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Educator Evaluation Plan - Variance

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Dear Superintendent Chauncey:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that your educator evaluation plan ('plan') variance application meets the criteria outlined in section 30-3.16 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and has been approved. As a reminder, we are relying on the information you provided in your variance application, including the narrative descriptions, certifications, and assurances that are included in the application. During the approved term of this variance, your LEA will implement the variance along with all other remaining provisions of your approved plan. If any material changes are made to your approved plan and/or the terms of your approved variance, your LEA must submit such material changes to us for approval. Please see the attached notes for further information.

Please be advised that, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d, the Department will be analyzing data supplied by districts, BOCES, and/or schools and may order a corrective action plan if there are unacceptably low correlation results between the Student Performance category and the Teacher Observation or Principal School Visits category, and/or if the teachers' or principals' overall ratings and subcomponent scores show little differentiation across educators and/or the lack of differentiation is not justified by equivalently consistent student achievement results, and/or if schools or districts show a pattern of anomalous results in the Student Performance category and/or the Observation/School Visits category.

The New York State Education Department and I look forward to continuing our work together, with the goal of ensuring that every school has world-class educators in the classroom, every teacher has a world-class school leader to support their professional growth, and every student achieves success.

Thank you again for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa
Commissioner

Attachment

NOTE:

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

Pursuant to section 30-3.16 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, please note that an LEA with an approved variance shall provide to the Department, upon its request, any documentation related to the implementation and efficacy of the approach proposed in the variance, including but not limited to: reports on the correlation in assigned ratings for different measures of the LEA's evaluation system and differentiation among educators within each subcomponent and category of the evaluation system

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Annual Professional Performance Review Variance (Education Law 3012-d)

For guidance related to the Annual Professional Performance Review variance, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

At its October 2019 meeting, the Board of Regents amended sections 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents to allow LEAs to apply for a variance from Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan requirements to permit them to develop and implement new and innovative approaches to evaluation that meet the specific needs of the LEA, upon a finding by the Commissioner that the new and innovative approach demonstrates how it will ensure differentiated results over time and how the results of the evaluation will be used to provide personalized professional learning opportunities to teachers and principals, while complying with the requirements of Education Law §3012-d.

In instances where a variance is approved, the term(s) described in the approved variance will replace the related sections of the LEA's currently approved APPR plan. However, please note that all other terms as are present in the LEA's currently approved plan will remain in effect and must be implemented without modification.

Once a variance is approved by the Department, it shall be considered part of the LEA's APPR plan during the approved term of the variance. **In any instance in which there is an approved variance and such variance contains information that conflicts with the information provided in the approved Education Law §3012-d APPR plan, the provisions of the approved variance will apply during the approved term of the variance.**

Variance Application Timeline

Variance applications must be approved by the Department by December 1 of a school year to be implemented in that school year.

Submission by November 1 is suggested to allow time for review, revision and approval in order to meet the approval deadline for implementation in the same school year.

Absent a finding by the Commissioner of extraordinary circumstances, a variance application approved after December 1 of a school year will not be implemented until the following school year.

For more information regarding the variance approval deadline, including a possible extension, please contact APPRVariance@nysed.gov.

Variance Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below

- ☑ Assure that the contents of this form are in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.
- ☑ Assure that a detailed version of the LEA's variance is kept on file and that a copy of such variance will be provided to the Department upon request for review of compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.
- ☑ Assure that this variance will be posted on the LEA's website, in addition to its current full APPR plan, no later than September 10th of each school year, or within 10 days after the plan's approval by the Commissioner, whichever shall occur later.
- ☑ Assure that it is understood that this LEAs variance will be posted in its entirety on the NYSED website* following approval.

Teacher Variance
Please check the appropriate box below.

- ☑ Assure that any task not included in the following variance request(s) for teachers will be carried out in the manner described in the currently approved APPR plan.

Principal Variance
Education Law §3012-d requires that the principal evaluation system be aligned to the requirements for teacher evaluation. Therefore, when completing a variance request for the evaluation of principals, the processes identified must be aligned to such requirements.
Please check the appropriate box below.

- ☑ A variance is not requested for any subcomponent or category for principals; all principals will be evaluated using the currently approved APPR plan.

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Required Student Performance Subcomponent

For guidance on the Required subcomponent of the Student Performance category, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

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

Education Law §3012-d requires that each teacher have a Student Learning Objective (SLO) consistent with a goal-setting process based on appropriate growth targets. The process must include, at a minimum, the following elements:

A description of the measure(s) of student growth to be used (e.g., the SLO goal setting process; SLO components),

Applicable evidence of student learning (e.g., how growth will be measured through various forms of assessment, evaluation of student performance),

A method for converting student results to a score on a scale from 0-20,

A scale for conversion of the score of 0 to 20 to a HEDI rating.

This requirement must be met through either the LEA's current APPR plan or this variance. To the extent that the variance does not address a requirement, the currently approved APPR plan will apply.

Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to develop an SLO process for a teacher or group of teachers that differs from the process described in the Commissioner's regulations.

Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA's currently approved APPR plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

- ☑ A variance is not requested for the required student performance subcomponent for teachers.
- ☐ The details of the variance request for the required student performance subcomponent for teachers is described in the subsequent section.

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Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to develop an optional second measure for a teacher or group of teachers that differs from the process described in the Commissioner's regulations.

Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA's currently approved APPR plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

☑ A variance is not requested for the optional student performance subcomponent for teachers.

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Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to evaluate teacher practice in a manner that differs from the process described in the Commissioner's regulations.

Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA's currently approved APPR plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

☑ The details of the variance request for the teacher observation category is described in the subsequent section.

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Applicable Teachers

Please indicate all teachers to whom this teacher observation variance request applies.

Core Teachers

Use the table below to list the core teachers this teacher observation variance request is applicable to (teachers of other courses should be listed in the subsequent section).

	All Core Teachers in LEA	Common Branch / Uniform Departmentalized	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Courses	☑ All core teachers (K-3; 4-8 ELA, math, science, social studies; high school ELA and Regents courses, as applicable to LEA) [if this option is selected, please do not make selections in subsequent columns]					

Other Teachers

☐ Teachers of other courses are not included in this teacher observation variance request.

☑ Teachers of other courses included in this teacher observation variance request are listed in the table below.

Fill in the following for all other teachers in additional grades/subjects that are included in this teacher observation variance request:

Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 3: subject of the course

Follow the examples below to list other courses.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) subject
All Other Courses	K	12	All courses not named above
K-3 Art	K	3	Art
Grades 9-12 English Electives	9	12	English Electives

Click "Add Row" to add additional courses. Only list additional courses if they are included in this teacher observation variance request.

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Grade From	Grade To	Subject
K	12	All courses not named above

Applicable Areas

A variance may be requested for the following components of the teacher observation subcomponent:

- Teacher practice rubric
- Rating and scoring of the teacher practice rubric
- Weighting of the domains/subcomponents of the teacher practice rubric
- HEDI scoring bands
- Weighting of the teacher observation subcomponents
- Required principal/supervisor and/or independent evaluator observations
- Optional peer observations

Please indicate the area(s) of the teacher observation subcomponent for which a variance is being requested.

☑ Teacher practice rubric

Teacher Practice Rubric

Select a teacher practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess performance based on the observable NYS Teaching Standards.

If more than one rubric is used for the teachers indicated above, check all that apply.

☑ LEA Variance

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Variance Details

Please read the questions below and answer each prompt in a concise manner.

Rationale

Please provide a rationale for this variance request.

> Your rationale should include information regarding the specific, identified needs and/or challenges of the LEA, and how such needs and/or challenges inform development of the teacher observation variance request.

Rockland BOCES' evaluation system and professional learning plan create a reflective cycle of continuous professional growth for probationary and tenured teachers aligned to the BOCES mission and initiatives, which are aligned to Board of Education goals. Charlotte Danielson (2007) writes, "Skilled reflection is characterized by accuracy, specificity, and ability to use the analysis in future teaching." To this end, teachers, with their administrators, will reflect on their learning and on their professional practice as it relates to student learning. Rockland BOCES has been using a Danielson rubric since 2012, because we value the work of Charlotte Danielson as it has developed the pedagogical skills of the teaching staff.
During Danielson training in the 2020-2021 school year, we learned the Danielson group was working on the creation of an updated rubric which is more closely aligned to New York State Education Department's initiatives of social emotional learning, diversity, equity and inclusion, community schools, and the importance of relationship building between students, parents, teachers, families, communities, the Board of Education and other prominent community stakeholders. After multiple conversations, Rockland BOCES was invited to participate in a full year pilot utilizing the completed updated rubric. As part of this process, Kindergarten - Grade 3 staff will have access to Danielson's online resource for early learning, the Danielson group will be training all administration, facilitating professional learning communities with staff, and providing resources while working alongside our teams.
Rockland BOCES is comprised of a variety of specialized programs that meet the needs of our unique student population. Our student population, and the highly specialized work our teachers conduct with students and families, will provide Danielson with insight based upon all of the supports and services we provide to the students and families such as Dialectical Behavior Therapy, the Family Resource Center, Comprehensive Application of Behavior Analysis to Schooling, Mobility Opportunities Via Education, Career and Technical Education opportunities, Pathways in Technology Early College High School, etc. This rubric will better assess what is already happening in and outside of the classroom. The focus on the community portion of the rubric and the direct impact on social emotional learning directly ties into our advanced instruction and current model of student access to the curricula. Another exciting benefit of participating in the pilot via a variance is that the BOCES staff will have direct input on the modification of language in order to address the needs of all students inclusive of those not participating in general education experiences.
This variance is not static; it allows for teacher practice, professional learning, and areas of focus to meet the current demands based on priorities and current student learning needs. It supports a strong vertical alignment to Rockland BOCES' goals and initiatives.

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Standards and Procedures

Please provide a description of the standards and procedures that will be used in lieu of those included in the LEA's most recently approved evaluation plan.

> This description should include a specific, detailed explanation of the new and innovative approach that the LEA is seeking to implement as part of its variance request.

> This description should include, but not be limited to, a description of the alternate measures and/or evidence of teacher practice that will be used to evaluate educators.

We propose keeping the currently approved APPR pre and post conversation procedure, number of announced and unannounced observations, timelines, teacher and principal improvement plans, appeal process, weighting and HEDI bands the same while changing the rubric.

The rubric Rockland BOCES is proposing to use is the updated Danielson Rubric not yet approved by NY State. Danielson stated in their introduction of the Framework for Online Teaching, *"We are always in a process of becoming, and our understanding will evolve as we learn more from you and with you about teaching online, teaching for racial justice, and teaching through uncertainty so that we can continue to share the knowledge of the field and build equitable learning environments where all teachers and students can thrive."* Danielson is continuously learning and growing. It is in this fashion that they have updated their existing rubric to align with the initiatives of education today such as racial equity, social emotional learning, social justice, and adjusting state standards.

Through keeping our current plan, with the exception of the rubric, the staff will be familiar with most aspects, allowing our Professional Development to be focused upon the contents of the rubric and the updated language. This will allow us to focus on important themes of the rubric such as equity. "*An equity imperative has always been implicit in the FFT. As Charlotte Danielson wrote, "a commitment to excellence is not complete without a commitment to equity" (2007).* In all of our work moving forward, we will make this imperative explicit and be unapologetic in our commitment to racial justice. Promoting excellence means not only that we focus on best practices and encourage ongoing teacher learning and development, it must mean that we prioritize understanding how teaching practices does or does not center equity and justice - particularly as COVID-19 and systemic racism intersect and pose new challenges for our educational system.

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Rigor

Please provide a description of how the LEA will ensure that evaluations are rigorous and enable strong and equitable inferences about the effectiveness of the LEA's educators.

> This description should include how rigor is achieved and maintained, including relevant processes and methodologies.

> This description may include, but is not limited to, how data will be used to draw inferences, including how the derived data informs decisions and guidance for the LEA's educators.

We believe the requested variance will allow Rockland BOCES to design and deliver a rigorous Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) model - one that delivers honest, evidence-based feedback to teachers that is aligned to the rubric, coupled with extensive embedded classroom support designed to improve teacher practice. We are not asking to make any changes to our approved weighting or HEDI Bands, or the use of a Charlotte Danielson Framework for Teaching rubric as all of the Danielson rubrics are a rigorous articulation of what teachers should know and be able to do in the exercise of their profession. We are asking to change the version of rubric to the updated Charlotte Danielson rubric which is not yet released to educational communities.

The teacher observation process will continue to be both rigorous and interactive. Trained lead evaluators will continue to conduct observations and evaluate teachers utilizing all four domains of a Danielson's Framework for Teaching Rubric. The updated rubric will be implemented to promote rigorous discussions and feedback on the teaching and learning that is taking place in the classroom. The evidence collected in each area of the rubric will be used to identify areas of strength, as well as areas of growth, to help focus ongoing conversations about teaching in this current environment. The feedback through dialogue in the post conference will allow for continued development of the teacher's practices. Rich conversations about the lesson and the classroom environment will occur before and after the observed lesson(s) to provide further evidence of teacher effectiveness and ongoing support as needed. A plan for support is included in the feedback to teachers. Teachers are empowered to use the wealth of resources available to them to respond to those components identified as needing improvement (i.e. time with other teachers to assist lesson plan development, use of embedded staff development, and participation in workshops/conferences, etc).

Conversations with administrators concerning teacher observations and APPR will continue to occur at the administrative level to build efficacy and maintain consistency in regard to teaching and learning across the programs. Observation trend data will continue to inform focused conversations and support for individuals. We will also be providing ongoing opportunities for targeted professional development for all teachers throughout this year to fully understand the expectations of the rubric along with current areas of need as identified by feedback from teachers and what has been observed in classrooms.

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Professional Learning

Please provide a description of how the LEA will use the information collected through the evaluation system, including the assigned effectiveness ratings, to provide personalized professional learning opportunities for educators.

> This description may include, but is not limited to, methodologies and procedures for:

- **collecting information about educator effectiveness to inform professional learning,**
- **specific details regarding both the type(s) and extent of professional learning opportunities anticipated,**
- **processes for delivery of personalized learning opportunities, and**
- **use of data to measure the efficacy of such professional learning.**

The APPR process in Rockland BOCES is connected to a robust and dynamic system for professional learning. Teacher practice data is carefully analyzed by the administration and building leaders and is then used to drive improvement efforts. The Board of Education and program leaders remain intensely committed to supporting teachers' growth. Administrators will utilize the regular structures of classroom team meetings, curriculum meetings, and/or staff development meetings to offer ongoing discussions and trainings around best practices in their current learning environments. Administrators will be able to collect a plethora of information from the observation, including the discussions before and after the observation, to provide evidence of teacher effectiveness and to inform any needs for professional learning. We will also provide ongoing opportunities for targeted professional development for all teachers throughout this year to address current areas of need as identified by the program goals, direct feedback from teacher and by what has been observed in classrooms. Teachers have access to a wealth of professional learning opportunities outside and inside the agency. These professional development opportunities include, but are not limited to, the following

- In-house targeted workshops during the Superintendent's Conference Days, summer and after school trainings
- Conferences at the local, state, and national levels
- Embedded support provided by the leadership teams and the professional development center
- Embedded technology support provided by the professional development team
- Embedded literacy supports
- Embedded mathematics support provided by our staff developers
- Extensive induction and mentoring support for all teachers and administrators in the initial years of the profession
- Opportunities for inter-visitation with expert teachers within BOCES

Participation and feedback data is collected from the various professional development opportunities to help inform future sessions, acquisition of consultants, development of home grown professional development and coaching opportunities and the investment of resources and needed supports. All of these opportunities will provide our agency with the ability and capacity to build upon the gains our teachers and leaders have made examining data related to our APPR process and implementing various professional development opportunities that help our students to be more successful. We look forward to working as a school community to foster improved student achievement and provide opportunities for our staff to work collaboratively in order to achieve that goal.

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Effectiveness of Implementation

Please provide a description of how the LEA will assess the effectiveness of the implementation of the variance.
> This description may include, but is not limited to, processes and procedures for:

- **collection and analysis of both short- and long-term data,**
- **the standard(s) used to measure the effectiveness of implementation, and**
- **how results will be used to inform future implementation.**

Use of an evaluation platform for teacher observations allows for analysis of observations across individuals, buildings, and the agency. The data can be used to analyze individual strengths and weaknesses over time as well as strengths and weaknesses across programs. This will help ensure that targeted professional development is in line with individual, program and agency needs. Student performance and growth data will also be reviewed and analyzed throughout the year to both identify areas of need and to highlight effective instructional practices. The APPR Committee will convene throughout the year to discuss the implementation of the variance processes. Toward the end of the school year, additional benchmark and progress monitoring data will be examined, along with teacher evaluation data and staff feedback, in order to ascertain the effectiveness of the variance this year and to work toward potential modifications for future implementation.

The goal of the APPR process is to improve the quality of instruction and the delivery of programs and services in our schools which leads to improved student outcomes across many areas: academic achievement, social emotional well-being, increased attendance, and college, career and civic readiness. As noted in a previous section, the goal of the requested variance is to utilize an updated rubric to better capture what is already happening in our classrooms. We will assess the effectiveness of implementation by using all of the following:

- Leaders will analyze teacher practice data from Frontline Professional Growth (the software used in the district for teacher observation/evaluation) at the classroom, program and agency wide levels to best identify strengths and weaknesses over time;
- The Professional Development Planning Committee will examine the data to identify trends, areas of focus and areas of relative strengths (i.e. Did we make improvements upon those areas identified in need of improvement based on the analysis of teacher evaluation data?);
- The data will be carefully examined with a specific emphasis on those items related to teaching and learning to assess whether improvements have been made.
- Both the Professional Development Planning Committee and the Annual Professional Performance Review Committee will meet to discuss the extent to which the goals of the APPR process were achieved during the course of this year, develop goals for the upcoming year based upon data analysis and identify areas for improvement.

In the Spring of 2022, we will work to carefully analyze all available data related to the effectiveness of the APPR process this year. At that point, we will use all of the available evidence to make a determination about the best plans for the Rockland BOCES as a whole inclusive of students and staff.

Observation Assurances

Please check each of the boxes below as applicable to all teachers included in this teacher observation variance request.

- ☑ Assure that the process for assigning points for the Teacher Observation category will be consistent with the process described in the LEA's approved APPR plan and/or this variance application and in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d.
- ☑ Assure that once all observations are complete, the process for determining an overall Teacher Observation category score and rating will incorporate the evidence collected across all observations to produce an overall Teacher Observation category rating on a HEDI scale.
- ☑ Assure that it is possible for a teacher to obtain any number of points in the applicable scoring ranges, including zero, in each subcomponent.

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Category and Overall Ratings

For guidance on APPR scoring, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

Education Law §3012-d requires that each teacher be given a final score for both the Student Performance and Teacher Observation categories, which will be converted to a final category rating based on the HEDI scale, and that these ratings be used to provide an Overall Rating using the prescribed scoring matrix.

These requirements must be met through either the LEA's current APPR plan or this variance. To the extent that the variance does not address a requirement, the currently approved APPR plan will apply.

Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to define the HEDI ranges for the Student Performance and/or Teacher Observation category that is different than those included in the Commissioner's regulations.

Any teachers not covered by this variance request will be evaluated under the terms of the LEA's currently approved APPR plan.

Please make the appropriate selection below.

☑ A variance is not requested for category ratings for teachers.

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Additional Requirements for Teachers

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

Education Law §3012-d requires that a complete APPR plan must include a process for teacher improvement plans, appeals, and evaluator training as determined by the Commissioner. The following minimum requirements under Education Law §3012-d are applicable to teachers:

A form for development of a Teacher Improvement Plan,

A timely and expeditious process for resolving educator's appeals of APPR ratings,

A process for training all evaluators of applicable educators.

These requirements must be met through either the LEA's current APPR plan or this variance. To the extent that the variance does not address a requirement, the currently approved APPR plan will apply.

Variance Request

LEAs may use this variance application to develop a process for Teacher Improvement Plans, appeals and/or training in a manner that differs from the process described in the Commissioner's regulations.

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Choose the appropriate response below.

- ☑ A variance is not requested for teacher improvement plans, appeals, or training.
- ☐ The details of the variance request applicable to teacher improvement plans, appeals, and/or training is described in the subsequent section.

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Task 12. Joint Certification of APPR Variance - Applicability and Certification

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Applicability of Variance

Variance Duration

An Annual Professional Performance Review Variance under Education Law §3012-d may be approved for up to THREE (3) years.

Please indicate below the school years to which this variance application will apply.

One, two, or three consecutive academic years may be selected.

- ☑ 2021-22
- ☑ 2022-23

Upload APPR Variance Certification Form

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

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

Variance Certification Form 11-21.pdf

APPR VARIANCE CERTIFICATION FORM: Please download, check the assurances, sign, and upload this form to complete the submission of your LEA's Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) Variance, Education Law §3012-d application.

Assurances: Please check the boxes below

- ☑ Assure that all information provided in this variance application is true and accurate as of the date that the variance application is submitted.
- ☑ Assure that once this application is approved by the Department, it shall be considered part of the LEA's approved APPR plan during the effective term of the variance.
- ☑ Assure that, upon a revocation or non-renewal of a variance application at the end of its effective term, the district shall implement its approved evaluation plan in its entirety and without modification, consistent with all requirements of Subpart 30-3.3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and absent any terms of the variance.
- ☑ Assure that, where applicable, collective negotiations have been completed on all provisions of this variance application that are subject to collective bargaining.

Signatures, dates

Superintendent Signature: Date: 11-17-21

Sarah C. Chauncey

Superintendent Name (print):

Dr. Sarah C. Chauncey

Teachers Union President Signature: Date: 10/29/21

Teachers Union President Name (print):

Kevin Connell

Administrative Union President Signature: Date: 10/29/21

Administrative Union President Name (print):

Pamela S. Charles

Board of Education President Signature: Date: 11-17-21

Board of Education President Name (print):

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Thank you again for your hard work.

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Commissioner

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Educator Evaluation - Ed Law §3012-d, amended in 2019

Task 1. General Information - Disclaimers and Assurances

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Disclaimers

For guidance related to Educator Evaluation plans, see NYSED Educator Evaluation Guidance. For a definition of terms related to Educator Evaluation, see the Educator Evaluation Glossary.

The Department will review the contents of each local educational agency's (LEA) Educator Evaluation plan as submitted using this online form, including required attachments, to determine if the plan rigorously complies with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. Department approval does not imply endorsement of specific educational approaches in an LEA's plan.

The Department reserves the right to request further information from an LEA to monitor compliance with Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents. Each LEA is required to keep detailed records on file for each section of the currently implemented Educator Evaluation plan. Such detailed records must be provided to the Department upon request. The Department reserves the right to disapprove or require modification of an LEA's plan that does not rigorously adhere to the requirements of Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

The Department will not review any attachments other than those required in the online form. Any additional attachments supplied by the LEA are for informational purposes only for the teachers and principals reviewed under this Educator Evaluation plan. Statements and/or materials in such additional attachments have not been approved and/or endorsed by the Department. However, the Department considers void any other signed agreements between and among parties in any form that prevent, conflict, or interfere with full implementation of the Educator Evaluation plan approved by the Department. The Department also reserves the right to request further information from the LEA, as necessary, as part of its review of this plan.

If the Department reasonably believes through investigation, or otherwise, that statements made in this Educator Evaluation plan are not true or accurate, it reserves the right to reject or disapprove this plan at any time and/or to request additional information to determine the truth and/or accuracy of such statements.

Educator Evaluation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that the content of this form represents the LEA's entire Educator Evaluation plan and that the Educator Evaluation plan is in compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☑ Assure that a detailed version of the LEA's entire Educator Evaluation plan is kept on file and that a copy of such plan will be provided to the Department upon request for review of compliance with Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☑ Assure that this Educator Evaluation plan will be posted on the LEA's website no later than September 10th of each school year, or within 10 days after the plan's approval by the Commissioner, whichever shall occur later.
- ☑ Assure that it is understood that this LEA's Educator Evaluation plan will be posted in its entirety on the NYSED website following approval.

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Required Student Performance Subcomponent

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

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

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

Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance.

SLOs shall be used as the required student performance measure for all teachers. The following must be used as the evidence of student learning within the SLO.

MEASURES

SLO measures may be either individually attributed or collectively attributed.

Individually attributed measures

An individually attributed SLO is based on the student population of a course for which the teacher directly contributes to student learning outcomes.

> *Individually attributed results:* scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

Collectively attributed measures

A collectively attributed SLO is based on a student population across multiple sections of the same course or across multiple courses where more than one teacher either directly or indirectly contributes to student learning outcomes. When determining whether to use a collectively attributed SLO, the LEA should consider:

- identifying which measures and assessments could be used to encourage partnerships or teams where teachers have an opportunity to collectively impact student learning;
- identifying which assessments could be used to help foster and support the LEA's focus on a specific priority area(s);
- the impact on the LEA's ability to make strong and equitable inferences regarding an individual educator's effectiveness; and
- when using multiple measures, the appropriate weight of each measure that reflects individually and collectively attributed results.

> *Collectively attributed results:* scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program or students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.

> *Collectively attributed group or team results:* scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses or students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

> *Collectively attributed linked results:* scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

ASSESSMENTS

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

- **State assessment(s)**; or

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

- **third party assessments**; or
- **locally-developed assessments** (district-, BOCES-, or regionally-developed).

HEDI Scoring Bands

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

SLO Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Measures and Assessments

Use the table below to list all applicable teachers with the corresponding measure and assessment(s).
Choose "Add Row" to include an additional group of teachers with a different measure and assessment(s).

Applicable Teachers *Select all that apply*	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s) *Select all that apply*	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s) *Select all that apply*	Third Party Assessment(s) *Select all that apply*
☑ All teachers(all grade levels, subjects and courses)	☑ Collectively attributed results	☑ ELA Regents ☑ Global History Regents		

Other Courses

Please only check the box below if none of the options for other courses in the table above are applicable (e.g., teachers of art, music, and physical education use different measures and asessments).

- ☐ Individual teachers of other courses are listed in the next section with corresponding measures and assessments.

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Use of the Optional Subcomponent and Student Performance Category Weighting

- If the Optional subcomponent is not used, the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.
- If the Optional subcomponent is used, the percentage of the Student Performance category attributed to the Required subcomponent will be locally determined.

Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.

NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.

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Optional Student Performance Subcomponent

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

Percentage of Student Performance category to be locally determined if selected.

Such second measure shall apply in a consistent manner, to the extent practicable, across all classrooms in the same grade/subject in the LEA and be a locally selected measure of student growth or achievement based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments.

Options for measures and associated assessments include:

- **Option (A) A second SLO, provided that this SLO is different than that used in the required subcomponent;**
- **Option (B) A growth score based on a statistical growth model, where available, for either State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;**
- **Option (C) A measure of student growth, other than an SLO, based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;**
- **Option (D) A performance index based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;**
- **Option (E) An achievement benchmark on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments; or**
- **Any other collectively bargained measure of student growth or achievement included in the LEA's evaluation plan.**

Please indicate if the optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.

NO, the optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used in the Student Performance category for any teacher.

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Teacher Observation Category

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

Teacher Practice Rubric

Select a teacher practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess teacher practice based on the NYS Teaching Standards.

Rubric Name	**If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of teachers each rubric applies to.**
Danielson's Framework for Teaching (2011 Revised Edition)	(No Response)

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all classroom teachers in a grade/subject across the LEA, provided that LEAs may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for teachers who teach different grades and/or subjects during the school year as indicated in the table above.
- ☑ Assure that the same rubric(s) is (are) used for all observations of a classroom teacher across the observation types in a given school year.

Rubric Rating Process

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

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

Use the following section to describe the process for rating and scoring the selected practice rubric consistent with the Department's regulations.

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that the designation of components of the selected practice rubric as observable is locally negotiated.
- ☑ Assure that all components of the selected practice rubric designated as observable are assessed at least once and that each of the NYS Teaching Standards is covered across the total number of annual observations.
- ☑ Assure that a component designated as ineffective is rated one (1), a component designated as developing is rated two (2), a component designated as effective is rated three (3), and a component designated as highly effective is rated four (4).
- ☑ Assure that the process for assigning scores and/or ratings for each teacher observation is consistent with locally determined processes, including practice rubric component weighting consistent with the description in this plan.

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

- ☑ Subcomponent level (each observable subcomponent receives a rating)

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

- ☑ Each component is weighted equally and averaged

Scoring the Observation Category

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There are two types of observation within the required observation subcomponent:

1. **Observations by principal(s) or other trained administrators**
2. **Observations by impartial independent trained evaluator(s)**

If an evaluator conducts multiple observations of the same type, how are those observations weighted? (e.g., If a principal conducts two observations, one announced and one unannounced, are those two observations weighted equally and averaged to result in one final score for observations by principal(s) or other trained administrators? Or does one of the observation types receive greater weight, such as the announced observation is weighted 60% and the unannounced observation is weighted 40%?)

☑ Multiple observations of the same type are weighted equally

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

☑ Assure that each set of observations (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted observation score will then be converted into a HEDI rating using the ranges indicated below.

☑ Assure that once all observations are complete, the different types of observations will be combined using a weighted average consistent with the weights specified in the next section, producing an overall Observation category score between 0 and 4. In the event that a teacher earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all observations, a score of 0 will be assigned.

Teacher Observation Scoring Bands

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

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

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

HEDI Ranges

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

Please select a minimum value between 3.50 and 3.75 and choose 4.00 as the maximum value for the Highly Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.62	4.00

Please select a minimum value between 2.50 and 2.75 and a maximum value between 3.49 and 3.74 for the Effective range.

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	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.62	3.61

Please select a minimum value between 1.50 and 1.75 and a maximum value between 2.49 and 2.74 for the Developing range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.62	2.61

Please choose 0.00 as the minimum value and select a maximum value between 1.49 and 1.74 for the Ineffective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.61

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Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting

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

Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)
- At least 80% of the Teacher Observation category score

Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*
- At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Teacher Observation category score

Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)
- No more than 10% of the Teacher Observation category score when selected

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

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

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

Principal/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer Observer(s) [Optional]	**Group of teachers for which this weighting will apply** ***If only one group of teachers is applicable, please list "All teachers"***
80%	20%	0% (N/A)	ALL

Teacher Observation

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

- The frequency and duration of observations are locally determined.
- Observations may occur in person, by live virtual observation, or by recorded video, as determined locally.
- LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one observation by any of the required observers.
- Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of administrators to conduct observations in addition to those required by this section for non-evaluative purposes.

Required Subcomponents

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

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

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

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

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

** The process selected for conducting observations, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the*

terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.

Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)

- **If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by a trained peer observer.**
- Peer teachers are trained and selected by the LEA.
- Trained peer teachers must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.

Observation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Number and Method of Observation

- **At least one of the required observations must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**
- **Required Subcomponent 1: At least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or other trained administrator (supervisor).**
- **Required Subcomponent 2: At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator (independent evaluator).**
- **Optional Subcomponent: If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by a trained peer observer (peer observer).**

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

	Minimum Number of Observations	**Method of Observation** *Select all that apply*
Announced Supervisor Observation (Required Subcomponent 1)	1	☑ In person ☑ Live virtual observation
Unannounced Supervisor Observation (Required Subcomponent 1)	N/A	☑ Not applicable
Announced Independent Evaluator Observation (Required Subcomponent 2)	N/A	☑ Not applicable
Unannounced Independent Evaluator Observation (Required Subcomponent 2)	1	☑ In person ☑ Live virtual observation
Announced Peer Observation (Optional)	N/A	☑ Not applicable
Unannounced Peer Observation (Optional)	N/A	☑ Not applicable

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

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

Independent Evaluator Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

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

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

Peer Observation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

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Category and Overall Ratings

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

Category Scoring Ranges

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

Student Performance

HEDI ratings must be assigned based on the point distribution below.

	Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	18	20
E	15	17
D	13	14
I	0	12

Teacher Observation

HEDI ratings must be assigned based on locally determined ranges consistent with the constraints listed below.

	Overall Observation Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	3.5 to 3.75	4.00
E	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
D	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
I	0.00	1.49 to 1.74

Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

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

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

Category and Overall Rating Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that each subcomponent and category score and rating and the Overall rating will be calculated pursuant to the requirements specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☑ Assure that it is possible to obtain a zero in each subcomponent.
- ☑ Assure the overall rating determination for a teacher shall be determined according to the evaluation matrix.
- ☑ Assure that a student will not be instructed, for two consecutive school years, by any two teachers of the same subject in the same LEA, each of whom received an Ineffective rating under Education Law Section 3012-d in the year immediately prior to the school year in which the student is placed in the teacher's classroom unless the LEA has a Department-approved waiver from this requirement.

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Additional Requirements

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

Teacher Improvement Plan Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that the LEA will formulate and commence implementation of a Teacher Improvement Plan (TIP) for all teachers who receive an overall rating of Developing or Ineffective by October 1 following the school year for which such teacher's performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- ☑ Assure that TIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or their designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under article 14 of the Civil Service Law, shall include: identification of needed areas of improvement, a timeline for achieving improvement, the manner in which the improvement will be assessed, and, where appropriate, differentiated activities to support a teacher's improvement in those areas.

Teacher Improvement Plan Forms

All TIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or their designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, must include:

1) identification of needed areas of improvement;
2) a timeline for achieving improvement;
3) the manner in which the improvement will be assessed; and, where appropriate,
4) differentiated activities to support a teacher's improvement in those areas.

As a required attachment to this Educator Evaluation plan, upload the TIP forms that are used in the LEA.

TIP2016.docx

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Appeals Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Appeals

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

(1) the substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following:

(i) in the instance of a teacher rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;

(2) the LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d;

(3) the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and

(4) the LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the teacher improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Please use the table below to describe the appeal(s) process(es) available to teachers.

Which groups of teachers may utilize the appeals process? *Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns.* *To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.*	Please select the ground(s) on which the teachers selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating. *Select all that apply.*	What is the maximum length of time for the teachers selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?
☑ All teachers	☑ The substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following: in the instance of a teacher rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the Observation category based on an anomaly, as determined locally ☑ The LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d ☑ The adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents ☑ The LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the teacher improvement plan, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents	☑ 0-30 days

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

Row Number	**Groups of teachers not specified in the table above that may utlize the appeals process.**
(No Response)	(No Response)

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Training Assurance

Please read the assurance below and check the box.

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

The New York State Teaching Standards, and their related elements and performance indicators

Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research

Application and use of any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the LEA to evaluate its teachers

Application and use of the State-approved teacher rubric(s) selected by the LEA for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a teacher's practice

Application and use of any assessment tools that the LEA utilizes to evaluate its classroom teachers

Application and use of any locally selected measures of student growth used in the Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category used by the LEA to evaluate its teachers

Use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System

The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and/or the LEA to evaluate a teacher under this Subpart, including the weightings of each subcomponent within a category; how overall scores/ratings are generated for each subcomponent and category and application and use of the evaluation matrix(es) prescribed by the Commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the teacher's overall rating and their category ratings

Specific considerations in evaluating teachers of English language learners and students with disabilities

Training of Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, Independent Evaluators, and Peer Observers and Certification of Lead Evaluators

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

Please answer the questions below to describe the training process for all evaluators.

Evaluator Training

Please identify the entity responsible for training and retraining evaluators.
Check all that apply.

☑ District/BOCES

Please read the assurance below and check the box.

☑ Assure that the duration of training and retraining is sufficient to train on all 9 elements from Section 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents (which includes, but is not limited to, training on the proper application or use of the rubric).

Initial training

Do all evaluators receive the same initial training?

☑ Yes, all evaluators receive the same initial training.

Approximately how many hours of initial training will new evaluators receive?

☑ 1-3 days

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Retraining

Approximately how many hours of re-training (annual, periodic, or other frequency) will evaluators receive?

☑ 2-6 hours

Certification of Lead Evaluators

How often are lead evaluators certified?

☑ Annually

Please identify the party responsible for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators.

☑ Board of Education

Inter-rater Reliability

Inter-rater reliability refers to the extent to which different evaluators produce similar ratings in judging the same abilities or characteristics in the same target person or object. Within the context of educator evaluation, inter-rater reliability requires all evaluators trained in the observation process to reach independent consensus on observable behaviors to ensure the accuracy, consistency, and precision of the implementation of the chosen evaluation rubric(s). It also requires administrators to analyze and track educator evaluation data and ensure that observations are being completed with fidelity.

Select the option(s) below that best describe the process in place for maintaining inter-rater reliability.

Please check all that apply.

☑ Data analysis to detect disparities on the part of the evaluators

☑ Periodic calibration meetings and/or trainings

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Teacher Evaluation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Assessment Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are not specifically required by state or federal law for each classroom or program within a grade level does not exceed, in the aggregate, one percent of the minimum required annual instructional hours for the grade.
- ☑ Assure that individuals with vested interest in the outcome of their assessments are not involved, to the extent practicable, in the scoring of those assessments.

Data Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that SED will receive accurate teacher and student data, including enrollment and attendance data, and any other student, teacher, school, course, and teacher/student linkage data necessary to comply with regulations, in a format and timeline prescribed by the Commissioner.
- ☑ Assure that the LEA provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them.
- ☑ Assure that scores for all teachers will be reported to SED for each subcomponent, as well as the overall rating, as per SED requirements.
- ☑ Assure that procedures for ensuring data accuracy and integrity are being utilized.

Required Student Performance Subcomponent

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

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

Required Student Performance Measures

The required student performance measure for a principal may be either a student learning objective (SLO) or an input model, where the principal's overall rating shall be determined based on evidence of principal practice that promotes student growth related to the Leadership Standards.

STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance.

SLO measures may be either individually attributed or collectively attributed.

Individually attributed measures

An individually attributed SLO is based on the learning outcomes of a student population within the principal's building or program.

> *Individually attributed results*: scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the principal's building/program in the current school year.

Collectively attributed measures

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

- identifying which measures and assessments could be used to encourage partnerships or teams where there is an opportunity for a collective impact on student learning;
- identifying which assessments could be used to help foster and support the LEA's focus on a specific priority area(s);
- the impact on the LEA's ability to make strong and equitable inferences regarding an individual educator's effectiveness; and
- when using multiple measures, the appropriate weight of each measure that reflects individually and collectively attributed results.

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

> *Collectively attributed group or team results*: scores and ratings for a group or team of principals will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of principals' buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

ASSESSMENTS

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

- **State assessment(s)**; or

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

- **third party assessments**; or
- **locally-developed assessments** (district-, BOCES-, or regionally-developed).

INPUT MODEL

Selection of the Input Model will require:

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

Measure Type(s)

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

☑ Student Learning Objective (SLO)

Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

☑ Assure that processes are in place for the superintendent to monitor SLOs and/or input models.

☑ Assure that the final Student Performance category rating for each principal will be determined using the weights and growth parameters specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents and the approved Educator Evaluation plan.

HEDI Scoring Bands

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

SLO Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that for any SLO based, in part, on the New York State grade four science assessment, once the assessment is no longer administered the SLO will utilize only the remaining assessments.
- ☑ For principals evaluated using an SLO, assure that such SLO is determined locally in a manner consistent with the goal-setting process determined by the Commissioner.
- ☑ For principals evaluated using an SLO, assure that all student growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth, as determined locally in a manner consistent with the Commissioner's goal-setting process. Such targets may only take the following characteristics into account: poverty, students with disabilities, English language learner status and prior academic history.
- ☑ For principals evaluated using an SLO, assure that all student growth targets shall measure the change in a student's performance between the baseline and the end of the course.
- ☑ For principals evaluated using an SLO, assure that if the principal's SLO is based on a small 'n' size population and the LEA chooses not to use the HEDI scoring bands listed above, then the principal's 0-20 score and HEDI rating will be determined using the HEDI scoring bands specified by the Department in SLO Guidance.

Measures and Assessments

Use the table below to list all applicable principals with the corresponding measure and assessment(s).
Choose "Add a Row" to include an additional group of principals with a different measure and assessment(s).

Building Configuration(s) for Applicable Principals ***Select all that apply***	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s) ***Select all that apply***	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s) ***Select all that apply***	Third Party Assessment(s) ***Select all that apply***
☑ All Principals	☑ Collectively attributed results	☑ ELA Regents ☑ Global History Regents		

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Use of the Optional Subcomponent and Student Performance Category Weighting

- If the Optional subcomponent is not used, the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.
- If the Optional subcomponent is used, the percentage of the Student Performance category attributed to the Required subcomponent will be locally determined.

Please indicate if the Optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.

NO, the Optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used; the Required subcomponent will comprise 100% of the Student Performance category.

Optional Student Performance Subcomponent

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

Percentage of Student Performance category to be locally determined if selected.

Such second measure shall apply in a consistent manner, to the extent practicable, across all programs or buildings with the same grade configuration in the LEA and be a locally selected measure of student growth or achievement based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments.

Options for measures and associated assessments include:

- **Option (A) A second SLO, provided that this SLO is different than that used in the required subcomponent;**
- **Option (B) A growth score based on a statistical growth model, where available, for either State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;**
- **Option (C) A measure of student growth, other than an SLO, based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;**
- **Option (D) A performance index based on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;**
- **Option (E) An achievement benchmark on State-created or -administered assessments or State-designed supplemental assessments;**
- **Option (F) Four, five, or six-year high school graduation rates;**
- **Option (G) An input model where the principal's overall rating shall be determined based on evidence of principal practice that promotes student growth related to the Leadership Standards; or**
- **Any other collectively bargained measure of student growth or achievement included in the LEA's evaluation plan.**

Please indicate if the optional subcomponent will be used by making the appropriate selection below.

NO, the optional subcomponent WILL NOT be used in the Student Performance category for any principal.

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Principal School Visit Category

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

For the school visit category, principals' shall be evaluated based on a State-approved rubric using multiple sources of evidence collected and incorporated into the school visit protocol. Where appropriate, such evidence may be aligned to building or district goals; provided, however, that professional goal-setting may not be used as evidence of teacher or principal effectiveness. Such evidence shall reflect school leadership practice aligned to the Leadership Standards and selected practice rubric.

Principal Practice Rubric

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

Rubric Name	**If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of principals each rubric applies to.**
Multidimensional Principal Performance Rubric	(No Response)

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Rubric Rating Process

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

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

Use the following section to describe the process for rating and scoring the selected practice rubric consistent with the Department's regulations.

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that the designation of components of the selected practice rubric as observable is locally negotiated.
- ☑ Assure that all components of the selected practice rubric designated as observable are assessed at least once, and that each of the ISLLC 2008 Leadership Standards (PSEL standards beginning in 2024-25) is covered, across the total number of annual school visits.
- ☑ Assure that a component designated as ineffective is rated one (1), a component designated as developing is rated two (2), a component designated as effective is rated three (3), and a component designated as highly effective is rated four (4).
- ☑ Assure that the process for assigning scores and/or ratings for each principal school visit is consistent with locally determined processes, including practice rubric component weighting consistent with the description in this plan.

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

- ☑ Subcomponent level (each observable subcomponent receives a rating)

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

☑ Each component is weighted equally and averaged

Scoring the School Visit Category

There are two types of school visits within the required school visit subcomponent:

1. **School visits by supervisor(s) or other trained administrators**
2. **School visits by impartial independent trained evaluator(s)**

If an evaluator conducts multiple school visits of the same type, how are those school visits weighted? (e.g., If a supervisor conducts two school visits, one announced and one unannounced, are those two school visits weighted equally and averaged to result in one final score for school visits by supervisor(s) or other trained administrators? Or does one of the school visit types receive greater weight, such as the announced school visit is weighted 60% and the unannounced school visit is weighted 40%?)

☑ Multiple school visits of the same type are weighted equally

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

☑ Assure that each set of school visits (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted school visit score will be converted into a HEDI rating using the ranges indicated below.

☑ Assure that once all school visits are complete, the different types of school visits will be combined using a weighted average consistent with the weights specified in the next section, producing an overall School Visit category score between 0 and 4. In the event that a principal earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all school visits, a score of 0 will be assigned.

Principal School Visit Scoring Bands

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

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

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

HEDI Ranges

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

Please select a minimum value between 3.50 and 3.75 and choose 4.00 as the maximum value for the Highly Effective range.

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	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.62	4.00

Please select a minimum value between 2.50 and 2.75 and a maximum value between 3.49 and 3.74 for the Effective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.62	3.61

Please select a minimum value between 1.50 and 1.75 and a maximum value between 2.49 and 2.74 for the Developing range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.62	2.61

Please choose 0.00 as the minimum value and select a maximum value between 1.49 and 1.74 for the Ineffective range.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.61

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Principal School Visit Subcomponent Weighting

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

Required Subcomponent 1: School visits by Supervisor(s) or Other Trained Administrator(s)
- At least 80% of the Principal School Visit category score

Required Subcomponent 2: School visits by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)*
- At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Principal School Visit category score

Optional Subcomponent: School visits by Trained Peer Principal(s)
- No more than 10% of the Principal School Visit category score when selected

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

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

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

Supervisor/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer School Visit(s) [Optional]	**Group of principals for which this weighting will apply** ***If only one group of principals is applicable, please list "All prinicpals"***
80%	20%	0% [N/A]	All

Principal School Visits

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

- The frequency and duration of school visits are locally determined.
- School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.
- LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one school visit by any of the required observers.
- Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of administrators to conduct school visits in addition to those required by this section for non-evaluative purposes.

Required Subcomponents

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

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

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

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

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

** The process selected for conducting school visits, including those conducted by trained, impartial independent evaluators, exists in perpetuity until a new plan is approved by the Commissioner. However, if your LEA applies for and receives approval of an Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver for a school year, then the*

terms specified in that waiver application will apply for that school year only. Please note that independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver requests must be submitted and approved on an annual basis.

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

- **If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by a trained peer principal.**
- Peer principals are trained and selected by the LEA.
- Trained peer principals must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.

School Visit Assurances
Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Number of School Visits

- **At least one of the required school visits must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**
- **Required Subcomponent 1: At least one school visit must be conducted by the superintendent or other trained administrator (supervisor).**
- **Required Subcomponent 2: At least one school visit must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator (independent evaluator).**
- **Optional Subcomponent: If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by a trained peer principal (peer principal).**

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

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

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

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

Independent Evaluator Assurances
Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

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

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

Peer School Visit Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

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Category and Overall Ratings

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

Category Scoring Ranges

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

Student Performance Category

HEDI ratings must be assigned based on the point distribution below.

	Overall Student Performance Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
H	18	20
E	15	17
D	13	14
I	0	12

Principal School Visit Category

HEDI ratings must be assigned based on locally-determined ranges consistent with the constraints listed below.

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

Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating

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

		Principal School Visit Category			
		Highly Effective (H)	**Effective (E)**	**Developing (D)**	**Ineffective (I)**
Student Performance Category	**Highly Effective (H)**	H	H	E	D
	Effective (E)	H	E	E	D
	Developing (D)	E	E	D	I
	Ineffective (I)	D	D	I	I

Category and Overall Rating Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that each subcomponent and category score and rating and the Overall rating will be calculated pursuant to the requirements specified in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☑ Assure that it is possible to obtain a zero in each subcomponent.
- ☑ Assure the overall rating determination for a principal shall be determined according to the evaluation matrix.

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Additional Requirements

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

Principal Improvement Plan Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that the LEA will formulate and commence implementation of a Principal Improvement Plan (PIP) for all principals who receive an overall rating of Developing or Ineffective by October 1 following the school year for which such principal's performance is being measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- ☑ Assure that PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or their designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under article 14 of the Civil Service Law, shall include: identification of needed areas of improvement, a timeline for achieving improvement, the manner in which the improvement will be assessed, and, where appropriate, differentiated activities to support a principal's improvement in those areas.

Principal Improvement Plan Forms

All PIP plans developed and implemented by the superintendent or their designee, in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, must include:

1) identification of needed areas of improvement;
2) a timeline for achieving improvement;
3) the manner in which the improvement will be assessed; and, where appropriate,
4) differentiated activities to support a principal's improvement in those areas.

As a required attachment to this Educator Evaluation plan, upload the PIP forms that are used in the LEA.

PIP2016.docx

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Appeals Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Appeals

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

(1) the substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following:

(i) in the instance of a principal rated Ineffective on the student performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the school visit category based on an anomaly, as determined locally;

(2) the LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law §3012-d;

(3) the adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents; and

(4) the LEA's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

Please use the table below to describe the appeal(s) process(es) available to principals.

Which groups of principals may utilize the appeals process? *Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns. To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.*	Please select the ground(s) on which the principals selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating. *Please select all that apply.*	What is the maximum length of time for the principals selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?
☑ All principals	☑ The substance of the annual professional performance review [evaluation]; which shall include the following: in the instance of a principal rated Ineffective on the Student Performance category, but rated Highly Effective on the School Visit category based on an anomaly, as determined locally ☑ The LEA's adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews, pursuant to Education Law Section 3012-d ☑ The adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner and compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents ☑ The LEA's issuance and/or	☑ 1-3 months

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Which groups of principals may utilize the appeals process? *Select all groups that have the same process as defined in subsequent columns. To add additional groups with a different process, use the "Add Row" button.*	Please select the ground(s) on which the principals selected are permitted to appeal their overall evaluation rating. *Please select all that apply.*	What is the maximum length of time for the principals selected to receive a final decision from the filing of the appeal?
	implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan, as required under Education Law Section 3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents	

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

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

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Training Assurance

Please read the assurance below and check the box.

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

The Leadership Standards and their related functions, as applicable

Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research

Application and use of any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the LEA to evaluate its principals

Application and use of the State-approved principal rubric(s) selected by the LEA for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a principal's practice

Application and use of any assessment tools that the LEA utilizes to evaluate its building principals

Application and use of any locally selected measures of student growth used in the Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category used by the LEA to evaluate its principals

Use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System

The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and/or the LEA to evaluate a principal under this Subpart, including the weightings of each subcomponent within a category; how overall scores/ratings are generated for each subcomponent and category and application and use of the evaluation matrix(es) prescribed by the Commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the principal's overall rating and their category ratings

Specific considerations in evaluating principals of English language learners and students with disabilities

Training of Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, Independent Evaluators, and Peer Principals and Certification of Lead Evaluators

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

Please answer the questions below to describe the training process for all evaluators.

Evaluator Training

Please identify the entity responsible for training and retraining evaluators.
Check all that apply.

☑ District/BOCES

Please read the assurance below and check the box.

☑ Assure that the duration of training and retraining is sufficient to train on all 9 elements from Section 30-3.10 of the Rules of the Board of Regents (which includes, but is not limited to, training on the proper application or use of the rubric).

Initial training

Do all evaluators receive the same initial training?

☑ Yes, all evaluators receive the same initial training.

Approximately how many hours of initial training will new evaluators receive?

☑ 1-3 days

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Retraining

Approximately how many hours of re-training (annual, periodic, or other frequency) will evaluators receive?

☑ 2-6 hours

Certification of Lead Evaluators

How often are lead evaluators certified?

☑ Annually

Please identify the party responsible for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators.

☑ Board of Education

Inter-rater Reliability

Inter-rater reliability refers to the extent to which different evaluators produce similar ratings in judging the same abilities or characteristics in the same target person or object. Within the context of educator evaluation, inter-rater reliability requires all evaluators trained in the school visit process to reach independent consensus on observable behaviors to ensure the accuracy, consistency, and precision of the implementation of the chosen evaluation rubric(s). It also requires administrators to analyze and track educator evaluation data and ensure that school visits are being completed with fidelity.

Select the option(s) below that best describe the process in place for maintaining inter-rater reliability.

Please check all that apply.

☑ Data analysis to detect disparities on the part of the evaluators

☑ Periodic comparisons of an evaluator's assessment of the same building principal

☑ Periodic calibration meetings and/or trainings

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Principal Evaluation Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

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

Assessment Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are not specifically required by state or federal law for each classroom or program within a grade level does not exceed, in the aggregate, one percent of the minimum required annual instructional hours for the grade.
- ☑ Assure that individuals with vested interest in the outcome of their assessments are not involved, to the extent practicable, in the scoring of those assessments.

Data Assurances

Please read the assurances below and check each box.

- ☑ Assure that SED will receive accurate teacher and student data, including enrollment and attendance data, and any other student, teacher, school, course, and teacher/student linkage data necessary to comply with regulations, in a format and timeline prescribed by the Commissioner.
- ☑ Assure that the LEA provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them.
- ☑ Assure that scores for all principals will be reported to SED for each subcomponent, as well as the overall rating, as per SED requirements.
- ☑ Assure that procedures for ensuring data accuracy and integrity are being utilized.

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Upload Educator Evaluation LEA Certification Form

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

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

Rockland BOCES Certification.pdf

Teacher Improvement Plan (TIP)

The TIP will be developed as soon as practicable after the final evaluation has been completed, but in no case later than **October 1** of the new school year following the receipt of a final APPR composite rating of Developing or Ineffective.

Teacher: _____Date: _____

Position: _____Building: _____

Supervising Administrator: _____ Union Representative: _____

1. Areas in Need of Improvement – A clear description of the specific behavior(s) which are in need of improvement.

2. Statement and Timeline of the Goals – A statement reflecting how the specific behavior will change (how it will look) in order to be deemed acceptable. This will include a description of types of data to be used.

3. Evidence of Progress – The teacher and his/her administrator and union representative will mutually agree upon artifacts or visible indicators of progress (linked to the APPR rubric selected).

4. Action Plan – The teacher and his/her administrator and union representative will jointly list differentiated activities and strategies to address the areas in need of improvement. Lack of evidence in progression toward meeting identified goals will result in additional observations. There will be ongoing documented meetings and scheduled observations using the attached Meeting Log Form.

5. Resources – The teacher and his/her administrator and union representative will jointly list resources, available direct materials, training, workshops, etc. to help improve the teacher practice. Any mandated resources identified for remediation will be at BOCES expense.

6. Timeline – The teacher and his/her administrator and union representative will discuss and a time line for improvement shall be set forth for the process and a

date(s) for the follow-up evaluation(s). The teacher will present documentation and evidence of improvement in the designated area at this time. Additional observations/meetings will take place as needed.

The Teacher Improvement Plan and all records of subsequent observations and meetings will become part of the teacher's record. The teacher should maintain copies of all documentation.

Teacher Signature: _____Date _____

Administrator
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Union Rep
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature does not imply agreement, but acknowledges review and receipt of the plan. Written comments may be attached.

Meeting Log Form
Teacher Improvement Plan

Log all meetings here. It is understood additional meetings may be necessary. The administrator, teacher, or union representative may request additional meetings. If necessary, a more detailed meeting summary(s) will accompany this form and be given to the teacher in memo form.
A copy of the meeting log will be provided to the teacher following each documented meeting. The original will be retained by administration and filed in the teacher's personnel file.

Date	Meeting Summary	Print Names and Positions of Attendees	Signatures of All Attendees

Principal Improvement Plan(PIP)

The PIP will be developed as soon as practicable after the final evaluation has been completed, but in no case later than **October 1** of the new school year following the receipt of a final APPR composite rating of Developing or Ineffective.

Principal: _____Date: _____

Position: _____Building: _____

Supervising Administrator: _____ Union Representative: _____

1. Areas in Need of Improvement – A clear description of the specific behavior(s) which are in need of improvement.

2. Statement and Timeline of the Goals – A statement reflecting how the specific behavior will change (how it will look) in order to be deemed acceptable. This will include a description of types of data to be used.

3. Evidence of Progress – The principal and his/her administrator and union representative will mutually agree upon artifacts or visible indicators of progress (linked to the APPR rubric selected).

4. Action Plan – The principal and his/her administrator and union representative will jointly list differentiated activities and strategies to address the areas in need of improvement. Lack of evidence in progression toward meeting identified goals will result in additional observations. There will be ongoing documented meetings and scheduled observations using the attached Meeting Log Form.

5. Resources – The principal and his/her administrator and union representative will jointly list resources, available direct materials, training, workshops, etc. to help improve the principal's practice. Any mandated resources identified for remediation will be at BOCES expense.

6. Timeline – The principal and his/her administrator and union representative will discuss and a time line for improvement shall be set forth for the process and a

date(s) for the follow-up evaluation(s). The principal will present documentation and evidence of improvement in the designated area at this time. Additional observations/meetings will take place as needed.

The Principal Improvement Plan and all records of subsequent observations and meetings will become part of the principal's record. The principal should maintain copies of all documentation.

Principal Signature: _____Date _____

Administrator
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Union Rep
Signature: _____ Date: _____

Signature does not imply agreement, but acknowledges review and receipt of the plan. Written comments may be attached.

Meeting Log Form
Principal Improvement Plan

Log all meetings here. It is understood additional meetings may be necessary. The administrator, principal, or union representative may request additional meetings. If necessary, a more detailed meeting summary(s) will accompany this form and be given to the principal in memo form.
A copy of the meeting log will be provided to the principal following each documented meeting. The original will be retained by administration and filed in the principal personnel file.

Date	Meeting Summary	Print Names and Positions of Attendees	Signatures of All Attendees

LEA CERTIFICATION FORM: Please download, sign, and upload this form to complete the submission of your LEA's Educator Evaluation plan.

By signing this document, the LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s) certify that the Educator Evaluation plan submitted to the Commissioner for approval constitutes the school LEA's complete Educator Evaluation plan, that all provisions of the plan that are subject to collective negotiations have been resolved pursuant to the provisions of Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, and that such plan complies with the requirements of Education Law §3012-d as amended by the Laws of 2019 and Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents, and has been adopted by the governing body of the LEA.

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify, upon information and belief, that all statements made herein are true and accurate and that any applicable collective bargaining agreements for teachers and principals are consistent with and/or have been amended and/or modified or otherwise resolved to the extent required by Article 14 of the Civil Service Law, as necessary to require that all classroom teachers and building principals will be evaluated using the Educator Evaluation plan submitted to the Commissioner for approval.

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also certify that this Educator Evaluation plan is the LEA's complete Educator Evaluation plan and that such plan will be fully implemented by the LEA; that there are no collective bargaining agreements, memoranda of understanding, or any other agreements in any form that prevent, conflict, or interfere with full implementation of the Educator Evaluation plan; and that no material changes will be made to the Plan through collective bargaining or otherwise except with the approval of the Commissioner in accordance with Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.

The school district and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also acknowledge that if approval of this Educator Evaluation plan is rejected or rescinded for any reason, any State aid increases received as a result of the Commissioner's approval of this Educator Evaluation plan may be withheld or forfeited by the State pursuant to Education Law §3012-d(11).

The LEA and its collective bargaining agent(s), where applicable, also make the following specific certifications with respect to their Educator Evaluation plan:

- Assure that the overall Educator Evaluation rating will be used as a significant factor in employment decisions, including but not limited to: tenure determinations and teacher and principal improvement plans;
- Assure that the entire Educator Evaluation will be completed for each teacher or principal as soon as practicable but in no case later than September 1 of the school year following the year in which the classroom teacher or building principal's performance is being measured;
- Assure that the LEA shall compute and provide to the teacher/principal their score and rating on the Student Performance category, if available, and for the Teacher Observation category or Principal School Visit Category of a teacher's or principal's APPR, in writing, no later than the last day of the school year for which the teacher or principal is being measured, but in no case later than September 1 of the school year following the year in which the teacher's or principal's performance is measured;
- Assure that the Educator Evaluation plan will be filed in the LEA's office and made available to the public on the LEA's website no later than September 10th of each school year or within 10 days after the plan's approval by the Commissioner, whichever shall later occur;
- Assure that complete and accurate teacher and student data will be provided to the Commissioner in a format and timeline prescribed by the Commissioner;
- Assure that the LEA will continue to report to the State individual subcomponent scores and the overall rating for each classroom teacher and building principal in a manner prescribed by the Commissioner;
- Assure that the LEA provides an opportunity for every classroom teacher and building principal to verify the subjects and/or student rosters assigned to them;
- Assure that teachers and principals will receive timely and constructive feedback as part of the evaluation process;
- Assure that any training course for lead evaluator certification addresses each of the requirements in the regulations, including specific considerations in evaluating teachers and principals of English language learners and students with disabilities;
- Assure that any teacher or principal who receives an Overall Rating of Developing or Ineffective in any school year will receive a Teacher Improvement Plan or Principal Improvement Plan, in accordance with all applicable statues and regulations, by October 1 of the school year following the year in which such teacher's or principal's performance was measured or as soon as practicable thereafter.
- Assure that such improvement plan shall be developed by the superintendent or their designee in the exercise of their pedagogical judgment, and shall be subject to collective bargaining to the extent required under Article 14 of the Civil Service Law;
- Assure that all evaluators and lead evaluators, including independent evaluators and peer evaluators, as applicable, will be properly trained and that lead evaluators will be certified and recertified as necessary in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations;
- Assure that LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the statute and regulations and provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal to the LEA;
- Assure that, for teachers, all observable NYS Teaching Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual observations and, for principals, all observable ISLLC 2008 Leadership Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual school

visits;

- Assure that it is possible for a teacher or principal to obtain each point in the scoring ranges, including 0, for each subcomponent and that the LEA shall ensure that the process by which weights and scoring ranges are assigned to subcomponents and categories is transparent and available to those being rated before the beginning of each school year;
- Assure that if a second measure for the Student Performance category is locally selected, then the same locally selected measures of student growth or achievement will be used across all classrooms in the same grade/subject, for teachers, or similar building configurations/programs, for principals, in the LEA will be used in a consistent manner to the extent practicable;
- Assure that all growth targets represent a minimum of one year of expected growth;
- Assure that any material changes to this Educator Evaluation plan will be submitted to the Commissioner for approval by March 1 of each school year;
- Assure that the LEA will provide the Department with any information necessary to conduct annual monitoring pursuant to Subpart 30-3 of the regulations;
- Assure that the amount of time devoted to traditional standardized assessments that are not specifically required by State or Federal law for each classroom or program of the grade does not exceed, in the aggregate, one percent of the minimum in required annual instructional hours for such classroom or program of the grade; and
- Assure that the amount of time devoted to test preparation under standardized testing conditions for each grade does not exceed, in the aggregate, two percent of the minimum required annual instructional hours for such grade. Time devoted to teacher administered classroom quizzes or exams, portfolio reviews, or performance assessments shall not be counted towards the limits established by this subdivision. In addition, formative and diagnostic assessments shall not be counted towards the limits established by this subdivision and nothing in this subdivision shall be construed to supersede the requirements of a section 504 plan of a qualified student with a disability or Federal law relating to English language learners or the individualized education program of a student with a disability.

Signatures, dates

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