 3

One of Concord-Carlisle High School's stated beliefs is that students learn best, "in a school that fosters respectful relationships among all members of the community." Educators are interested in the concerns of parents, students and other individuals and want to address those concerns in an open and professional manner.

This form must be filled out completely and submitted by hand delivery, electronic communication or U.S. Mail to the Principal within ten (10) school days of your meeting with the educator and their supervisor (Step 2) if you were not satisfied with the resolution about the alleged incident, action or circumstances about which you are complaining.

Your Name:

Address:

Telephone number:

Personal Email address:

Name of CCHS employee about whom you have a concern:
Employee's Department:

1. What was the date of the alleged incident, action or circumstances causing your complaint?
2. Please describe the alleged incident, action, or circumstances causing your complaint. *(Give specific, factual details.)*
3. Please describe any efforts you have made to resolve your concerns and the responses to your efforts. Please include dates of communication and whom you communicated with regarding your concerns.

Complainant/Parent/Guardian's signature: _____

Date of filing: _____

Complainant, please note:

A complaint form that is incomplete in any material way may be dismissed, but may be refiled with all the required information if the refileing is within the designated time for filing a complaint. No anonymous complaints will be acted upon unless investigation and/or action is required by law.

Attach to this form any documents you believe will support the complaint. Please keep a copy of the completed form and any supporting documentation for your records.

APPENDIX D - Grievance Form

Concord Carlisle Teachers' Association and
the
Concord Carlisle Regional School District

Level (Circle One): One / Two / Three

Grievant' s Name _____

Supervisor at Level 1: _____

Statement of the Grievance:

Contract Article(s) Violated:

Remedy sought at this Level:

Signature of Grievant

Date

APPENDIX E
WAIVER FORM

(See SECTION 25.6.3)

TO: FROM:

SUBJECT: Employment Status Waiver - Involuntary Leave of Absence

This is to notify you that the Superintendent of the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District intends to act upon your employment status on _____, consistent with the notification you have already received dated _____.

You shall be considered on a two-year involuntary leave of absence and eligible for recall pursuant to the contract if you execute this waiver form. Executing this waiver will also protect your professional teacher status, seniority and contractual benefits during the recall period. Also, should you wish to be given preference on the substitute list during the recall period, you should notify the Human Resources Office.

Your layoff has been caused by severe budgetary constraints and/or student enrollment decreases and in no way reflects upon your years of satisfactory service as a member of the professional staff. If you intend to elect involuntary leave of absence, please sign and return this form to the Human Resources Office by. If we do not receive a signed form by this date, we will assume that you do not wish to accept involuntary leave of absence status. The Superintendent will then undertake dismissal procedures pursuant to G.L.C. 71, S.42.

WAIVER

In consideration of treating my lay-off as a two-year involuntary unpaid leave of absence, I hereby agree not to exercise any present or future rights that I have under G.L.C. 71, and S.42 and S.43A and relieve the Concord-Carlisle Regional School District of any obligation it may have to comply with said statutes with respect to this lay-off to be effective September 1, 20

I understand that by accepting this involuntary unpaid leave of absence, I will retain all professional teacher status rights, seniority and other contractual benefits in lieu of dismissal. If am not recalled during this leave of absence, I understand that the Superintendent will act on my dismissal pursuant to C.72 S.42 at the end of the involuntary leave of absence and I hereby waive my rights pursuant to C.71S S.42 and S.43A with respect to the Superintendent's action at that time.

Signature: _____

Date: _____

APPENDIX F – EVALUATION FORMS

The forms included in this Appendix are provided as tools to support educators and Evaluators as they implement the new educator evaluation framework. For all of these forms, additional pages may be attached as needed.

Self-Assessment Form. This form is intended to be used in support of Step 1: Self-Assessment, the educator’s initial step of the cycle. The form can be used by individuals or teams; however, each individual will need to submit a self-assessment. Evaluators sign the form to indicate receipt. The form includes sections for the educator to complete an analysis of student learning, growth, and achievement and an assessment of practice against performance standards. Submission of this form will be noted and initialed on the ETS. **Due October 1st**

Goal Setting and Plan Form. This form is intended to be used in support of Step 1: Self-Assessment and Step 2: Goal Setting and Plan Development. Individuals and teams may use this form to propose goals (a minimum of one student learning goal and one professional practice goal). The form should initially be submitted with the Self-Assessment Form with the box “Proposed Goals” checked. If the goals are approved as written, the Evaluator will check the box “Final Goals” and include a copy of the form with the Educator Plan Form. If the goals undergo further refinement, edits may be made to the original, or the form may be rewritten. If the form is redone, the new form should have the box “Final Goals” checked and should then be attached to the Educator Plan Form. Submission of this form will be noted and initialed on the ETS. This form will either be completed by the educator for a *Self-Directed Growth Plan*, by the educator and the Evaluator together for a *Directed Growth Plan* and a *Developing Educator Plan*, and by the Evaluator for an *Improvement Plan*. Completion and/or submission of this form will be noted and initialed on the ETS. **Due November 1st**

Formative Assessment Report Form. This form is intended to be used in support of an educator’s formative assessment (Step 4) at the mid-point of the evaluation cycle, at minimum; it can be used multiple times as Formative Assessment can be ongoing. It will be completed by the Evaluator and finalized by the principal or the designee. Evaluators are not required to assess both progress toward goals and performance on Standards; they will check off whether they are evaluating “Progress toward Attaining Goals,” “Performance on each Standard,” or both. Evaluators will provide a brief narrative of progress that includes feedback for improvement. Educators sign off to indicate that they have received a copy of the report and may use the Educator Response Form to provide a written response. Completion of this form will be noted and initialed on the ETS.

Formative Evaluation Report Form. This form is intended to be used in support of an educator’s formative evaluation at the end of year one of a two-year *Self-Directed Growth Plan*. It will be completed by the Evaluator and finalized by the principal or the designee. Evaluators are not required to assess both progress toward goals and performance on Standards; they will check off whether they are evaluating “Progress toward Attaining Goals,” “Performance on each Standard,” or both. Evaluators will provide a brief narrative of progress that includes feedback for improvement. At the point of Formative Evaluation, the overall rating is assumed to be the same as the prior summative evaluation unless evidence demonstrates a significant change in performance leading to a change in Overall Rating and, possibly, Educator Plan. If there is a change in rating, Evaluators must provide comments on each of the four Standards briefly describing *why* the rating has changed, the *evidence* that led to a change in rating, and offering *feedback for improvement* (Evaluators are encouraged to provide comments even if there is no change to ensure that educators have a clear sense of their progress and performance and receive feedback for improvement). Educators sign off to indicate that they have received a copy of the report and may use the Educator Response Form to provide a written response. Completion of this form will be noted and initialed on the ETS. **Due June 1st of year one in a two-year Self-Directed Growth Plan**

Summative Evaluation Report Form. This form is intended to be used for Step 5: Summative Evaluation. This form applies to all Educator Plans. It will be completed by the Evaluator and finalized by the principal or their designee. The Evaluator must complete all sections, which are: “Attainment of Student Learning Goal(s),” “Attainment of Professional Practice Goal(s),” “Rating on each Standard,” “Overall Performance Rating,” and “Plan Moving Forward.” Evaluators must provide comments on the student learning goal(s), professional practice goal(s), each of the four Standards, and the overall rating briefly describing the level of attainment or performance rating, the *evidence* that led to the level of attainment/rating, and offering *feedback for improvement*. Educators sign off to indicate that they have received a copy of the report and may use the Educator Response Form to provide a written response. Completion of this form will be noted and initialed on the (ETS). **Due June 1st**

Observation Feedback Form. This form is used to give educators feedback on unannounced and announced observations. **Due within 5 school days of observation.**

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Primary Evaluator—Name/Title: _____

Supervising Evaluator, if any—Name/Title/Role in evaluation: _____

School(s): _____

Part 1: Analysis of Student Learning, Growth, and Achievement

Briefly summarize areas of strength and high-priority concerns for students under your responsibility for the upcoming school year. Cite evidence such as results from available assessments. This form should be individually submitted by educator, but Part 1 can also be used by individuals and/or teams who jointly review and analyze student data.

603 CMR 35.06 (2)(a)1

Team, if applicable: _____

List Team Members below:

_____	_____
_____	_____

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Part 2: Assessment of Practice Against Performance Standards
Citing your district's performance rubric, briefly summarize areas of strength and high-priority areas for growth. Areas may target specific Standards, Indicators, or Elements, or span multiple Indicators or Elements within or across Standards. The form should be individually submitted by educator, but Part 2 can also be used by teams in preparation for proposing team goals.
603 CMR 35.06 (2)(a)2

Team, if applicable: _____

List Team Members below:

_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____

Signature of Educator _____ Date _____

Signature of Evaluator _____ Date _____

Principal or their Designee: _____ Date: _____

* The evaluator's signature indicates that he or she has received a copy of the self-assessment form and the goal setting form with proposed goals. It does not denote approval of the goals

Educator-Name: _____

Primary Evaluator-Name/Title: _____

Supervising Evaluator, if any-Name/Title/Role in evaluation: _____

School(s): _____

Educator Plan: Self-Directed Growth Plan Directed Growth Plan
 Developing Educator Plan Improvement Plan*

Plan Duration: 2-Year One-Year Less than a year _____

Start Date: _____ End Date: _____

O Goal Setting Form with final goals is attached to the Educator Plan.

Some activities may apply to the pursuit of multiple goals or types of goals (student learning or professional practice). Attach additional pages as necessary.

<p>Student Learning Goal(s): Planned Activities</p> <p><i>Describe actions the educator will take to attain the student learning goal(s). Activities may apply to individual and/or team Attach additional pages as needed.</i></p>		
<p>SMART Goal:</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Individual</p> <p><input type="radio"/> Team:</p>		
Action	Supports/Resources from School/District ¹	Timeline or Frequency

*Additional detail may be attached if needed

SMART: S=Specific and Strategic; M=Measurable; A=Action Oriented;
 R=Rigorous, Realistic, and Results-Focused; T=Timed and Tracked

Educator-Name/Title: _____

Professional Practice Goal(s) and Planned Activities Describe actions the educator will take to attain the student learning goal(s). Activities may apply to individual and/or team Attach additional pages as needed.		
SMART Goal: <input type="radio"/> Individual: <input type="radio"/> Team:		
Action	Supports/Resources from School/District ¹	Timeline or Frequency

This Educator Plan is "designed to provide educators with feedback for improvement, professional growth, and leadership," is "aligned to statewide Standards and Indicators in 603 CMR 35.00 and local Performance Standards," and "is consistent with district and school goals." (see 603 CMR 35.06 (3)(d) and 603 CMR 35.06(3)(f).)

Signature of Evaluator: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Educator: _____ Date: _____

Signature of Principal or their Designee: _____ Date: _____

*As the Evaluator retains final authority over goals to be included in an educator's plan (see 603 CMR 35.06(3)(c)), the signature of the educator indicates that he or she has received the Goal Setting Form with the "Final Goal" box checked, indicating the Evaluator's approval of the goals. The educator's signature does not necessarily denote agreement with the goals. Regardless of agreement with the final goals, signature indicates recognition that "It is the educator's responsibility to attain the goals in the plan and to participate in any trainings and professional development provided through the state, district, or other providers in accordance with the Educator Plan." (see 603 CMR 35.06(4))

¹ Must identify means for educator to receive feedback for improvement per 603 CMR 35.06(3)(d)

Formative Assessment Report Form

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Primary Evaluator —Name/Title: _____

Supervising Evaluator, if any—Name/Title/Role in evaluation: _____

School(s): _____

Assessing¹:

Progress toward attaining goals

Performance on Standards

Both

Progress Toward Student Learning Goal(s)

Describe current level of progress and feedback for improvement. Attach additional pages as needed.

Progress Toward Professional Practice Goal(s)

Describe current level of progress. Attach additional pages as needed.

¹ As per [603 CMR 35.02](#) and [603 CMR 35.06\(5\)](#), formative assessment shall mean the process used to assess progress towards attaining goals set forth in educator plans, performance on performance standards, or both.

Formative Assessment Report Form

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Performance on Each Standard

Describe performance and feedback for improvement. Attach additional pages as needed.

I: Curriculum, Planning, & Assessment

II: Teaching All Students

III: Family & Community Engagement

IV: Professional Culture

The educator shall have the opportunity to respond in writing to the formative assessment as per 603 CMR 35.06(5)(c) on the Educator Response Form.

Signature of Evaluator _____ Date Completed: _____

Signature of Educator* _____ Date Received: _____

Signature of Principal or their Designee _____ Date: _____

* Signature of the educator indicates acknowledgement of this report; it does not necessarily denote agreement with the contents of the report. Educators have the opportunity to respond to this report in writing and may use the Educator Report Form.

* For educators on two-year Self-Directed Growth Plans at the end of Year One of the cycle

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Primary Evaluator —Name/Title: _____

Supervising Evaluator, if any—Name/Title/Role in evaluation: _____

School(s): _____

Assessing¹:

Progress toward attaining goals Performance on Standards Both

Progress Toward Student Learning Goal(s) <i>Attach additional pages as needed.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Did not meet	<input type="checkbox"/> Some Progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Met	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceeded
<u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u>				
Progress Toward Professional Practice Goal(s) <i>Attach additional pages as needed.</i>				
<input type="checkbox"/> Did not meet	<input type="checkbox"/> Some Progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Significant Progress	<input type="checkbox"/> Met	<input type="checkbox"/> Exceeded
<u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u>				

¹ As per 603 CMR 35.02 and 603 CMR 35.06(5), formative evaluation shall mean the process used to assess progress towards attaining goals set forth in educator plans, performance on performance standards, or both.

Educator—Name/Title: _____

- Evaluator is assigning same ratings as prior Summative Evaluation; no comments needed
- Evaluator is assigning ratings that differ from prior Summative Evaluation; comments are required

Rating on Each Standard				
I: Curriculum, Planning, & Assessment	Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Improvement <input type="checkbox"/>	Proficient <input type="checkbox"/>	Exemplary <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u> 				
II: Teaching All Students	Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Improvement <input type="checkbox"/>	Proficient <input type="checkbox"/>	Exemplary <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u> 				
III: Family/Community Engagement	Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Improvement <input type="checkbox"/>	Proficient <input type="checkbox"/>	Exemplary <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u> 				
IV: Professional Culture	Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/>	Needs Improvement <input type="checkbox"/>	Proficient <input type="checkbox"/>	Exemplary <input type="checkbox"/>
<u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u> 				

Educator—Name/Title: _____

- Evaluator is assigning same ratings as prior Summative Evaluation; no comments needed
- Evaluator is assigning ratings that differ from prior Summative Evaluation; comments required

Overall Performance Rating			
<input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Proficient	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary
<u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u>			
Plan Moving Forward			
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Directed Growth Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Directed Growth Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Improvement Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Developing Educator Plan

The educator shall have the opportunity to respond in writing to the formative evaluation as per 603 CMR 35.06(5)(c) on the Educator Response Form.

Signature of Evaluator _____ Date Completed: _____

Signature of Educator* _____ Date Received: _____

* Signature of the educator indicates acknowledgement of this report; it does not necessarily denote agreement with the contents of the report. Educators have the opportunity to respond to this report in writing and may use the Educator Report Form.

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Primary Evaluator —Name/Title: _____

Supervising Evaluator, if any—Name/Title/Role in evaluation: _____

School(s): _____

Current Plan: | Self-Directed Growth Plan | | Directed Growth Plan
 Developing Educator Plan Improvement Plan

Progress Toward Student Learning Goal(s)
Attach additional pages as needed.

Did not meet Some Progress Significant Progress Met Exceeded

Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:

Progress Toward Professional Practice Goal(s)
Attach additional pages as needed.

Did not meet Some Progress Significant Progress Met Exceeded

Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Rating on Each Standard
<p>I: Curriculum, Planning, & Assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary</p> <p><u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u></p>
<p>II: Teaching All Students <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary</p> <p><u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u></p>
<p>III: Family/Community Engagement <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary</p> <p><u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u></p>
<p>IV: Professional Culture <input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory <input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement <input type="checkbox"/> Proficient <input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary</p> <p><u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u></p>

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Overall Performance Rating			
<input type="checkbox"/> Unsatisfactory	<input type="checkbox"/> Needs Improvement	<input type="checkbox"/> Proficient	<input type="checkbox"/> Exemplary
<u>Rationale, evidence, and feedback for improvement:</u>			
Plan Moving Forward			
<input type="checkbox"/> Self-Directed Growth Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Directed Growth Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Improvement Plan	<input type="checkbox"/> Developing Educator Plan

The educator shall have the opportunity to respond in writing to the summative evaluation as per 603 CMR 35.06(6) on the Educator Response Form.

Signature of Evaluator _____ Date Completed: _____

Signature of Educator* _____ Date Received: _____

* Signature of the educator indicates acknowledgement of this report; it does not necessarily denote agreement with the contents of the report. Educators have the opportunity to respond to this report in writing and may use the Educator Report Form.

Observation Feedback Form

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Evaluator —Name/Title: _____

Date and Time of Observation _____

Class/Interaction Observed _____

Evidence of Practice (including commendations & concerns)
Questions/Next Steps For Educator

Written feedback on this form must be provided to the educator within 5 school days of the observation. The second page may be used for concerns or commendations. Whenever possible, a conversation may accompany the form. Educators have the opportunity to respond to this form in writing using the Educator Response Form.

Observation Feedback Form

Educator—Name/Title: _____

Evaluator —Name/Title: _____

Educators have the opportunity to respond to this form in writing.

Observations resulting in one or more standards judged to be unsatisfactory or needs improvement for the first time must be followed by at least one observation of at least 30 minutes in duration within 30 school days. (Article 29, Section 11Aiii)

Teacher Rubric – Appendix G

Standard I: Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment. The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students by providing high-quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an ongoing basis, and continuously refining learning objectives.

Indicator I-A. Curriculum and Planning: Knows the subject matter well, has a good grasp of child development and how students learn, and designs effective and rigorous standards-based units of instruction consisting of well-structured lessons with measurable outcomes.				
I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-A-1. Subject Matter Knowledge	Demonstrates limited knowledge of the subject matter and/or its pedagogy; relies heavily on textbooks or resources for development of the factual content. Rarely engages students in learning experiences focused on complex knowledge or skills in the subject.	Demonstrates factual knowledge of subject matter and the pedagogy it requires by sometimes engaging students in learning experiences around complex knowledge and skills in the subject.	Demonstrates sound knowledge and understanding of the subject matter and the pedagogy it requires by consistently engaging students in learning experiences that enable them to acquire complex knowledge and skills in the subject.	Demonstrates expertise in subject matter and the pedagogy it requires by engaging all students in learning experiences that enable them to synthesize complex knowledge and skills in the subject. Is able to model this element.

Note: At the Exemplary level, an educator’s level of expertise is such that they are able to model this element through training, teaching, coaching, assisting, and/or demonstrating. In this rubric, this level of expertise is denoted by “Is able to model.”

I-A-2. Child and Adolescent Development	Demonstrates little or no knowledge of developmental levels of students this age or differences in how students learn. Typically develops one learning experience for all students that does not enable most students to meet the intended outcomes.	Demonstrates knowledge of developmental levels of students this age but does not identify developmental levels and ways of learning among the students in the class and/or develops learning experiences that enable some, but not all, students to move toward meeting intended outcomes.	Demonstrates knowledge of the developmental levels of students in the classroom and the different ways these students learn by providing differentiated learning experiences that enable all students to progress toward meeting intended outcomes.	Demonstrates expert knowledge of the developmental levels of the teacher's own students and students in this grade or subject more generally and uses this knowledge to differentiate and expand learning experiences that enable all students to make significant progress toward meeting stated outcomes. Is able to model this element.
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I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-A-3. Rigorous Standards-Based Unit Design	Plans individual lessons rather than units of instruction, or designs units of instruction that are not aligned with state standards/ local curricula, lack measurable outcomes, and/or include tasks that mostly rely on lower level thinking skills.	Designs units of instruction that address some knowledge and skills defined in state standards/local curricula, but some student outcomes are poorly defined and/or tasks rarely require higher-order thinking skills.	Designs units of instruction with measurable outcomes and challenging tasks requiring higher-order thinking skills that enable students to learn the knowledge and skills defined in state standards/local curricula.	Designs integrated units of instruction with measurable, accessible outcomes and challenging tasks requiring higher order thinking skills that enable students to learn and apply the knowledge and skills defined in state standards/local curricula. Is able to model this element.
I-A-4. Well-structured Lessons	Develops lessons with inappropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, and/or grouping for the intended outcome or for the students in the class.	Develops lessons with only some elements of appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, and grouping.	Develops well-structured lessons with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, technologies, and grouping.	Develops well-structured and highly engaging lessons with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, technologies, and grouping to attend to every student's needs. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator I-B. Assessment: Uses a variety of informal and formal methods of assessments to measure student learning, growth, and understanding to develop differentiated and enhanced learning experiences and improve future instruction.				
I-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-B-1. Variety of Assessment Methods	Administers only the assessments required by the school and/or measures only point in time student achievement.	May administer some informal and/or formal assessments to measure student learning but rarely measures student progress toward achieving state/local standards.	Designs and administers a variety of informal and formal methods and assessments, including common interim assessments, to measure each student’s learning, growth, and progress toward achieving state/local standards.	Uses an integrated, comprehensive system of informal and formal assessments, including common interim assessments, to measure student learning, growth, and progress toward achieving state/local standards. Is able to model this element.
I-B-2. Adjustment to Practice	Makes few adjustments to practice based on formal and informal assessments.	May organize and analyze some assessment results but only occasionally adjusts practice or modifies future instruction based on the findings.	Organizes and analyzes results from a variety of assessments to determine progress toward intended outcomes and uses these findings to adjust practice and identify and/or implement appropriate differentiated interventions and enhancements for students.	Organizes and analyzes results from a comprehensive system of assessments to determine progress toward intended outcomes and frequently uses these findings to adjust practice and identify and/or implement appropriate differentiated interventions and enhancements for individuals and groups of students and appropriate modifications of lessons and units. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator I-C. Analysis: Analyzes data from assessments, draws conclusions, and shares them appropriately.				
I-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-C-1. Analysis and Conclusions	Does not draw conclusions from student data beyond completing minimal requirements such as grading for report cards.	Draws conclusions from a limited analysis of student data to inform student grading and promotion decisions.	Individually and with colleagues, draws appropriate conclusions from a thorough analysis of a wide range of assessment data to improve student learning.	Individually and with colleagues, draws appropriate, actionable conclusions from a thorough analysis of a wide range of assessment data that improve short and long-term instructional decisions. Is able to model this element.
I-C-2. Sharing Conclusions With Colleagues	Rarely shares with colleagues conclusions about student progress and/or rarely seeks feedback.	Only occasionally shares with colleagues conclusions about student progress and/or only occasionally seeks feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning.	Regularly shares with appropriate colleagues (e.g., general education, special education, and English learner staff) conclusions about student progress and seeks feedback from them about instructional or assessment practices that will support improved student learning.	Establishes and implements a schedule and plan for regularly sharing with all appropriate colleagues' conclusions and insights about student progress. Seeks and applies feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning. Is able to model this element.
I-C-3. Sharing Conclusions With Students	Provides little or no feedback on student performance except through grades or report of task completion, or provides inappropriate feedback that does not support students to improve their performance.	Provides some feedback about performance beyond grades but rarely shares strategies for students to improve their performance toward objectives.	Based on assessment results, provides descriptive feedback and engages students and families in constructive conversation that focuses on how students can improve their performance.	Establishes early, constructive feedback loops with students and families that create a dialogue about performance, progress, and improvement. Is able to model this element.

Standard II: Teaching All Students. The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students through instructional practices that establish high expectations, create a safe and effective classroom environment, and demonstrate cultural proficiency.

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Indicator II-A. Instruction: Uses instructional practices that reflect high expectations regarding content and quality of effort and work; engage all students; and are personalized to accommodate diverse learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness.

II-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-A-1. Quality of Effort and Work	Establishes no or low expectations around quality of work and effort and/or offers few supports for students to produce quality work or effort.	May states high expectations for quality and effort, but provides few exemplars and rubrics, limited guided practice, and/or few other supports to help students know what is expected of them; may establish inappropriately low expectations for quality and effort.	Consistently defines high expectations for the quality of student work and the perseverance and effort required to produce it; often provides exemplars, rubrics, and guided practice.	Consistently defines high expectations for quality work and effort and effectively supports students to set high expectations for each other to persevere and produce high-quality work. Is able to model this element.
II-A-2. Student Engagement	Uses instructional practices that leave most students uninvolved and/or passive participants.	Uses instructional practices that motivate and engage some students but leave others uninvolved and/or passive participants.	Consistently uses instructional practices that are likely to motivate and engage most students during the lesson.	Consistently uses instructional practices that typically motivate and engage most students both during the lesson and during independent work and home work. Is able to model this element.
II-A-3. Meeting Diverse Needs	Uses limited and/or inappropriate practices to accommodate differences.	May use some appropriate practices to accommodate differences, but fails to address an adequate range of differences.	Uses appropriate practices, including tiered instruction and scaffolds, to accommodate differences in learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness, including those of students with disabilities and English learners.	Uses a varied repertoire of practices to create structured opportunities for each student to meet or exceed state standards/local curriculum and behavioral expectations. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator II-B. Learning Environment: Creates and maintains a safe and collaborative learning environment that motivates students to take academic risks, challenge themselves, and claim ownership of their learning.				
II-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-B-1. Safe Learning Environment	Maintains a physical environment that is unsafe or does not support student learning. Uses inappropriate or ineffective rituals, routines, and/or responses to reinforce positive behavior or respond to behaviors that interfere with students' learning.	May create and maintain a safe physical environment but inconsistently maintains rituals, routines, and responses needed to prevent and/or stop behaviors that interfere with all students' learning.	Uses rituals, routines, and appropriate responses that create and maintain a safe physical and intellectual environment where students take academic risks and most behaviors that interfere with learning are prevented.	Uses rituals, routines, and proactive responses that create and maintain a safe physical and intellectual environment where students take academic risks and play an active role individually and collectively in preventing behaviors that interfere with learning. Is able to model this element.
II-B-2. Collaborative Learning Environment	Makes little effort to teach interpersonal, group, and communication skills or facilitate student work in groups, or such attempts are ineffective.	Teaches some interpersonal, group, and communication skills and provides some opportunities for students to work in groups.	Develops students' interpersonal, group, and communication skills and provides opportunities for students to learn in groups with diverse peers.	Teaches and reinforces interpersonal, group, and communication skills so that students seek out their peers as resources. Is able to model this practice.
II-B-3. Student Motivation	Directs all learning experiences, providing few, if any, opportunities for students to take academic risks or challenge themselves to learn.	Creates some learning experiences that guide students to identify needs, ask for support, and challenge themselves to take academic risks.	Consistently creates learning experiences that guide students to identify their strengths, interests, and needs; ask for support when appropriate; take academic risks; and challenge themselves to learn.	Consistently supports students to identify strengths, interests, and needs; ask for support; take risks; challenge themselves; set learning goals; and monitor their own progress. Models these skills for colleagues.

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Indicator II-C. Cultural Proficiency: Actively creates and maintains an environment in which students' diverse backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.				
II-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-C1. Respects Differences	Establishes an environment in which students demonstrate limited respect for individual differences.	Establishes an environment in which students generally demonstrate respect for individual differences	Consistently uses strategies and practices that are likely to enable students to demonstrate respect for and affirm their own and others' differences related to background, identity, language, strengths, and challenges.	Establishes an environment in which students respect and affirm their own and others' differences and are supported to share and explore differences and similarities related to background, identity, language, strengths, and challenges. Is able to model this practice.
II-C-2. Maintains Respectful Environment	Minimizes or ignores conflicts and/or responds in inappropriate ways.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to some conflicts or misunderstandings but ignores and/or minimizes others.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to conflicts or misunderstandings arising from differences in backgrounds, languages, and identities.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to conflicts or misunderstandings arising from differences in backgrounds, languages, and identities in ways that lead students to be able to do the same independently. Is able to model this practice.

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Indicator II-D. Expectations: Plans and implements lessons that set clear and high expectations and also make knowledge accessible for all students.

II-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-D-1. Clear Expectations	Does not make specific academic and behavior expectations clear to students.	May announce and post classroom academic and behavior rules and consequences, but inconsistently or ineffectively enforces them.	Clearly communicates and consistently enforces specific standards for student work, effort, and behavior.	Clearly communicates and consistently enforces specific standards for student work, effort, and behavior so that most students are able to describe them and take ownership of meeting them. Is able to model this element.
II-D-2. High Expectations	Gives up on some students or communicates that some cannot master challenging material.	May tell students that the subject or assignment is challenging and that they need to work hard but does little to counteract student misconceptions about innate ability.	Effectively models and reinforces ways that students can master challenging material through effective effort, rather than having to depend on innate ability.	Effectively models and reinforces ways that students can consistently master challenging material through effective effort. Successfully challenges students' misconceptions about innate ability. Is able to model this element.
II-D-3. Access to Knowledge	Rarely adapts instruction, materials, and assessments to make challenging material accessible to all students.	Occasionally adapts instruction, materials, and assessments to make challenging material accessible to all students.	Consistently adapts instruction, materials, and assessments to make challenging material accessible to all students, including English learners and students with disabilities.	Individually and with colleagues, consistently adapts instruction, materials, and assessments to make challenging material accessible to all students, including English learners and students with disabilities. Is able to model this element.

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Standard III: Family and Community Engagement. The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students through effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members, and organizations.

Indicator III-A. Engagement: Welcomes and encourages every family to become active participants in the classroom and school community.				
III-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-A-1. Parent/Family Engagement	Does not welcome families to become participants in the classroom and school community or actively discourages their participation.	Makes limited attempts to involve families in school and/or classroom activities, meetings, and planning.	Uses a variety of strategies to support every family to participate actively and appropriately in the classroom and school community.	Successfully engages most families and sustains their active and appropriate participation in the classroom and school community. Is able to model this element.

Indicator III-B. Collaboration: Collaborates with families to create and implement strategies for supporting student learning and development both at home and at school.				
III-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-B-1. Learning Expectations	Does not inform parents about learning or behavior expectations.	Sends home only a list of classroom rules and the learning outline or syllabus for the year.	Consistently provides parents with clear, user-friendly expectations for student learning and behavior.	Successfully conveys to most parents' student learning and behavior expectations. Is able to model this element.
III-B-2. Curriculum Support	Rarely, if ever, communicates with parents on ways to support children at home or at school.	Sends home occasional suggestions on how parents can support children at home or at school.	Regularly updates parents on curriculum throughout the year and suggests strategies for supporting learning at school and home, including appropriate adaptation for students with disabilities or limited English proficiency.	Successfully prompts most families to use one or more of the strategies suggested for supporting learning at school and home and seeks out evidence of their impact. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator III-C. Communication: Engages in regular, two-way, and culturally proficient communication with families about student learning and performance.				
III-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-C-1. Two-Way Communication	Rarely communicates with families except through report cards; rarely solicits or responds promptly and carefully to communications from families.	Relies primarily on newsletters and other one-way media and usually responds promptly to communications from families.	Regularly uses two-way communication with families about student performance and learning and responds promptly and carefully to communications from families.	Regularly uses a two-way system that supports frequent, proactive, and personalized communication with families about student performance and learning. Is able to model this element.
III-C-2. Culturally Proficient Communication	Makes few attempts to respond to different family cultural norms and/or responds inappropriately or disrespectfully.	May communicate respectfully and make efforts to take into account different families' home language, culture, and values, but does so inconsistently or does not demonstrate understanding and sensitivity to the differences.	Always communicates respectfully with families and demonstrates understanding of and sensitivity to different families' home language, culture, and values.	Always communicates respectfully with families and demonstrates understanding and appreciation of different families' home language, culture, and values. Is able to model this element.

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Standard IV: Professional Culture. The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students through ethical, culturally proficient, skilled, and collaborative practice.

Indicator IV-A. Reflection: Demonstrates the capacity to reflect on and improve the educator’s own practice, using informal means as well as meetings with teams and work groups to gather information, analyze data, examine issues, set meaningful goals, and develop new approaches in order to improve teaching and learning.				
IV-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-A-1. Reflective Practice	Demonstrates limited reflection on practice and/or use of insights gained to improve practice.	May reflect on the effectiveness of lessons/ units and interactions with students but not with colleagues and/or rarely uses insights to improve practice.	Regularly reflects on the effectiveness of lessons, units, and interactions with students, both individually and with colleagues, and uses insights gained to improve practice and student learning.	Regularly reflects on the effectiveness of lessons, units, and interactions with students, both individually and with colleagues; and uses and shares with colleagues, insights gained to improve practice and student learning. Is able to model this element.
IV-A-2. Goal Setting	Generally, participates passively in the goal-setting process and/or proposes goals that are vague or easy to reach.	Proposes goals that are sometimes vague or easy to achieve and/or bases goals on a limited self-assessment and analysis of student learning data.	Proposes challenging, measurable professional practice, team, and student learning goals that are based on thorough self-assessment and analysis of student learning data.	Individually and with colleagues builds capacity to propose and monitor challenging, measurable goals based on thorough self-assessment and analysis of student learning data. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-B. Professional Growth: Actively pursues professional development and learning opportunities to improve quality of practice or build the expertise and experience to assume different instructional and leadership roles.				
IV-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-B-1. Professional Learning and Growth	Participates in few, if any, professional development and learning opportunities to improve practice and/or applies little new learning to practice.	Participates only in required professional development activities and/or inconsistently or inappropriately applies new learning to improve practice.	Consistently seeks out and applies, when appropriate, ideas for improving practice from supervisors, colleagues, professional development activities, and other resources to gain expertise and/or assume different instruction and leadership responsibilities.	Consistently seeks out professional development and learning opportunities that improve practice and build expertise of self and other educators in instruction and leadership. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-C. Collaboration: Collaborates effectively with colleagues on a wide range of tasks.				
IV-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-C-1. Professional Collaboration	Rarely and/or ineffectively collaborates with colleagues; conversations often lack focus on improving student learning.	Does not consistently collaborate with colleagues in ways that support productive team effort.	Consistently and effectively collaborates with colleagues in such work as developing standards-based units, examining student work, analyzing student performance, and planning appropriate intervention.	Supports colleagues to collaborate in areas such as developing standards-based units, examining student work, analyzing student performance, and planning appropriate intervention. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-D. Decision-Making: Becomes involved in school wide decision making, and takes an active role in school improvement planning.

IV-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-D-1. Decision-Making	Participates in planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level only when asked and rarely contributes relevant ideas or expertise.	May participate in planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level but rarely contributes relevant ideas or expertise.	Consistently contributes relevant ideas and expertise to planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level.	In planning and decision-making at the school, department, and/or grade level, consistently contributes ideas and expertise that are critical to school improvement efforts. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-E. Shared Responsibility: Shares responsibility for the performance of all students within the school.

IV-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-E-1. Shared Responsibility	Rarely reinforces school wide behavior and learning expectations for all students and/or makes a limited contribution to their learning by rarely sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Within and beyond the classroom, inconsistently reinforces school wide behavior and learning expectations for all students, and/or makes a limited contribution to their learning by inconsistently sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Within and beyond the classroom, consistently reinforces school wide behavior and learning expectations for all students, and contributes to their learning by sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Individually and with colleagues develops strategies and actions that contribute to the learning and productive behavior of all students at the school. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-F. Professional Responsibilities: Is ethical and reliable, and meets routine responsibilities consistently.				
IV-F. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-F-1. Judgment	Demonstrates poor judgment and/or discloses confidential student information inappropriately.	Sometimes demonstrates questionable judgment and/or inadvertently shares confidential information.	Demonstrates sound judgment reflecting integrity, honesty, fairness, and trustworthiness and protects student confidentiality appropriately.	Demonstrates sound judgment and acts appropriately to protect student confidentiality, rights and safety. Is able to model this element.
IV-F-2. Reliability & Responsibility	Frequently misses or is late to assignments, makes errors in records, and/or misses paperwork deadlines; frequently late or absent.	Occasionally misses or is late to assignments, completes work late, and/or makes errors in records.	Consistently fulfills professional responsibilities; is consistently punctual and reliable with paperwork, duties, and assignments; and is rarely late or absent from school.	Consistently fulfills all professional responsibilities to high standards. Is able to model this element.

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Specialized Instructional Support Personnel – Appendix H

Standard I: Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment. *promotes the learning and growth of all students by providing high-quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an ongoing basis, and continuously refining learning objectives.*

Indicator I-A. Curriculum and Planning: Has strong knowledge specific to subject matter and/or professional responsibility, has a good grasp of child development and how students learn, and designs effective and rigorous plans for support consisting of well-structured lessons with measurable outcomes.				
I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-A-1. Professional Knowledge	Demonstrates limited professional knowledge; relies heavily on outdated practices as opposed to current practices supported by research. Rarely engages students in academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences through the use of educational and/or clinical practices.	Demonstrates factual knowledge of the professional content and delivery and sometimes applies it to engage students in academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences through the use of educational and/or clinical practices.	Demonstrates sound knowledge and understanding of professional content and delivery by consistently engaging students in academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences through the use of educational and/or clinical practices that enable students to acquire knowledge and skills.	Demonstrates mastery of professional content and its delivery by engaging all students in academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences, through the use of educational and/or clinical practices, that enable students to synthesize knowledge and skills. Is able to model this element.
I-A-2. Child and Adolescent Development	Demonstrates little or no knowledge of child and adolescent development; typically develops one learning experience, and/or type of support or assistance for all students that does not adequately address intended outcomes.	Demonstrates general knowledge of child and adolescent development but does not apply this knowledge when providing differentiated learning experiences, support, and/or assistance that would enable all students—as opposed to just some—to move toward meeting intended outcomes.	Demonstrates knowledge of students’ developmental levels and the different ways these students learn or behave by providing differentiated learning experiences, support, and/or assistance that enable all students to progress toward meeting intended outcomes.	Demonstrates expert knowledge of the developmental levels of individual students and students in the grade or subject more generally and uses this knowledge to differentiate and expand learning experiences, supports, and/or types of assistance, enabling all students to make significant progress toward meeting stated outcomes. Is able to model this element.

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I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
1-A-3 Plan Development ¹⁰	Develops or contributes to the development of plans that are not timely and/or not tailored to the needs of individual students; or, plans do not include appropriate supports or measurable outcomes that would enable students to meet the goals and objectives of the plan.	Develops or contributes to the timely development of plans that respond to some but not all relevant individual student needs, and/or plans that lack sufficient measurable outcomes or supports that enable students to meet all goals and objectives of the plan.	Develops or contributes to the timely development of well-structured plans with measurable outcomes that respond to all relevant individual student needs, and include supports that enable students to meet the goals or objectives of the plan.	Develops or contributes to the timely development of comprehensive, well-structured plans with measurable outcomes that respond to all relevant individual student needs, are coordinated with other plans relevant to those students, and include supports that enable students to meet all goals or objectives of the plan. Is able to model this element.
I-A-4. Well-Structured Lessons	Develops lessons (which may include individual and group activities or sessions) with inappropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, and/or grouping.	Develops lessons (which may include individual and group activities or sessions) with only some elements of appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, and grouping.	Develops well-structured lessons (which may include individual and group activities or sessions) with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, technologies, and grouping.	Develops well-structured and highly engaging lessons (which may include individual and group activities and sessions) with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, technologies, and grouping to attend to every student's needs. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator I-B. Assessment: Uses a variety of informal and formal methods of assessments to measure student learning, growth, and understanding to develop differentiated and enhanced learning experiences and improve future instruction.				
I-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-B-1. Variety of Assessment Methods	Administers assessments and/or collects only the data required by the school and/or measures only point in time student achievement or development.	May design and administer assessments and/or collect some data to measure student learning, growth, or development, but uses a limited range of methods.	Designs and administers assessments and/or collects data to measure student learning, growth, and/or development through a variety of methods, including informal and formal assessments and common interim assessments where applicable.	Uses an integrated, comprehensive assessment system, including informal and formal assessment methods and common interim assessments where applicable, to measure student learning, growth, and development. Is able to model this element.
I-B-2. Adjustment to Practice	Makes few adjustments to practice by identifying and/or implementing appropriate differentiated interventions, supports, and programs based on formal and informal assessments.	May organize and analyze some assessment results but only occasionally adjusts practice and identifies and/or implements appropriate differentiated interventions, supports, and programs for students.	Organizes and analyzes results from a variety of assessments to determine progress toward intended outcomes and uses these findings to adjust practice and identify and/or implement appropriate differentiated interventions, supports, and programs for students.	Organizes and analyzes results from a comprehensive system of assessments to determine progress toward intended outcomes and frequently uses these findings to adjust practice and identify and/or implement appropriate differentiated interventions, supports, or programs for individuals and groups of students and appropriate modifications of plans. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator I-C. Analysis: Analyzes data from assessments, draws conclusions, and shares them appropriately.				
I-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-C-1. Analysis and Conclusions	Does not analyze data and/or draw conclusions from data beyond completing minimal requirements.	Draws conclusions from a limited analysis of data to inform student learning, growth, and development.	Individually and with colleagues, draws appropriate conclusions about programs, plans, and practices from a thorough analysis of a wide range of data to improve student learning, growth, and development.	Individually and with colleagues, draws appropriate, actionable conclusions about programs, plans, and practices from a thorough analysis of a wide range of data that improve short and long-term planning decisions. Is able to model this element.
I-C-2. Sharing Conclusions With Colleagues	Rarely shares with colleagues conclusions about student progress and/or rarely seeks feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning and/or development.	Only occasionally shares with colleagues conclusions about student progress and/or seeks feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning and/or development.	Regularly shares with appropriate colleagues (e.g., classroom teachers, administrators, and professional support personnel) conclusions about student progress and seeks feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning and/or development.	Establishes and implements a schedule and plan for regularly sharing with all appropriate colleagues (e.g., classroom teachers, administrators, and professional support personnel) conclusions and insights about student progress. Seeks and applies feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning and/or development. Is able to model this element.
I-C-3. Sharing Conclusions With Students and Families	Provides little or no feedback on student growth or progress except through minimally required reporting or provides inappropriate feedback that does not support students to grow and improve.	Provides some feedback about student growth or progress beyond required reports but rarely shares strategies for students to grow and improve.	Based on assessment results and/or other data, provides descriptive feedback and engages students and families in constructive conversation that focuses on student growth and improvement.	Establishes early, constructive feedback loops with students and families that create a dialogue about student growth, progress, and improvement. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator II-A. Instruction: Uses instructional and clinical practices that reflect high expectations regarding content and quality of effort and work; engage all students; and are personalized to accommodate diverse learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness.				
II-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-A-1. Quality of Effort and Work	Establishes no or low expectations for student work and behavior and/or offers few supports to help students know what is expected of them.	May state high expectations for student work and behavior, but provides few exemplars and rubrics, or limited guided practice, and/or few other supports to help students know what is expected of them.	Consistently defines high expectations for student work and behavior, and the perseverance and effort required to produce it; often provides exemplars, rubrics, or guided practice, and/or models appropriate behaviors.	Consistently defines high expectations for student work and behavior and effectively supports students to set high expectations for each other to persevere and produce high-quality work. Is able to model this element.
II-A-2. Student Engagement	Uses instructional and/or clinical practices that leave most students uninvolved and/or passive.	Uses instructional and/or clinical practices that motivate and engage some students but leave others uninvolved and/or passive.	Consistently uses instructional and clinical practices that are likely to motivate and engage most students during the lesson, activity, or session.	Consistently uses instructional and clinical practices that typically motivate and engage most students during the lesson, activity, or session, and during independent work. Is able to model this element.
II-A-3. Meeting Diverse Needs	Uses limited and/or inappropriate practices and/or supports to accommodate differences.	May use some appropriate practices and/or supports to accommodate differences, but fails to address an adequate range of differences.	Uses appropriate practices, including tiered instruction, scaffolds, and other supports, to accommodate differences in learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness, including those of students with disabilities and English learners.	Uses a varied repertoire of practices and/or supports to create structured opportunities for each student to meet or exceed expectations for growth and development. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator II-B. Learning Environment: Creates and maintains a safe and collaborative learning environment that motivates students to take academic risks, challenge themselves, and claim ownership of their learning.				
II-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-B-1. Safe Learning Environment	Maintains a physical environment that is unsafe or does not support student learning. Uses inappropriate or ineffective rituals, routines, and/or responses to reinforce positive behavior or respond to behaviors that interfere with students' learning.	May create and maintain a safe physical environment but inconsistently maintains rituals, routines, and responses needed to prevent and/or stop behaviors that interfere with all students' learning.	Uses rituals, routines, and appropriate responses that create and maintain a safe physical and intellectual environment where students take academic risks and most behaviors that interfere with learning are prevented.	Uses rituals, routines, and proactive responses that create and maintain a safe physical and intellectual environment where students take academic risks and play an active role—individually and collectively—in preventing behaviors that interfere with learning. Is able to model this element.
II-B-2. Collaborative Learning Environment	Makes little effort to teach interpersonal, group, and communication skills or facilitate student work in groups, or such attempts are ineffective.	Teaches some interpersonal, group, and communication skills and provides some opportunities for students to work in groups.	Develops students' interpersonal, group, and communication skills and provides opportunities for students to learn in groups with diverse peers.	Teaches and reinforces interpersonal, group, and communication skills so that students seek out their peers as resources. Is able to model this practice.
II-B-2. Student Motivation	Directs all learning experiences, providing few, if any, opportunities for students to take risks or challenge themselves.	Creates some learning experiences that guide students to identify needs, ask for support, and challenge themselves to take risks.	Consistently creates learning experiences that guide students to identify their strengths, interests, and needs; ask for support when appropriate; take risks; and challenge themselves to succeed.	Consistently supports students to identify their strengths, interests, and needs; ask for support; take risks; challenge themselves; set learning goals; and monitor their own progress. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator II-C. Cultural Proficiency: Actively creates and maintains an environment in which students’ diverse backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.

II-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-C-1. Respects Differences	Establishes an environment in which students demonstrate limited respect for individual differences.	Establishes an environment in which students generally demonstrate respect for individual differences.	Consistently uses strategies and practices that are likely to enable students to demonstrate respect for and affirm their own and others’ differences related to background, identity, language, strengths, and challenges.	Establishes an environment in which students respect and affirm their own and others’ differences and are supported to share and explore differences and similarities related to background, identity, language, strengths, and challenges. Is able to model this element.
II-C-2. Maintains Respectful Environment	Minimizes or ignores conflicts and/or responds in inappropriate ways.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to some conflicts or misunderstandings but ignores and/or minimizes others.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to conflicts or misunderstandings arising from differences in backgrounds, languages, and identities.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to conflicts or misunderstandings arising from differences in backgrounds, languages, and identities in ways that lead students to be able to do the same independently. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator II-D. Expectations: Plans and implements lessons and/or supports that set clear and high expectations and also make knowledge, information, and/or supports accessible for all students.				
II-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-D-1. Clear Expectations	Does not make specific standards for student work, effort, interactions, and behavior clear to students.	May communicate specific standards for student work, effort, interactions, and behavior, but inconsistently or ineffectively enforces them.	Clearly communicates and consistently enforces specific standards for student work, effort, and behavior.	Clearly communicates and consistently enforces specific standards for student work, effort, interactions, and behavior so that most students are able to describe them and take ownership of meeting them. Is able to model this element.
II-D-2. High Expectations	Gives up on some students or communicates that some cannot accomplish challenging goals.	May tell students that a goal is challenging and that they need to work hard but does not model ways students can accomplish the goal through effective effort. .	Effectively models and reinforces ways that students can set and accomplish challenging goals through effective effort, rather than having to depend on innate ability.	Effectively models and reinforces ways that students can consistently accomplish challenging goals through effective effort. Successfully challenges students' misconceptions about innate ability. Is able to model this element.
II-D-3. Access to Knowledge	Rarely adapts instruction, services, plans, communication, and/or assessments to make curriculum/supports accessible to all students for whom the educator has responsibility.	Occasionally adapts instruction, services, plans, communication, and/or assessments to make curriculum/supports accessible to all students for whom the educator has responsibility.	Consistently adapts instruction, services, plans, communication, and/or assessments to make curriculum/supports accessible to all students for whom the educator has responsibility, including English learners and students with disabilities.	Individually and with colleagues, consistently adapts instruction, services, plans, communication, and/or assessments to make curriculum/supports accessible to all students for whom the educator has responsibility, including English learners and students with disabilities. Is able to model this element.

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Standard III: Family and Community Engagement. Promotes the learning and growth of all students through effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members, and organizations.

Indicator III-A. Engagement: Welcomes and encourages every family to become active participants in the classroom and school community.

III-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-A-1. Parent/Family Engagement	Does not welcome families to become participants in the classroom and school community or actively discourages their participation.	Makes limited attempts to involve families in school and/or classroom activities, meetings, and planning.	Uses a variety of strategies to support families to participate actively and appropriately in the classroom and school community.	Successfully engages most families and sustains their active and appropriate participation in the classroom and school community. Is able to model this element.

Indicator III-B. Collaboration: Collaborates with families to create and implement strategies for supporting student learning and development both at home and at school.

III-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-B-1. Learning Expectations	Does not inform parents about learning, behavior, and/or wellness expectations.	Sends home only a list of rules/expectations and an outline of the student learning, behavior, or wellness plan for the year.	Consistently provides parents with clear, user friendly expectations for student learning, behavior, and/or wellness.	Successfully conveys to most parents clear, user friendly student learning, behavior, and wellness expectations. Is able to model this element.
III-B-2. Student Support	Rarely, if ever, communicates with parents on ways to support learning and development at home or at school.	Sends home occasional suggestions on how parents can support learning and development at home or at school.	Regularly communicates with parents to create, share, and/or identify strategies for supporting learning and development at school and home.	Regularly communicates with parents to share and/or identify strategies for supporting learning and development at school and home, successfully encourages most families to use at least one of these strategies, and seeks out evidence of their impact. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator III-C. Communication: Engages in regular, two-way, and culturally proficient communication with families about student learning, behavior and wellness.

III-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-C-1. Two-Way Communication	Rarely communicates with families except through required reports; rarely solicits or responds promptly to communications from families.	Relies primarily on sharing general information and announcements with families through one-way media and usually responds promptly to communications from families.	Regularly uses two-way communication with families about student learning, behavior, and wellness; responds promptly and carefully to communications from families.	Regularly uses a two-way system that supports frequent, proactive, and personalized communication with families about individual student learning, behavior, and wellness. Is able to model this element.
III-C-2. Culturally Proficient Communication	Makes few attempts to respond to different family cultural norms and/or responds inappropriately or disrespectfully.	May communicate respectfully and make efforts to take into account different families' home language, culture, and values, but does so inconsistently or does not demonstrate understanding and sensitivity to the differences.	Always communicates respectfully with families and demonstrates understanding of and sensitivity to different families' home language, culture, and values.	Always communicates respectfully with families and demonstrates understanding and appreciation of different families' home language, culture, and values. Is able to model this element.

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Standard IV: Professional Culture. Promotes the learning and growth of all students through ethical, culturally proficient, skilled, and collaborative practice.

Indicator IV-A. Reflection: Demonstrates the capacity to reflect on and improve the educator’s own practice, using informal means as well as meetings with teams and work groups to gather information, analyze data, examine issues, set meaningful goals, and develop new approaches in order to improve teaching and learning.				
IV-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-A-1. Reflective Practice	Demonstrates limited reflection on practice and/or use of insights gained to improve practice.	May reflect on the effectiveness of instruction, supports, and interactions with students but not with colleagues and/or rarely uses insights gained to improve practice.	Regularly reflects on the effectiveness of instruction, supports, and interactions with students, both individually and with colleagues, and uses insights gained to improve practice and student outcomes.	Regularly reflects on the effectiveness of instruction, supports, and interactions with students, both individually and with colleagues; and uses and shares with colleagues in-sights gained to improve practice and student outcomes. Is able to model this element.
IV-A-2. Goal Setting	Participates passively in the goalsetting process and/or proposes goals that are vague or easy to reach.	Proposes one goal that is vague or easy to achieve and/or bases goals on a limited self-assessment and analysis of student data.	Proposes challenging, measurable professional practice, team, and student learning goals that are based on thorough self-assessment and analysis of student data.	Individually and with colleagues builds capacity to propose and monitor challenging, measurable goals based on thorough self-assessment and analysis of student data. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-B. Professional Growth: Actively pursues professional development and learning opportunities to improve quality of practice or build the expertise and experience to assume different instructional and leadership roles.				
IV-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-B-1. Professional Learning and Growth	Participates in few, if any, professional development and learning opportunities to improve practice and/or applies little new learning to practice.	Participates only in required professional development and learning activities and/or inconsistently or inappropriately applies new learning to improve practice.	Consistently seeks out and applies, when appropriate, ideas for improving practice from supervisors, colleagues, professional development activities, and other resources to gain expertise and/or assume different instruction and leadership responsibilities.	Consistently seeks out professional development and learning opportunities that improve practice and build expertise of self and other educators in instruction, academic support, and leadership. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-C. Collaboration: Collaborates effectively with colleagues on a wide range of tasks.				
IV-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-C-1. Professional Collaboration	Rarely and/or ineffectively collaborates with colleagues; conversations often lack focus on student performance and/or development.	Does not consistently collaborate with colleagues in ways that support productive team effort.	Consistently and effectively collaborates with colleagues through shared planning and/or informal conversation in such work as: analyzing student performance and development and planning appropriate interventions at the classroom or school level.	Facilitates effective collaboration among colleagues through shared planning and/or informal conversation in such work as analyzing student performance and development and planning appropriate, comprehensive interventions at the classroom and school level. Is able to model this element.
IV-C-2. Consultation	Regularly provides inappropriate advice; does not provide advice and expertise to general education teachers or other colleagues unless prompted to do so; and/or fails to offer advice when appropriate.	Provides advice and expertise to support general education teachers and other colleagues to create appropriate and effective academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences for only some students for whom responsibility is shared, or sometimes provides advice that is inappropriate or poorly customized.	Regularly provides appropriate advice and expertise that is customized to support general education teachers and other colleagues to create appropriate and effective academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences for students for whom responsibility is shared.	Utilizes a variety of means to regularly provide advice and expertise that is customized to support general education teachers and other colleagues to successfully create appropriate and effective academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences for students. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-D. Decision-Making: Becomes involved in school wide decision making, and takes an active role in school improvement planning.				
IV-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-D-1. Decision-Making	Participates in planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level only when asked and rarely contributes relevant ideas or expertise.	May participate in planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level but rarely contributes relevant ideas or expertise.	Consistently contributes relevant ideas and expertise to planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level.	In planning and decision-making at the school, department, and/or grade level, consistently contributes ideas and expertise that are critical to school improvement efforts. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-E. Shared Responsibility: Shares responsibility for the performance of all students within the school.				
IV-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-E-1. Shared Responsibility	Rarely reinforces school wide behavior and learning expectations for all students and/or makes a limited contribution to their learning by rarely sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Within and beyond the classroom, inconsistently reinforces school wide behavior and learning expectations for all students, and/or makes a limited contribution to their learning by inconsistently sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Within and beyond the classroom, consistently reinforces school-wide behavior and learning expectations for all students, and contributes to their learning by sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Individually and with colleagues, develops strategies and actions that contribute to the learning and productive behavior of all students at the school. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-F. Professional Responsibilities: Is ethical and reliable, and meets routine responsibilities consistently.				
IV-F. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-F-1. Judgment	Demonstrates poor judgment and/or discloses confidential student information inappropriately.	Sometimes demonstrates questionable judgment and/or inadvertently shares confidential information.	Demonstrates sound judgment reflecting integrity, honesty, fairness, and trustworthiness and protects student confidentiality appropriately.	Demonstrates sound judgment and acts appropriately to protect student confidentiality, rights and safety. Is able to model this element.
IV-F-2. Reliability & Responsibility	Frequently misses or is late to assignments, makes errors in records, and/or misses paperwork deadlines; frequently late or absent.	Occasionally misses or is late to assignments, completes work late, and/or makes errors in records.	Consistently fulfills professional responsibilities; is consistently punctual and reliable with paperwork, duties, and assignments; and is rarely late or absent from school.	Consistently fulfills all professional responsibilities to high standards. Is able to model this element.

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Department Chair Rubric – Appendix I

Standard I: Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment. The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students by providing high-quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an ongoing basis, and continuously refining learning objectives.

Indicator I-A. Curriculum and Planning: Knows the subject matter well, has a good grasp of child development and how students learn, and designs effective and rigorous standards-based units of instruction consisting of well-structured lessons with measurable outcomes.

I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-A-1. Subject Matter Knowledge	Demonstrates limited knowledge of the subject matter and/or its pedagogy; relies heavily on textbooks or resources for development of the factual content. Rarely engages students in learning experiences focused on complex knowledge or skills in the subject.	Demonstrates factual knowledge of subject matter and the pedagogy it requires by sometimes engaging students in learning experiences around complex knowledge and skills in the subject.	Demonstrates sound knowledge and understanding of the subject matter and the pedagogy it requires by consistently engaging students in learning experiences that enable them to acquire complex knowledge and skills in the subject.	Demonstrates expertise in subject matter and the pedagogy it requires by engaging all students in learning experiences that enable them to synthesize complex knowledge and skills in the subject. Is able to model this element.
I-A-2. Child and Adolescent Development	Demonstrates little or no knowledge of developmental levels of students this age or differences in how students learn. Typically develops one learning experience for all students that does not enable most students to meet the intended outcomes.	Demonstrates knowledge of developmental levels of students this age but does not identify developmental levels and ways of learning among the students in the class and/or develops learning experiences that enable some, but not all, students to move toward meeting intended outcomes.	Demonstrates knowledge of the developmental levels of students in the classroom and the different ways these students learn by providing differentiated learning experiences that enable all students to progress toward meeting intended outcomes.	Demonstrates expert knowledge of the developmental levels of the teacher’s own students and students in this grade or subject more generally and uses this knowledge to differentiate and expand learning experiences that enable all students to make significant progress toward meeting stated outcomes. Is able to model this element.

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I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-A-3. Rigorous Standards Based Unit Design	Plans individual lessons rather than units of instruction, or designs units of instruction that are not aligned with state standards/ local curricula, lack measurable outcomes, and/or include tasks that mostly rely on lower level thinking skills.	Designs units of instruction that address some knowledge and skills defined in state standards/local curricula, but some student outcomes are poorly defined and/or tasks rarely require higher-order thinking skills.	Designs units of instruction with measurable outcomes and challenging tasks requiring higher-order thinking skills that enable students to learn the knowledge and skills defined in state standards/local curricula.	Designs integrated units of instruction with measurable, accessible outcomes and challenging tasks requiring higher-order thinking skills that enable students to learn and apply the knowledge and skills defined in state standards/local curricula. Is able to model this element.
I-A-4. Well-structured Lessons	Develops lessons with inappropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, and/or grouping for the intended outcome or for the students in the class.	Develops lessons with only some elements of appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, and grouping.	Develops well-structured lessons with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, technologies, and grouping.	Develops well-structured and highly engaging lessons with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, technologies, and grouping to attend to every student's needs. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator I-B. Assessment: Uses a variety of informal and formal methods of assessments to measure student learning, growth, and understanding to develop differentiated and enhanced learning experiences and improve future instruction.

I-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-B-1. Variety of Assessment Methods	Administers only the assessments required by the school and/or measures only point-in-time student achievement.	May administer some informal and/or formal assessments to measure student learning but rarely measures student progress toward achieving state/local standards.	Designs and administers a variety of informal and formal methods and assessments, including common interim assessments, to measure each student’s learning, growth, and progress toward achieving state/local standards.	Uses an integrated, comprehensive system of informal and formal assessments, including common interim assessments, to measure student learning, growth, and progress toward achieving state/local standards. Is able to model this element.
I-B-2. Adjustment to Practice	Makes few adjustments to practice based on formal and informal assessments.	May organize and analyze some assessment results but only occasionally adjusts practice or modifies future instruction based on the findings.	Organizes and analyzes results from a variety of assessments to determine progress toward intended outcomes and uses these findings to adjust practice and identify and/or implement appropriate differentiated interventions and enhancements for students.	Organizes and analyzes results from a comprehensive system of assessments to determine progress toward intended outcomes and frequently uses these findings to adjust practice and identify and/or implement appropriate differentiated interventions and enhancements for individuals and groups of students and appropriate modifications of lessons and units. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator I-C. Analysis: Analyzes data from assessments, draws conclusions, and shares them appropriately.

I-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-C-1. Analysis and Conclusions	Does not draw conclusions from student data beyond completing minimal requirements such as grading for report cards.	Draws conclusions from a limited analysis of student data to inform student grading and promotion decisions.	Individually and with colleagues, draws appropriate conclusions from a thorough analysis of a wide range of assessment data to improve student learning.	Individually and with colleagues, draws appropriate, actionable conclusions from a thorough analysis of a wide range of assessment data that improve short and long-term instructional decisions. Is able to model this element.
I-C-2. Sharing Conclusions With Colleagues	Rarely shares with colleagues conclusions about student progress and/or rarely seeks feedback.	Only occasionally shares with colleagues conclusions about student progress and/or only occasionally seeks feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning.	Regularly shares with appropriate colleagues (e.g., general education, special education, and English learner staff) conclusions about student progress and seeks feedback from them about instructional or assessment practices that will support improved student learning.	Establishes and implements a schedule and plan for regularly sharing with all appropriate colleagues conclusions and insights about student progress. Seeks and applies feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning. Is able to model this
I-C-3. Sharing Conclusions With Students	Provides little or no feedback on student performance except through grades or report of task completion, or provides inappropriate feedback that does not support students to improve their performance.	Provides some feedback about performance beyond grades but rarely shares strategies for students to improve their performance toward objectives.	Based on assessment results, provides descriptive feedback and engages students and families in constructive conversation that focuses on how students can improve their performance.	Establishes early, constructive feedback loops with students and families that create a dialogue about performance, progress, and improvement. Is able to model this element.

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Standard II: Teaching All Students. The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students through instructional practices that establish high expectations, create a safe and effective classroom environment, and demonstrate cultural proficiency.

Indicator II-A. Instruction: Uses instructional practices that reflect high expectations regarding content and quality of effort and work; engage all students; and are personalized to accommodate diverse learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness.

II-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-A-1. Quality of Effort and Work	Establishes no or low expectations around quality of work and effort and/or offers few supports for students to produce quality work or effort.	May states high expectations for quality and effort, but provides few exemplars and rubrics, limited guided practice, and/or few other supports to help students know what is expected of them; may establish inappropriately low expectations for quality and effort.	Consistently defines high expectations for the quality of student work and the perseverance and effort required to produce it; often provides exemplars, rubrics, and guided practice.	Consistently defines high expectations for quality work and effort and effectively supports students to set high expectations for each other to persevere and produce high-quality work. Is able to model this element.
II-A-2. Student Engagement	Uses instructional practices that leave most students uninvolved and/or passive participants.	Uses instructional practices that motivate and engage some students but leave others uninvolved and/or passive participants.	Consistently uses instructional practices that are likely to motivate and engage most students during the lesson.	Consistently uses instructional practices that typically motivate and engage most students both during the lesson and during independent work and home work. Is able to model this
II-A-3. Meeting Diverse Needs	Uses limited and/or inappropriate practices to accommodate differences.	May use some appropriate practices to accommodate differences, but fails to address an adequate range of differences.	Uses appropriate practices, including tiered instruction and scaffolds, to accommodate differences in learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness, including those of students with disabilities and English learners.	Uses a varied repertoire of practices to create structured opportunities for each student to meet or exceed state standards/local curriculum and behavioral expectations. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator II-B. Learning Environment: Creates and maintains a safe and collaborative learning environment that motivates students to take academic risks, challenge themselves, and claim ownership of their learning.

II-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-B-1. Safe Learning Environment	Maintains a physical environment that is unsafe or does not support student learning. Uses inappropriate or ineffective rituals, routines, and/or responses to reinforce positive behavior or respond to behaviors that interfere with students' learning.	May create and maintain a safe physical environment but inconsistently maintains rituals, routines, and responses needed to prevent and/or stop behaviors that interfere with all students' learning.	Uses rituals, routines, and appropriate responses that create and maintain a safe physical and intellectual environment where students take academic risks and most behaviors that interfere with learning are prevented.	Uses rituals, routines, and proactive responses that create and maintain a safe physical and intellectual environment where students take academic risks and play an active role—individually and collectively—in preventing behaviors that interfere with learning. Is able to model this element.
II-B-2. Collaborative Learning Environment	Makes little effort to teach interpersonal, group, and communication skills or facilitate student work in groups, or such attempts are ineffective.	Teaches some interpersonal, group, and communication skills and provides some opportunities for students to work in groups.	Develops students' interpersonal, group, and communication skills and provides opportunities for students to learn in groups with diverse peers.	Teaches and reinforces interpersonal, group, and communication skills so that students seek out their peers as resources. Is able to model this
II-B-3. Student Motivation	Directs all learning experiences, providing few, if any, opportunities for students to take academic risks or challenge themselves to learn.	Creates some learning experiences that guide students to identify needs, ask for support, and challenge themselves to take academic risks.	Consistently creates learning experiences that guide students to identify their strengths, interests, and needs; ask for support when appropriate; take academic risks; and challenge themselves to learn.	Consistently supports students to identify strengths, interests, and needs; ask for support; take risks; challenge themselves; set learning goals; and monitor their own progress. Models these skills for colleagues.

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Indicator II-C. Cultural Proficiency: Actively creates and maintains an environment in which students’ diverse backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.

II-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-C-1. Respects Differences	Establishes an environment in which students demonstrate limited respect for individual differences.	Establishes an environment in which students generally demonstrate respect for individual differences	Consistently uses strategies and practices that are likely to enable students to demonstrate respect for and affirm their own and others’ differences related to background, identity, language, strengths, and challenges.	Establishes an environment in which students respect and affirm their own and others’ differences and are supported to share and explore differences and similarities related to background, identity, language, strengths, and challenges. Is able to model this practice.
II-C-2. Maintains Respectful Environment	Minimizes or ignores conflicts and/or responds in inappropriate ways.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to some conflicts or misunderstandings but ignores and/or minimizes others.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to conflicts or misunderstandings arising from differences in backgrounds, languages, and identities.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to conflicts or misunderstandings arising from differences in backgrounds, languages, and identities in ways that lead students to be able to do the same independently. Is able to model this practice.

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Indicator II-D. Expectations: Plans and implements lessons that set clear and high expectations and also make knowledge accessible for all students.

II-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-D-1. Clear Expectations	Does not make specific academic and behavior expectations clear to students.	May announce and post classroom academic and behavior rules and consequences, but inconsistently or ineffectively enforces them.	Clearly communicates and consistently enforces specific standards for student work, effort, and behavior.	Clearly communicates and consistently enforces specific standards for student work, effort, and behavior so that most students are able to describe them and take ownership of meeting them. Is able to model this element.
II-D-2. High Expectations	Gives up on some students or communicates that some cannot master challenging material.	May tell students that the subject or assignment is challenging and that they need to work hard but does little to counteract student misconceptions about innate ability.	Effectively models and reinforces ways that students can master challenging material through effective effort, rather than having to depend on innate ability.	Effectively models and reinforces ways that students can consistently master challenging material through effective effort. Successfully challenges students' misconceptions about innate ability.
II-D-3. Access to Knowledge	Rarely adapts instruction, materials, and assessments to make challenging material accessible to all students.	Occasionally adapts instruction, materials, and assessments to make challenging material accessible to all students.	Consistently adapts instruction, materials, and assessments to make challenging material accessible to all students, including English learners and students with disabilities.	Individually and with colleagues, consistently adapts instruction, materials, and assessments to make challenging material accessible to all students, including English learners and students with disabilities. Is able to model this

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Standard III: Family and Community Engagement. The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students through effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members, and organizations.

Indicator III-A. Engagement: Welcomes and encourages every family to become active participants in the classroom and school community.

III-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-A-1. Parent/Family Engagement	Does not welcome families to become participants in the classroom and school community or actively discourages their participation.	Makes limited attempts to involve families in school and/or classroom activities, meetings, and planning.	Uses a variety of strategies to support every family to participate actively and appropriately in the classroom and school community.	Successfully engages most families and sustains their active and appropriate participation in the classroom and school community. Is able to model this element.

Indicator III-B. Collaboration: Collaborates with families to create and implement strategies for supporting student learning and development both at home and at school.

III-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-B-1. Learning Expectations	Does not inform parents about learning or behavior expectations.	Sends home only a list of classroom rules and the learning outline or syllabus for the year.	Consistently provides parents with clear, user-friendly expectations for student learning and behavior.	Successfully conveys to most parents student learning and behavior expectations. Is able to model this element.
III-B-2. Curriculum Support	Rarely, if ever, communicates with parents on ways to support children at home or at school.	Sends home occasional suggestions on how parents can support children at home or at school.	Regularly updates parents on curriculum throughout the year and suggests strategies for supporting learning at school and home, including appropriate adaptation for students with disabilities or limited English proficiency.	Successfully prompts most families to use one or more of the strategies suggested for supporting learning at school and home and seeks out evidence of their impact. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator III-C.
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Communication: Engages in regular, two-way, and culturally proficient communication with families about student learning and

III-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-C-1. Two-Way Communication	Rarely communicates with families except through report cards; rarely solicits or responds promptly and carefully to communications from families.	Relies primarily on newsletters and other one-way media and usually responds promptly to communications from families.	Regularly uses two-way communication with families about student performance and learning and responds promptly and carefully to communications from families.	Regularly uses a two-way system that supports frequent, proactive, and personalized communication with families about student performance and learning. Is able to model this element.
III-C-2. Culturally Proficient Communication	Makes few attempts to respond to different family cultural norms and/or responds inappropriately or disrespectfully.	May communicate respectfully and make efforts to take into account different families' home language, culture, and values, but does so inconsistently or does not demonstrate understanding and sensitivity to the differences.	Always communicates respectfully with families and demonstrates understanding of and sensitivity to different families' home language, culture, and values.	Always communicates respectfully with families and demonstrates understanding and appreciation of different families' home language, culture, and values. Is able to model this element.

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Standard IV: Professional Culture. The teacher promotes the learning and growth of all students through ethical, culturally proficient, skilled, and collaborative practice.

Indicator IV-A. Reflection: Demonstrates the capacity to reflect on and improve the educator’s own practice, using informal means as well as meetings with teams and work groups to gather information, analyze data, examine issues, set meaningful goals, and develop new approaches in order to improve teaching and learning.

IV-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-A-1. Reflective Practice	Demonstrates limited reflection on practice and/or use of insights gained to improve practice.	May reflect on the effectiveness of lessons/ units and interactions with students but not with colleagues and/or rarely uses insights to improve practice.	Regularly reflects on the effectiveness of lessons, units, and interactions with students, both individually and with colleagues, and uses insights gained to improve practice and student learning.	Regularly reflects on the effectiveness of lessons, units, and interactions with students, both individually and with colleagues; and uses and shares with colleagues, insights gained to improve practice and student learning. Is able to model this
IV-A-2. Goal Setting	Generally, participates passively in the goal-setting process and/or proposes goals that are vague or easy to reach.	Proposes goals that are sometimes vague or easy to achieve and/or bases goals on a limited self-assessment and analysis of student learning data.	Proposes challenging, measurable professional practice, team, and student learning goals that are based on thorough self-assessment and analysis of student learning data.	Individually and with colleagues builds capacity to propose and monitor challenging, measurable goals based on thorough self-assessment and analysis of student learning data. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-B. Professional Growth: Actively pursues professional development and learning opportunities to improve quality of practice or build the expertise and experience to assume different instructional and leadership roles.

IV-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-B-1. Professional Learning and Growth	Participates in few, if any, professional development and learning opportunities to improve practice and/or applies little new learning to practice.	Participates only in required professional development activities and/or inconsistently or inappropriately applies new learning to improve practice.	Consistently seeks out and applies, when appropriate, ideas for improving practice from supervisors, colleagues, professional development activities, and other resources to gain expertise and/or assume different instruction and leadership responsibilities.	Consistently seeks out professional development and learning opportunities that improve practice and build expertise of self and other educators in instruction and leadership. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-C. Collaboration: Collaborates effectively with colleagues on a wide range of tasks.

IV-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-C-1. Professional Collaboration	Rarely and/or ineffectively collaborates with colleagues; conversations often lack focus on improving student learning.	Does not consistently collaborate with colleagues in ways that support productive team effort.	Consistently and effectively collaborates with colleagues in such work as developing standards-based units, examining student work, analyzing student performance, and planning appropriate intervention.	Supports colleagues to collaborate in areas such as developing standards-based units, examining student work, analyzing student performance, and planning appropriate intervention. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-D. Decision-Making: Becomes involved in school-wide decision making, and takes an active role in school improvement planning.

IV-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-D-1. Decision-Making	Participates in planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level only when asked and rarely contributes relevant ideas or expertise.	May participate in planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level but rarely contributes relevant ideas or expertise.	Consistently contributes relevant ideas and expertise to planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level.	In planning and decision-making at the school, department, and/or grade level, consistently contributes ideas and expertise that are critical to school improvement efforts. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-E. Shared Responsibility: Shares responsibility for the performance of all students within the school.

IV-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-E-1. Shared Responsibility	Rarely reinforces school-wide behavior and learning expectations for all students and/or makes a limited contribution to their learning by rarely sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Within and beyond the classroom, inconsistently reinforces school-wide behavior and learning expectations for all students, and/or makes a limited contribution to their learning by inconsistently sharing responsibility for meeting their	Within and beyond the classroom, consistently reinforces school-wide behavior and learning expectations for all students, and contributes to their learning by sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Individually and with colleagues develops strategies and actions that contribute to the learning and productive behavior of all students at the school. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-F. Professional Responsibilities: Is ethical and reliable, and meets routine responsibilities consistently.

IV-F. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-F-1. Judgment	Demonstrates poor judgment and/or discloses confidential student information inappropriately.	Sometimes demonstrates questionable judgment and/or inadvertently shares confidential information.	Demonstrates sound judgment reflecting integrity, honesty, fairness, and trustworthiness and protects student confidentiality appropriately.	Demonstrates sound judgment and acts appropriately to protect student confidentiality, rights and safety. Is able to model this element.

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IV-F. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-F-2. Reliability & Responsibility	Frequently misses or is late to assignments, makes errors in records, and/or misses paperwork deadlines; frequently late or absent.	Occasionally misses or is late to assignments, completes work late, and/or makes errors in records.	Consistently fulfills professional responsibilities; is consistently punctual and reliable with paperwork, duties, and assignments; and is rarely late or absent from school.	Consistently fulfills all professional responsibilities to high standards. Is able to model this element.

***Standard V: Instructional Leadership.** The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff by cultivating a shared vision that makes powerful teaching and learning the central focus of schooling.*

Indicator V-A. Curriculum: Ensures that all teachers design effective and rigorous standards-based units of instruction consisting of well-structured lessons with measurable outcomes.				
V-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-A-1. Standards Based Unit Design	Does not set the expectation that educators plan standards-based units of instruction, provide adequate resources or support for this activity, and/or monitor or assess progress.	Gives educators resources on how to use a backward design approach to planning standards based units and checks that teachers engage in instructional planning. Sometimes monitors and assesses progress and provides feedback.	Provides support and assistance for educators and teams to use a backward design approach to plan standards-based units with measurable outcomes and challenging tasks requiring higher order thinking. Frequently monitors and assesses progress, providing feedback as necessary.	Empowers staff to create with a backward design approach rigorous standards-based units of instruction that are aligned across grade levels and content areas. Continually monitors and assesses progress, provides feedback, and connects educators to additional supports as needed. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator V-A. Curriculum: Ensures that all teachers design effective and rigorous standards-based units of instruction consisting of well-structured lessons with measurable outcomes.

V-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-A-2. Lesson Development Support	Does not state expectations for the development of well-structured lessons, provide support to educators, and/or discriminate between strong and weak lesson-planning practices.	Provides limited training to educators on how to develop well-structured lessons and/or does not consistently address patterns of weak lesson development practices.	Supports educators to develop well-structured lessons with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, technologies, and grouping.	Supports educators to collaborate on developing a series of interconnected, well-structured lessons with challenging objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, materials, and grouping and identifies specific exemplars and resources in each area. Is able to model this

Indicator V-B. Instruction: Ensures that instructional practices in all settings reflect high expectations regarding content and quality of effort and work, engage all students, and are personalized to accommodate diverse learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness.

V-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-B-1. Instructional Practices	Does not look for evidence of and/or cannot accurately identify more than a few effective teaching strategies and practices.	While observing practice and reviewing unit plans, occasionally looks for evidence of or accurately identifies appropriate teaching strategies and practices.	While observing practice and reviewing unit plans, looks for and identifies a variety of effective teaching strategies and practices.	Ensures, through observation and review of unit plans, that teachers know and employ effective teaching strategies and practices while teaching their content. Is able to model this element.

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V-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-B-2. Quality of Effort and Work	Does not set high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and/or student work school wide and department wide, or expectations are inappropriate.	May set high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work school wide and department wide, but allows expectations to be inconsistently applied across the school.	Sets and models high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work school wide and department wide, and supports educators to uphold these expectations consistently.	Sets and models high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work school wide and department wide, and empowers educators and students to uphold these expectations consistently. Is able to model this element.
V-B-3. Diverse Learners' Needs	Does not look for evidence of and/or cannot accurately identify more than a few effective teaching strategies and practices.	While observing practice and reviewing unit plans, occasionally looks for evidence of or accurately identifies teaching strategies and practices that are appropriate for diverse learners.	While observing practice and reviewing unit plans, looks for and identifies a variety of teaching strategies and practices that are effective with diverse learners.	Ensures, through observation and review of unit plans, that teachers know and employ teaching strategies and practices that are effective with diverse learners while teaching their content. Is able to model this element.

Indicator V-C. Assessment: Ensures that all teachers use a variety of formal and informal methods and assessments to measure student learning, growth, and understanding and make necessary adjustments to their practice when students are not learning.

V-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-C-1. Variety of Assessments	Does not communicate or monitor a strategy for assessments, leaving it up to educators to design and implement their own assessments.	Provides educators with some formal assessment options and suggests that they coordinate their assessment practices within their teams and include a variety of assessments but does not monitor this practice.	Supports educator teams to use a variety of formal and informal methods and assessments, including common interim assessments that are aligned across grade levels and subject areas.	Leads educator teams to develop and implement a comprehensive assessment strategy that includes ongoing informal assessment and common interim assessments that are aligned across grade levels and subject areas. Is able to model this element.

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V-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-C-2. Adjustment to Practice	Does not encourage or facilitate teams to review assessment data.	Suggests that teams meet to review data and plan for adjustments and interventions but inconsistently monitors this practice.	Provides planning time and effective support for teams to review assessment data and identify appropriate interventions and adjustments to practice. Monitors educators' efforts and successes in this area.	Plans, facilitates, and supports team review meetings after each round of assessments. Monitors teams' plans, adjustments to instruction, and outcomes and shares lessons learned with others. Is able to model this element.

Indicator V-D. Evaluation: Provides effective and timely supervision and evaluation in alignment with state regulations and contract provisions, including:

1. Ensures that educators pursue meaningful, actionable, and measurable professional practice and student learning goals.
2. Makes frequent unannounced visits to classrooms and gives targeted and constructive feedback to teachers.
3. Exercises sound judgment in assigning ratings for performance and impact on student learning.
4. Reviews alignment between judgment about practice and data about student learning, growth, or achievement when evaluating and rating educators and understands that the supervisor has the responsibility to confirm the rating in cases in which a discrepancy exists.

V-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-D-1. Educator Goals	Does not support educators to develop professional practice and/or student learning goals, review the goals for quality, and/or support educators in attaining goals.	Supports educators and educator teams to develop professional practice and student learning goals but does not consistently review them for quality and/or monitor progress.	Supports educators and educator teams to develop and attain meaningful, actionable, and measurable professional practice and student learning goals.	Supports educators and educator teams to develop and attain meaningful, actionable, and measurable professional practice and student learning goals and models this process through the leader's own evaluation process and goals. Is able to model this

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V-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-D-2. Observations and Feedback	Observes educators only in formal observation visits and/or does not provide honest feedback to educators who are not performing proficiently.	Makes infrequent unannounced visits to classrooms, rarely provides feedback that is specific and constructive, and/or critiques struggling educators without providing support to improve their performance.	Typically makes at least two unannounced visits to classrooms every day and provides targeted constructive feedback to all educators. Acknowledges effective practice and provides redirection and support for those whose practice is less than <i>Proficient</i> .	Makes multiple unannounced visits to classrooms every day and provides targeted constructive feedback within 48 hours. Engages with all educators in conversations about improvement, celebrates effective practice, and provides targeted support to educators whose practice is less than <i>Proficient</i> . Is able to model this element.
V-D-3. Ratings	Assigns ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning without collecting and analyzing sufficient and/or appropriate data or does not assign ratings for some educators.	Assigns ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning in a way that is not consistently transparent to educators.	Exercises sound and reliable judgment in assigning ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning and ensures that educators understand why they received their ratings.	Exercises sound and reliable judgment in assigning ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning. Ensures that educators understand in detail why they received their ratings and provides effective support to colleagues around this practice Is able to model this element.
V-D-4. Alignment Review	Does not review alignment between judgment about practice and data about student learning when evaluating and rating educators.	Occasionally reviews alignment between judgment about practice and student learning data.	Consistently reviews alignment between judgment about practice and student learning data and makes informed decisions about educator support and evaluation based upon this review.	Studies alignment between judgment about practice and data about student learning when evaluating and rating educators and provides effective support to colleagues around this practice. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator V-E. Data-Informed Decision Making: Uses multiple sources of evidence related to student learning, including state, district, school and department assessment results and growth data, to inform school and district goals and improve organizational performance, educator effectiveness, and student learning.

V-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-E-1. Knowledge and Use of Data	Relies on few data sources that do not represent the full picture of school and department performance and/or does not analyze the data accurately.	May identify multiple sources of student learning data but these data do not provide multiple perspectives on performance and/or analysis of the data is sometimes inaccurate.	Identifies a range of appropriate data sources and effectively analyzes the data for decision-making purposes.	Leads educator teams to identify a range of appropriate data sources, including non-traditional information that offers a unique perspective on school performance, and models effective data analysis for staff. Is able to model this element.
V-E-2. School and District Goals	Gathers limited information on the school's and department's strengths and weaknesses and/or does not use these data to inform school plans or actions.	Assesses the school's and department's strengths and weaknesses using data that are not carefully analyzed and/or writes an unfocused strategic plan.	Uses data to accurately assess the school's and department's strengths and areas for improvement to inform the creation of focused, measurable department, school, and district goals.	Involves stakeholders in a comprehensive diagnosis of the school's and department's strengths and weaknesses using appropriate data and leads a collaborative process to develop a focused, results-oriented strategic plan with annual goals. Is able to model this element.
V-E-3. Improvement of Performance, Effectiveness, and Learning	Does not share assessment data with faculty, use data to make adjustments to school and department plans, and/or model appropriate data analysis strategies.	Shares limited data with faculty to identify student and/or educator subgroups that need support; provides limited assistance to educator teams in using data to improve performance.	Uses multiple data sources to evaluate educator and school and department performance. Provides educator teams with disaggregated assessment data and assists faculty in identifying students who need additional support.	Leads teams to disaggregate data and identify individuals or groups of students who need support. Empowers educators to use a range of data sources to pinpoint areas for their own and school wide and department wide improvement. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator V-F. Professional Culture. Promotes success for all students by nurturing and sustaining a school culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous learning for staff.

V-F. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-F-1. Recruitment and Hiring Strategies	Does not successfully lead the recruitment and hiring process.	Leads the recruitment and hiring process but does not consistently identify effective educators.	Leads the school’s recruitment and hiring process and, through it, consistently identifies effective educators who share the school’s mission.	Consistently identifies effective educators who share the school’s mission. Empowers faculty members to share in a structured, consistent interview process. Is able to model this element.
V-F-2. Two-Way Communication	Does not set clear expectations for or provide support to educator to communicate with families. School and classroom communication regarding student-learning and performance primarily occurs through report cards.	May set expectations for and provide limited support to educators to communicate with families but does not stress the importance of two-way communication channels. School and classroom communication regarding student learning and performance primarily occurs through newsletters and other one-way media.	Sets clear expectations for and provides support to educators to communicate regularly with families using two-way communication channels, including careful and prompt response to communications from families. Supports educators to maximize the number of face-to-face family/teacher interactions.	Sets clear expectations for and provides differentiated support to ensure that all educators design and implement frequent personalized communications, respond carefully and promptly to communications from families, and solicit feedback from families that informs improvement to communication plans. Is able to model this element.
V-F-3. Meetings	Leads meetings that lack clear purpose and/or are primarily used for one-way informational updates.	Leads meetings that include both one-way informational updates and participatory activities focused on matters of consequence.	Plans and leads well-run and engaging meetings that have clear purpose, focus on matters of consequence, and engage participants in a thoughtful and productive series of conversations and deliberations about important school matters.	Plans and facilitates staff-led, engaging meetings in which small groups of educators learn together and create solutions to instructional issues. Is able to model this element.
V-F-4. Response to Disagreement	Does not respond to disagreement or dissent and/or does not use appropriate, respectful, non-confrontational approaches.	May respond respectfully to disagreement and dissent, but responds inconsistently and does not always employ a non-confrontational approach	Employs a non-confrontational approach for responding respectfully and appropriately to disagreement and dissent, using both as opportunities for learning	Models a variety of strategies for responding respectfully and effectively to disagreement and dissent, using both as opportunities for learning. Is able to model this element.

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Specialized Instructional Support Personnel Department Chair Rubric– Appendix J

Standard I: Curriculum, Planning, and Assessment. *promotes the learning and growth of all students by providing high-quality and coherent instruction, designing and administering authentic and meaningful student assessments, analyzing student performance and growth data, using this data to improve instruction, providing students with constructive feedback on an ongoing basis, and continuously refining learning objectives.*

Indicator I-A. Curriculum and Planning: Has strong knowledge specific to subject matter and/or professional responsibility, has a good grasp of child development and how students learn, and designs effective and rigorous plans for support consisting of well-structured lessons with measurable outcomes.				
I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-A-1. Professional Knowledge	Demonstrates limited professional knowledge; relies heavily on outdated practices as opposed to current practices supported by research. Rarely engages students in academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences through the use of educational and/or clinical practices.	Demonstrates factual knowledge of the professional content and delivery and sometimes applies it to engage students in academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences through the use of educational and/or clinical practices.	Demonstrates sound knowledge and understanding of professional content and delivery by consistently engaging students in academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences through the use of educational and/or clinical practices that enable students to acquire knowledge and skills.	Demonstrates mastery of professional content and its delivery by engaging all students in academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences, through the use of educational and/or clinical practices, that enable students to synthesize knowledge and skills. Is able to model this element.
I-A-2. Child and Adolescent Development	Demonstrates little or no knowledge of child and adolescent development; typically develops one learning experience, and/or type of support or assistance for all students that does not adequately address intended outcomes.	Demonstrates general knowledge of child and adolescent development but does not apply this knowledge when providing differentiated learning experiences, support, and/or assistance that would enable all students—as opposed to just some—to move toward meeting intended outcomes.	Demonstrates knowledge of students’ developmental levels and the different ways these students learn or behave by providing differentiated learning experiences, support, and/or assistance that enable all students to progress toward meeting intended outcomes.	Demonstrates expert knowledge of the developmental levels of individual students and students in the grade or subject more generally and uses this knowledge to differentiate and expand learning experiences, supports, and/or types of assistance, enabling all students to make significant progress toward meeting stated outcomes. Is able to model this element.

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I-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
1-A-3 Plan Development ¹¹	Develops or contributes to the development of plans that are not timely and/or not tailored to the needs of individual students; or, plans do not include appropriate supports or measurable outcomes that would enable students to meet the goals and objectives of the plan.	Develops or contributes to the timely development of plans that respond to some but not all relevant individual student needs, and/or plans that lack sufficient measurable outcomes or supports that enable students to meet all goals and objectives of the plan.	Develops or contributes to the timely development of well-structured plans with measurable outcomes that respond to all relevant individual student needs, and include supports that enable students to meet the goals or objectives of the plan.	Develops or contributes to the timely development of comprehensive, well-structured plans with measurable outcomes that respond to all relevant individual student needs, are coordinated with other plans relevant to those students, and include supports that enable students to meet all goals or objectives of the plan. Is able to model this element.
I-A-4. Well-Structured Lessons	Develops lessons (which may include individual and group activities or sessions) with inappropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, and/or grouping.	Develops lessons (which may include individual and group activities or sessions) with only some elements of appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, and grouping.	Develops well-structured lessons (which may include individual and group activities or sessions) with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, technologies, and grouping.	Develops well-structured and highly engaging lessons (which may include individual and group activities and sessions) with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, resources, technologies, and grouping to attend to every student's needs. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator I-B. Assessment: Uses a variety of informal and formal methods of assessments to measure student learning, growth, and understanding to develop differentiated and enhanced learning experiences and improve future instruction.				
I-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-B-1. Variety of Assessment Methods	Administers assessments and/or collects only the data required by the school and/or measures only point in time student achievement or development.	May design and administer assessments and/or collect some data to measure student learning, growth, or development, but uses a limited range of methods.	Designs and administers assessments and/or collects data to measure student learning, growth, and/or development through a variety of methods, including informal and formal assessments and common interim assessments where applicable.	Uses an integrated, comprehensive assessment system, including informal and formal assessment methods and common interim assessments where applicable, to measure student learning, growth, and development. Is able to model this element.
I-B-2. Adjustment to Practice	Makes few adjustments to practice by identifying and/or implementing appropriate differentiated interventions, supports, and programs based on formal and informal assessments.	May organize and analyze some assessment results but only occasionally adjusts practice and identifies and/or implements appropriate differentiated interventions, supports, and programs for students.	Organizes and analyzes results from a variety of assessments to determine progress toward intended outcomes and uses these findings to adjust practice and identify and/or implement appropriate differentiated interventions, supports, and programs for students.	Organizes and analyzes results from a comprehensive system of assessments to determine progress toward intended outcomes and frequently uses these findings to adjust practice and identify and/or implement appropriate differentiated interventions, supports, or programs for individuals and groups of students and appropriate modifications of plans. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator I-C. Analysis: Analyzes data from assessments, draws conclusions, and shares them appropriately.				
I-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
I-C-1. Analysis and Conclusions	Does not analyze data and/or draw conclusions from data beyond completing minimal requirements.	Draws conclusions from a limited analysis of data to inform student learning, growth, and development.	Individually and with colleagues, draws appropriate conclusions about programs, plans, and practices from a thorough analysis of a wide range of data to improve student learning, growth, and development.	Individually and with colleagues, draws appropriate, actionable Conclusions about programs, plans, and practices from a thorough analysis of a wide range of data that improve short and long-term planning decisions. Is able to model this element.
I-C-2. Sharing Conclusions With Colleagues	Rarely shares with colleagues conclusions about student progress and/or rarely seeks feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning and/or development.	Only occasionally shares with colleagues conclusions about student progress and/or seeks feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning and/or development.	Regularly shares with appropriate colleagues (e.g., classroom teachers, administrators, and professional support personnel) Conclusions about student progress and seeks feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning and/or development.	Establishes and implements a schedule and plan for regularly sharing with all appropriate colleagues (e.g., classroom teachers, administrators, and professional support personnel) conclusions and insights about student progress. Seeks and applies feedback from them about practices that will support improved student learning and/or development. Is able to model this element.
I-C-3. Sharing Conclusions With Students and Families	Provides little or no feedback on student growth or progress except through minimally required reporting or provides inappropriate feedback that does not support students to grow and improve.	Provides some feedback about student growth or progress beyond required reports but rarely shares strategies for students to grow and improve.	Based on assessment results and/or other data, provides descriptive feedback and engages students and families in constructive conversation that focuses on student growth and improvement.	Establishes early, constructive feedback loops with students and families that create a dialogue about student growth, progress, and improvement. Is able to model this element.

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Standard II: Teaching All Students. Promotes the learning and growth of all students through instructional practices that establish high expectations, create a safe and effective classroom environment, and demonstrate cultural proficiency.

Indicator II-A. Instruction: Uses instructional and clinical practices that reflect high expectations regarding content and quality of effort and work; engage all students; and are personalized to accommodate diverse learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness.				
II-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-A-1. Quality of Effort and Work	Establishes no or low expectations for student work and behavior and/or offers few supports to help students know what is expected of them.	May state high expectations for student work and behavior, but provides few exemplars and rubrics, or limited guided practice, and/or few other supports to help students know what is expected of them.	Consistently defines high expectations for student work and behavior, and the perseverance and effort required to produce it; often provides exemplars, rubrics, or guided practice, and/or models appropriate behaviors.	Consistently defines high expectations for student work and behavior and effectively supports students to set high expectations for each other to persevere and produce high-quality work. Is able to model this element.
II-A-2. Student Engagement	Uses instructional and/or clinical practices that leave most students uninvolved and/or passive.	Uses instructional and/or clinical practices that motivate and engage some students but leave others uninvolved and/or passive.	Consistently uses instructional and clinical practices that are likely to motivate and engage most students during the lesson, activity, or session.	Consistently uses instructional and clinical practices that typically motivate and engage most students during the lesson, activity, or session, and during independent work. Is able to model this element.
II-A-3. Meeting Diverse Needs	Uses limited and/or inappropriate practices and/or supports to accommodate differences.	May use some appropriate practices and/or supports to accommodate differences, but fails to address an adequate range of differences.	Uses appropriate practices, including tiered instruction, scaffolds, and other supports, to accommodate differences in learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness, including those of students with disabilities and English learners.	Uses a varied repertoire of practices and/or supports to create structured opportunities for each student to meet or exceed expectations for growth and development. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator II-B. Learning Environment: Creates and maintains a safe and collaborative learning environment that motivates students to take academic risks, challenge themselves, and claim ownership of their learning.				
II-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-B-1. Safe Learning Environment	Maintains a physical environment that is unsafe or does not support student learning. Uses inappropriate or ineffective rituals, routines, and/or responses to reinforce positive behavior or respond to behaviors that interfere with students' learning.	May create and maintain a safe physical environment but inconsistently maintains rituals, routines, and responses needed to prevent and/or stop behaviors that interfere with all students' learning.	Uses rituals, routines, and appropriate responses that create and maintain a safe physical and intellectual environment where students take academic risks and most behaviors that interfere with learning are prevented.	Uses rituals, routines, and proactive responses that create and maintain a safe physical and intellectual environment where students take academic risks and play an active role—individually and collectively—in preventing behaviors that interfere with learning. Is able to model this element.
II-B-2. Collaborative Learning Environment	Makes little effort to teach interpersonal, group, and communication skills or facilitate student work in groups, or such attempts are ineffective.	Teaches some interpersonal, group, and communication skills and provides some opportunities for students to work in groups.	Develops students' interpersonal, group, and communication skills and provides opportunities for students to learn in groups with diverse peers.	Teaches and reinforces interpersonal, group, and communication skills so that students seek out their peers as resources. Is able to model this practice.
II-B-2. Student Motivation	Directs all learning experiences, providing few, if any, opportunities for students to take risks or challenge themselves.	Creates some learning experiences that guide students to identify needs, ask for support, and challenge themselves to take risks.	Consistently creates learning experiences that guide students to identify their strengths, interests, and needs; ask for support when appropriate; take risks; and challenge themselves to succeed.	Consistently supports students to identify their strengths, interests, and needs; ask for support; take risks; challenge themselves; set learning goals; and monitor their own progress. Is able to model this element.

Indicator II-C. Cultural Proficiency: Actively creates and maintains an environment in which students' diverse backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.				
II-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-C-1. Respects Differences	Establishes an environment in which students demonstrate limited respect for individual differences.	Establishes an environment in which students generally demonstrate respect for individual differences.	Consistently uses strategies and practices that are likely to enable students to demonstrate respect for and affirm their own and others' differences related to background, identity, language, strengths, and challenges.	Establishes an environment in which students respect and affirm their own and others' differences and are supported to share and explore differences and similarities related to background, identity, language, strengths, and challenges. Is able to model this element.

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II-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-C-2. Maintains Respectful Environment	Minimizes or ignores conflicts and/or responds in inappropriate ways.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to some conflicts or misunderstandings but ignores and/or minimizes others.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to conflicts or misunderstandings arising from differences in backgrounds, languages, and identities.	Anticipates and responds appropriately to conflicts or misunderstandings arising from differences in backgrounds, languages, and identities in ways that lead students to be able to do the same independently. Is able to model this element.

Indicator II-D. Expectations: Plans and implements lessons and/or supports that set clear and high expectations and also make knowledge, information, and/or supports accessible for all students.				
II-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
II-D-1. Clear Expectations	Does not make specific standards for student work, effort, interactions, and behavior clear to students.	May communicate specific standards for student work, effort, interactions, and behavior, but inconsistently or ineffectively enforces them.	Clearly communicates and consistently enforces specific standards for student work, effort, and behavior.	Clearly communicates and consistently enforces specific standards for student work, effort, interactions, and behavior so that most students are able to describe them and take ownership of meeting them. Is able to model this element.
II-D-2. High Expectations	Gives up on some students or communicates that some cannot accomplish challenging goals. .	May tell students that a goal is challenging and that they need to work hard but does not model ways students can accomplish the goal through effective effort. .	Effectively models and reinforces ways that students can set and accomplish challenging goals through effective effort, rather than having to depend on innate ability.	Effectively models and reinforces ways that students can consistently accomplish challenging goals through effective effort. Successfully challenges students' misconceptions about innate ability. Is able to model this element.
II-D-3. Access to Knowledge	Rarely adapts instruction, services, plans, communication, and/or assessments to make curriculum/supports accessible to all students for whom the educator has responsibility.	Occasionally adapts instruction, services, plans, communication, and/or assessments to make curriculum/supports accessible to all students for whom the educator has responsibility.	Consistently adapts instruction, services, plans, communication, and/or assessments to make curriculum/supports accessible to all students for whom the educator has responsibility, including English learners and students with disabilities.	Individually and with colleagues, consistently adapts instruction, services, plans, communication, and/or assessments to make curriculum/supports accessible to all students for whom the educator has responsibility, including English learners and students with disabilities. Is able to model this element.

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Standard III: Family and Community Engagement. Promotes the learning and growth of all students through effective partnerships with families, caregivers, community members, and organizations.

Indicator III-A. Engagement: Welcomes and encourages every family to become active participants in the classroom and school community.				
III-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-A-1. Parent/Family Engagement	Does not welcome families to become participants in the classroom and school community or actively discourages their participation.	Makes limited attempts to involve families in school and/or classroom activities, meetings, and planning.	Uses a variety of strategies to support families to participate actively and appropriately in the classroom and school community.	Successfully engages most families and sustains their active and appropriate participation in the classroom and school community. Is able to model this element.

Indicator III-B. Collaboration: Collaborates with families to create and implement strategies for supporting student learning and development both at home and at school.				
III-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-B-1. Learning Expectations	Does not inform parents about learning, behavior, and/or wellness expectations.	Sends home only a list of rules/expectations and an outline of the student learning, behavior, or wellness plan for the year.	Consistently provides parents with clear, user-friendly expectations for student learning, behavior, and/or wellness.	Successfully conveys to most parents clear, user-friendly student learning, behavior, and wellness expectations. Is able to model this element.
III-B-2. Student Support	Rarely, if ever, communicates with parents on ways to support learning and development at home or at school.	Sends home occasional suggestions on how parents can support learning and development at home or at school.	Regularly communicates with parents to create, share, and/or identify strategies for supporting learning and development at school and home.	Regularly communicates with parents to share and/or identify strategies for supporting learning and development at school and home, successfully encourages most families to use at least one of these strategies, and seeks out evidence of their impact. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator III-C. Communication: Engages in regular, two-way, and culturally proficient communication with families about student learning, behavior and wellness.

III-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
III-C-1. Two-Way Communication	Rarely communicates with families except through required reports; rarely solicits or responds promptly to communications from families.	Relies primarily on sharing general information and announcements with families through one-way media and usually responds promptly to communications from families.	Regularly uses two-way communication with families about student learning, behavior, and wellness; responds promptly and carefully to communications from families.	Regularly uses a two-way system that supports frequent, proactive, and personalized communication with families about individual student learning, behavior, and wellness. Is able to model this element.
III-C-2. Culturally Proficient Communication	Makes few attempts to respond to different family cultural norms and/or responds inappropriately or disrespectfully.	May communicate respectfully and make efforts to take into account different families' home language, culture, and values, but does so inconsistently or does not demonstrate understanding and sensitivity to the differences.	Always communicates respectfully with families and demonstrates understanding of and sensitivity to different families' home language, culture, and values.	Always communicates respectfully with families and demonstrates understanding and appreciation of different families' home language, culture, and values. Is able to model this element.

Standard IV: Professional Culture. Promotes the learning and growth of all students through ethical, culturally proficient, skilled, and collaborative practice.

Indicator IV-A. Reflection: Demonstrates the capacity to reflect on and improve the educator's own practice, using informal means as well as meetings with teams and work groups to gather information, analyze data, examine issues, set meaningful goals, and develop new approaches in order to improve teaching and learning.

IV-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-A-1. Reflective Practice	Demonstrates limited reflection on practice and/or use of insights gained to improve practice.	May reflect on the effectiveness of instruction, supports, and interactions with students but not with colleagues and/or rarely uses insights gained to improve practice.	Regularly reflects on the effectiveness of instruction, supports, and interactions with students, both individually and with colleagues, and uses insights gained to improve practice and student outcomes.	Regularly reflects on the effectiveness of instruction, supports, and interactions with students, both individually and with colleagues; and uses and shares with colleagues insights gained to improve practice and student outcomes. Is able to model this element.
IV-A-2. Goal Setting	Participates passively in the goalsetting process and/or proposes goals that are vague or easy to reach.	Proposes one goal that is vague or easy to achieve and/or bases goals on a limited self-assessment and analysis of student data.	Proposes challenging, measurable professional practice, team, and student learning goals that are based on thorough self-assessment and analysis of student data.	Individually and with colleagues builds capacity to propose and monitor challenging, measurable goals based on thorough self-assessment and analysis of student data. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-B. Professional Growth: Actively pursues professional development and learning opportunities to improve quality of practice or build the expertise and experience to assume different instructional and leadership roles.				
IV-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-B-1. Professional Learning and Growth	Participates in few, if any, professional development and learning opportunities to improve practice and/or applies little new learning to practice.	Participates only in required professional development and learning activities and/or inconsistently or inappropriately applies new learning to improve practice.	Consistently seeks out and applies, when appropriate, ideas for improving practice from supervisors, colleagues, professional development activities, and other resources to gain expertise and/or assume different instruction and leadership responsibilities.	Consistently seeks out professional development and learning opportunities that improve practice and build expertise of self and other educators in instruction, academic support, and leadership. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-C. Collaboration: Collaborates effectively with colleagues on a wide range of tasks.				
IV-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-C-1. Professional Collaboration	Rarely and/or ineffectively collaborates with colleagues; conversations often lack focus on student performance and/or development.	Does not consistently collaborate with colleagues in ways that support productive team effort.	Consistently and effectively collaborates with colleagues through shared planning and/or informal conversation in such work as: analyzing student performance and development and planning appropriate interventions at the classroom or school level.	Facilitates effective collaboration among colleagues through shared planning and/or informal conversation in such work as analyzing student performance and development and planning appropriate, comprehensive interventions at the classroom and school level. Is able to model this element.
IV-C-2. Consultation	Regularly provides inappropriate advice; does not provide advice and expertise to general education teachers or other colleagues unless prompted to do so; and/or fails to offer advice when appropriate.	Provides advice and expertise to support general education teachers and other colleagues to create appropriate and effective academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences for only some students for whom responsibility is shared, or sometimes provides advice that is inappropriate or poorly customized.	Regularly provides appropriate advice and expertise that is customized to support general education teachers and other colleagues to create appropriate and effective academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences for students for whom responsibility is shared.	Utilizes a variety of means to regularly provide advice and expertise that is customized to support general education teachers and other colleagues to successfully create appropriate and effective academic, behavioral, and social/emotional learning experiences for students. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator IV-D. Decision-Making: Becomes involved in school-wide decision making, and takes an active role in school improvement planning.				
IV-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-D-1. Decision-Making	Participates in planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level only when asked and rarely contributes relevant ideas or expertise.	May participate in planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level but rarely contributes relevant ideas or expertise.	Consistently contributes relevant ideas and expertise to planning and decision making at the school, department, and/or grade level.	In planning and decision-making at the school, department, and/or grade level, consistently contributes ideas and expertise that are critical to school improvement efforts. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-E. Shared Responsibility: Shares responsibility for the performance of all students within the school.				
IV-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-E-1. Shared Responsibility	Rarely reinforces school-wide behavior and learning expectations for all students and/or makes a limited contribution to their learning by rarely sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Within and beyond the classroom, inconsistently reinforces school-wide behavior and learning expectations for all students, and/or makes a limited contribution to their learning by inconsistently sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Within and beyond the classroom, consistently reinforces school-wide behavior and learning expectations for all students, and contributes to their learning by sharing responsibility for meeting their needs.	Individually and with colleagues, develops strategies and actions that contribute to the learning and productive behavior of all students at the school. Is able to model this element.

Indicator IV-F. Professional Responsibilities: Is ethical and reliable, and meets routine responsibilities consistently.				
IV-F. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
IV-F-1. Judgment	Demonstrates poor judgment and/or discloses confidential student information inappropriately.	Sometimes demonstrates questionable judgment and/or inadvertently shares confidential information.	Demonstrates sound judgment reflecting integrity, honesty, fairness, and trustworthiness and protects student confidentiality appropriately.	Demonstrates sound judgment and acts appropriately to protect student confidentiality, rights and safety. Is able to model this element.
IV-F-2. Reliability & Responsibility	Frequently misses or is late to assignments, makes errors in records, and/or misses paperwork deadlines; frequently late or absent.	Occasionally misses or is late to assignments, completes work late, and/or makes errors in records.	Consistently fulfills professional responsibilities; is consistently punctual and reliable with paperwork, duties, and assignments; and is rarely late or absent from school.	Consistently fulfills all professional responsibilities to high standards. Is able to model this element.

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Standard V: Instructional Leadership. *The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff by cultivating a shared vision that makes powerful teaching and learning the central focus of schooling.*

Indicator V-A. Curriculum: Ensures that all teachers design effective and rigorous standards-based units of instruction consisting of well-structured lessons with measurable outcomes.				
V-A. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-A-1. Standards Based Unit Design	Does not set the expectation that educators plan standards based units of instruction, provide adequate resources or support for this activity, and/or monitor or assess progress.	Gives educators resources on how to use a backward design approach to planning standards-based units and checks that teachers engage in instructional planning. Sometimes monitors and assesses progress and provides feedback.	Provides support and assistance for educators and teams to use a backward design approach to plan standards based units with measurable outcomes and challenging tasks requiring higher-order thinking. Frequently monitors and assesses progress, providing feedback as necessary.	Empowers staff to create with a backward design approach rigorous standards-based units of instruction that are aligned across grade levels and content areas. Continually monitors and assesses progress, provides feedback, and connects educators to additional supports as needed. Is able to model this element.
V-A-2. Lesson Development Support	Does not state expectations for the development of well-structured lessons, provide support to educators, and/or discriminate between strong and weak lesson-planning practices.	Provides limited training to educators on how to develop well-structured lessons and/or does not consistently address patterns of weak lesson development practices.	Supports educators to develop well-structured lessons with challenging, measurable objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, activities, materials, technologies, and grouping.	Supports educators to collaborate on developing a series of interconnected, well-structured lessons with challenging objectives and appropriate student engagement strategies, pacing, sequence, materials, and grouping and identifies specific exemplars and resources in each area. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator V-B. Instruction: Ensures that instructional practices in all settings reflect high expectations regarding content and quality of effort and work, engage all students, and are personalized to accommodate diverse learning styles, needs, interests, and levels of readiness.				
V-B. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-B-1. Instructional Practices	Does not look for evidence of and/or cannot accurately identify more than a few effective teaching strategies and practices.	While observing practice and reviewing unit plans, occasionally looks for evidence of or accurately identifies appropriate teaching strategies and practices.	While observing practice and reviewing unit plans, looks for and identifies a variety of effective teaching strategies and practices.	Ensures, through observation and review of unit plans, that teachers know and employ effective teaching strategies and practices while teaching their content. Is able to model this element.
V-B-2. Quality of Effort and Work	Does not set high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and/or student work school wide and department wide, or expectations are inappropriate.	May set high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work school wide and department wide, but allows expectations to be inconsistently applied across the school.	Sets and models high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work school wide and department wide, and supports educators to uphold these expectations consistently.	Sets and models high expectations for the quality of content, student effort, and student work school wide and department wide, and empowers educators and students to uphold these expectations consistently. Is able to model this element.
V-B-3. Diverse Learners' Needs	Does not look for evidence of and/or cannot accurately identify more than a few effective teaching strategies and practices.	While observing practice and reviewing unit plans, occasionally looks for evidence of or accurately identifies teaching strategies and practices that are appropriate for diverse learners.	While observing practice and reviewing unit plans, looks for and identifies a variety of teaching strategies and practices that are effective with diverse learners.	Ensures, through observation and review of unit plans, that teachers know and employ teaching strategies and practices that are effective with diverse learners while teaching their content. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator V-C. Assessment: Ensures that all teachers use a variety of formal and informal methods and assessments to measure student learning, growth, and understanding and make necessary adjustments to their practice when students are not learning.				
V-C. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-C-1. Variety of Assessments	Does not communicate or monitor a strategy for assessments, leaving it up to educators to design and implement their own assessments.	Provides educators with some formal assessment options and suggests that they coordinate their assessment practices within their teams and include a variety of assessments but does not monitor this practice.	Supports educator teams to use a variety of formal and informal methods and assessments, including common interim assessments that are aligned across grade levels and subject areas.	Leads educator teams to develop and implement a comprehensive assessment strategy that includes ongoing informal assessment and common interim assessments that are aligned across grade levels and subject areas. Is able to model this element.
V-C-2. Adjustment to Practice	Does not encourage or facilitate teams to review assessment data.	Suggests that teams meet to review data and plan for adjustments and interventions but inconsistently monitors this practice.	Provides planning time and effective support for teams to review assessment data and identify appropriate interventions and adjustments to practice. Monitors educators' efforts and successes in this area.	Plans, facilitates, and supports team review meetings after each round of assessments. Monitors teams' plans, adjustments to instruction, and outcomes and shares lessons learned with others. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator V-D. Evaluation: Provides effective and timely supervision and evaluation in alignment with state regulations and contract provisions, including:

1. Ensures that educators pursue meaningful, actionable, and measurable professional practice and student learning goals.
2. Makes frequent unannounced visits to classrooms and gives targeted and constructive feedback to teachers.
3. Exercises sound judgment in assigning ratings for performance and impact on student learning.
4. Reviews alignment between judgment about practice and data about student learning, growth, or achievement when evaluating and rating educators and understands that the supervisor has the responsibility to confirm the rating in cases in which a discrepancy exists.

V-D. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-D-1. Educator Goals	Does not support educators to develop professional practice and/or student learning goals, review the goals for quality, and/or support educators in attaining goals.	Supports educators and educator teams to develop professional practice and student learning goals but does not consistently review them for quality and/or monitor progress.	Supports educators and educator teams to develop and attain meaningful, actionable, and measurable professional practice and student learning goals.	Supports educators and educator teams to develop and attain meaningful, actionable, and measurable professional practice and student learning goals and models this process through the leader’s own evaluation process and goals. Is able to model this element.
V-D-2. Observations and Feedback	Observes educators only in formal observation visits and/or does not provide honest feedback to educators who are not performing proficiently.	Makes infrequent unannounced visits to classrooms, rarely provides feedback that is specific and constructive, and/or critiques struggling educators without providing support to improve their performance.	Typically makes at least two unannounced visits to classrooms every day and provides targeted constructive feedback to all educators. Acknowledges effective practice and provides redirection and support for those whose practice is less than <i>Proficient</i> .	Makes multiple unannounced visits to classrooms every day and provides targeted constructive feedback within 48 hours. Engages with all educators in conversations about improvement, celebrates effective practice, and provides targeted support to educators whose practice is less than <i>Proficient</i> . Is able to model this element.

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V-D-3. Ratings	Assigns ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning without collecting and analyzing sufficient and/or appropriate data or does not assign ratings for some educators.	Assigns ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning in a way that is not consistently transparent to educators.	Exercises sound and reliable judgment in assigning ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning and ensures that educators understand why they received their ratings.	Exercises sound and reliable judgment in assigning ratings for performance, goal attainment, and impact on student learning. Ensures that educators understand in detail why they received their ratings and provides effective support to colleagues around this practice Is able to model this element.
V-D-4. Alignment Review	Does not review alignment between judgment about practice and data about student learning when evaluating and rating educators.	Occasionally reviews alignment between judgment about practice and student learning data.	Consistently reviews alignment between judgment about practice and student learning data and makes informed decisions about educator support and evaluation based upon this review.	Studies alignment between judgment about practice and data about student learning when evaluating and rating educators and provides effective support to colleagues around this practice. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator V-E. Data-Informed Decision Making: Uses multiple sources of evidence related to student learning, including state, district, school and department assessment results and growth data, to inform school and district goals and improve organizational performance, educator effectiveness, and student learning.				
V-E. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-E-1. Knowledge and Use of Data	Relies on few data sources that do not represent the full picture of school and department performance and/or does not analyze the data accurately.	May identify multiple sources of student learning data but these data do not provide multiple perspectives on performance and/or analysis of the data is sometimes inaccurate.	Identifies a range of appropriate data sources and effectively analyzes the data for decision-making purposes.	Leads educator teams to identify a range of appropriate data sources, including nontraditional information that offers a unique perspective on school performance, and models effective data analysis for staff. Is able to model this element.
V-E-2. School and District Goals	Gathers limited information on the school's and department's strengths and weaknesses and/or does not use these data to inform school plans or actions.	Assesses the school's and department's strengths and weaknesses using data that are not carefully analyzed and/or writes an unfocused strategic plan.	Uses data to accurately assess the school's and department's strengths and areas for improvement to inform the creation of focused, measurable department, school, and district goals.	Involves stakeholders in a comprehensive diagnosis of the school's and department's strengths and weaknesses using appropriate data and leads a collaborative process to develop a focused, results oriented strategic plan with annual goals. Is able to model this element.
V-E-3. Improvement of Performance, Effectiveness, and Learning	Does not share assessment data with faculty, use data to make adjustments to school and department plans, and/or model appropriate data analysis strategies.	Shares limited data with faculty to identify student and/or educator subgroups that need support; provides limited assistance to educator teams in using data to improve performance.	Uses multiple data sources to evaluate educator and school and department performance. Provides educator teams with disaggregated assessment data and assists faculty in identifying students who need additional support.	Leads teams to disaggregate data and identify individuals or groups of students who need support. Empowers educators to use a range of data sources to pinpoint areas for their own and school wide and department wide improvement. Is able to model this element.

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Indicator V-F. Professional Culture. Promotes success for all students by nurturing and sustaining a school culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous learning for staff.				
V-F. Elements	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
V-F-1. Recruitment and Hiring Strategies	Does not successfully lead the recruitment and hiring process.	Leads the recruitment and hiring process but does not consistently identify effective educators.	Leads the school’s recruitment and hiring process and, through it, consistently identifies effective educators who share the school’s mission.	Consistently identifies effective educators who share the school’s mission. Empowers faculty members to share in a structured, consistent interview process. Is able to model this element.
V-F-2. Two-Way Communication	Does not set clear expectations for or provide support to educator to communicate with families. School and classroom communication regarding student learning and performance primarily occurs through report cards.	May set expectations for and provide limited support to educators to communicate with families but does not stress the importance of two-way communication channels. School and classroom communication regarding student learning and performance primarily occurs through newsletters and other one-way media.	Sets clear expectations for and provides support to educators to communicate regularly with families using two-way communication channels, including careful and prompt response to communications from families. Supports educators to maximize the number of face-to-face family/teacher interactions.	Sets clear expectations for and provides differentiated support to ensure that all educators design and implement frequent personalized communications, respond carefully and promptly to communications from families, and solicit feedback from families that informs improvement to communication plans. Is able to model this element.
V-F-3. Meetings	Leads meetings that lack clear purpose and/or are primarily used for one-way informational updates.	Leads meetings that include both one-way informational updates and participatory activities focused on matters of consequence.	Plans and leads well-run and engaging meetings that have clear purpose, focus on matters of consequence, and engage participants in a thoughtful and productive series of conversations and deliberations about important school matters.	Plans and facilitates staff-led, engaging meetings in which small groups of educators learn together and create solutions to instructional issues. Is able to model this element.
V-F-4. Response to Disagreement	Does not respond to disagreement or dissent and/or does not use appropriate, respectful, non-confrontational approaches.	May respond respectfully to disagreement and dissent, but responds inconsistently and does not always employ a non-confrontational approach	Employs a non-confrontational approach for responding respectfully and appropriately to disagreement and dissent, using both as opportunities for learning	Models a variety of strategies for responding respectfully and effectively to disagreement and dissent, using both as opportunities for learning. Is able to model this element.

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APPENDIX K – PROVISIONS REGARDING FLEX BLOCKS

Flex Blocks:

The primary purposes of incorporating flex blocks into our new block schedule are 1. to create more times during the week when teachers are accessible to students to provide extra help, other academic support, and opportunities to enhance their students' learning in their classes and 2. to allow counselors to provide greater SEL support to their students during the school day.

While this is not an exhaustive list, for teachers, examples of activities that would be appropriate to offer during flex blocks include:

- Group or individual extra help
- Review for tests and assessments
- Opportunities to make up tests, quizzes or labs
- Time to work on projects and papers
- Silent study hall to facilitate homework and studying
- Enrichment opportunities that complement their academic class curriculum and/or their discipline but that students are not required to attend, will not receive extra credit for or be assessed on
- Guest speaker events
- On rare occasion, a non-curricular activity such as taking a walk or playing chess (but this should not be too often so that teachers are accessible to students who need academic support.)

Again, this is not an exhaustive list, but what should not be offered by academic teachers and staff during Flex Block:

- Teaching new material that is part of their regular curriculum as if it were additional class time
- Meetings of clubs with their advisors
- Meetings of sports teams with their coaches
- Any activities for which students earn extra credit in a class

If teachers teach more than one course or grade level, they will be sure to balance offerings so that their accessibility to all of their students is roughly equitable.

For counselors, they may use their discretion to offer various activities and curriculum to support the SEL needs of students in all grades, aid them in the college application process and facilitate students making connections with their counselor(s).

If on a given day no students or a very small number of students sign up for a given teacher or counselor's flex block, unassigned students who either did not sign up for flex block at all or who could not get into their chosen offering due to twenty-five (25) student caps per teacher, may either sign up for or be assigned to that teacher's flex block. However, teachers with low or nonexistent sign ups on a given flex day will not be asked to or be expected to fill in for other teachers who might be absent nor will they be asked or expected to do administrative and disciplinary activities in the building during the flex block period.

Teachers will not serve as a "home base" or be assigned a group of students for every Flex block. Students will sign up with given teachers, or teachers will sign students up to meet with them at the teacher's discretion.

There will be a cap of twenty-five (25) students with any given teacher during flex blocks. Performing Arts and Health and Fitness may exceed the cap at the teacher's discretion.

Individual students' Special Education IEP services will not be scheduled during Flex Block.

All teachers, counselors and staff (including Department Chairs and Liaisons) will be available during the two (2) weekly flex blocks with a few exceptions as indicated below:

- All departments/faculty, with the exception of Guidance, will regularly have a flex block off for department-wide collaboration time. Departments will be grouped into six (6) groups and will be exempt from serving during every sixth flex block in order to facilitate intra-department collaboration. Scheduling of these releases from flex block will be collaboratively agreed to by the CCTA and the Administration to ensure an equitable and predictable rotation.
- Part-time teachers who are at .5 FTE status or less, will only be required to be available during one (1) of the two (2) weekly flex blocks. Part-time teachers who are at .75 FTE status will be required to be available an average of one and one half (1.5) weekly flex blocks per week rotating being available for two (2) flex blocks one week and 1 the next.
- Science teachers who teach two (2) or more lab blocks per week will only be required to be available during one (1) of the two (2) weekly flex blocks.