A smiling woman with dark hair pulled back, wearing a light-colored short-sleeved button-down shirt with thin vertical stripes. She is holding a blue spiral-bound notebook open in front of her. The background is a blurred classroom with wooden desks and black chairs. A teal grid pattern is overlaid on the top right of the image.

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Introduction¹

With the passage of Senate Bill 10-191 (S.B. 10-191), Colorado is improving its approach to evaluating the performance of principals, teachers and specialized service professionals (referred to as other licensed personnel in law and State Board of Education rules). Implementation of this new approach will take time and commitment from both the state and its school districts. The principal and teacher evaluation systems are being planned, developed and implemented thoughtfully with a focus on continuously improving educator performance and student results.

Passed in 2010, S.B. 10-191 is designed to make the licensed educator evaluation process more comprehensive, professionally useful and focused on student achievement. S.B. 10-191 guides the state and school districts in the transformation of current evaluation processes from a focus primarily on compliance to more rigorous and supportive processes that provide for continuous professional learning and improvement. To support school districts in implementing the new evaluation requirements, the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) developed a model system as an option for districts to use. CDE believes creating a model evaluation system provides more consistent, fair and rigorous educator evaluations, saves districts valuable resources and enables them to focus on improving teaching, learning and leading. By adopting the model system, districts have more time to provide meaningful and actionable feedback to their educators, which translates into increased professional growth for educators and better instruction for students.

CDE is piloting the Colorado State Model Evaluation System in 27 districts.

(See Appendix A for information about the districts). Results of this pilot test are informing statewide implementation of S.B. 10-191. The intense and tightly focused pilot period is consistent with the timeline for implementation set out in S.B. 10-191 **(see Exhibit 1)**. The pilot test period began with the 2011-12 school year and continues through the 2015-16 school year, when all districts in Colorado are expected to fully implement principal, teacher and specialized service professionals (SSP) evaluation systems.

¹ Introductory materials for this guide were adapted from the State Council for Educator Effectiveness Report and Recommendations submitted to the Colorado State Board of Education on April 13, 2011

EXHIBIT 1: Pilot Test Timeline

<p>YEAR ONE 2011-12 Development and Beta Testing</p>	<p>YEAR TWO 2012-13 Pilot and Rollout</p>	<p>YEAR THREE 2013-14 Full Statewide Rollout</p>	<p>YEAR FOUR 2014-15 Continued Implementation</p>
<p>COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION ACTIVITIES</p>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop Colorado State Model Systems for teachers and principals • Beta-test rubrics and tools • Develop technical guidelines on Professional Practices and Measures of Student Learning (student growth) • Provide differentiated support for districts • Populate and launch online, Educator Effectiveness resources • Develop state data collection and monitoring system • Develop tools for district/BOCES implementation of system 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Study usability of rubrics • Support pilot districts through resources, training, tools, etc. • Convene pilot districts to share lessons learned • Analyze pilot district data and make adjustments to materials as needed • Train all non-pilot districts that are using the model system • Develop draft rubrics for all specialized service professional groups (referred to as other licensed personnel in law and Colorado State Board of Education rules) • Make recommendations on specialized service professionals to Colorado State Board of Education 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide statewide technical assistance on rollout of teacher/principal systems • Continue to develop evaluation system for specialized service professionals • Pilot test specialized service professional rubrics • Support all districts through resources, trainings, tools, etc. • Convene pilot districts to share lessons learned • Analyze state data and make adjustments to the system as needed • Validate scores resulting from implementation of teacher and principal systems • Develop criteria for approval of evaluation training courses 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Finalize processes, procedures and materials for statewide implementation of teacher/principal systems • Continue support to districts via resources and training • Ensure there are evaluator training courses throughout the state • Analyze data and make adjustments as needed • Make recommendations for continuous improvement of the state model system • Validate scores resulting from implementation of evaluation system for specialized service professionals



The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System

The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System is an optional, Colorado-created system with associated tools and supports available to all Colorado school districts. The Colorado Department of Education will support pilot districts during the pilot test and initial rollout period to ensure that the resulting model system is workable in and credible to the field, adaptable for use under the varying contexts represented by the collection of districts and scientifically sound in terms of its psychometric properties.

Districts may choose to develop their own principal and teacher evaluation systems if they ensure that all required components are included and state technical guidelines are met. Lessons learned from implementation of both the state model system and unique district systems will be used to improve the state model system at the close of the 2011-15 development and testing period.

Purposes of the Evaluation

According to the rules for administration of a state system to evaluate the effectiveness of licensed personnel, the basic purposes of this system are:

- To ensure that all licensed personnel are evaluated using multiple, fair, transparent, timely, rigorous and valid methods, 50 percent of which is determined by the academic growth of their students
- To ensure that all licensed personnel receive adequate feedback and professional development support to provide them a meaningful opportunity to improve their effectiveness
- To ensure that all licensed personnel are provided the means to share effective practices with other educators throughout the state

Key Priorities for the Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System

Key priorities inform every aspect of the Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System. Successful implementation of the system is dependent upon attending to the priorities, which should be treated as guiding principles for the evaluation system.

PRIORITY ONE: Data should inform decisions, but human judgment will always be an essential component of evaluations.

While the technical nature of this user's guide may give the impression that evaluation is a scientific process that relies solely on objective data, evaluations ultimately rely on the perception and professional judgment of individuals. Like other decisions that rely on human judgment, evaluations are subject to error and bias. The most technically impressive evaluation system will fail if the human aspects of the system are neglected. The processes and accompanying materials included in this guide are directed towards techniques to improve individual judgment and minimize error and bias. For example, it is essential that evaluators have adequate training to exercise judgment in a way that is fair and unbiased. It is also essential that evaluators understand the various ways to measure performance and the benefits and limitations of these methods, so they can make appropriate decisions about their implications. The implementation of the evaluation system is designed to provide as much information as possible about ways to make fair, reliable and credible judgments.

PRIORITY TWO: The implementation and assessment of the evaluation system must embody continuous improvement.

The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System is being implemented over a four-year period. Development and beta-testing activities began in the 2011-12 school year. The pilot and rollout period is intended to capture what works and what doesn't (and why), and provide multiple opportunities to share lessons learned. In that spirit, the state will monitor and act on the following:

- How well the model system addresses the purposes as articulated in S.B. 10-191
- What school districts do that works or does not work
- What other states do that works
- Changes in assessment practice and tools expected over the next few years, especially with respect to measures of student learning

- Research and best practice findings with respect to educator evaluations

The system represents the best possible approach for measuring professional performance against the Colorado Quality Standards for teachers and principals, however it will be adjusted or adapted as new knowledge is made available.

PRIORITY THREE: The purpose of the system is to provide meaningful and credible feedback that improves performance.

The goal of the Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System is to provide honest and fair assessments about educator performance and meaningful opportunities to improve.

The collection of information about educator effectiveness and feedback to educators will take place on an ongoing basis, and not be restricted to the dates and processes set for formal evaluations. Evaluators and the educators being evaluated should discuss instructional improvement both formally and informally throughout the year.

PRIORITY FOUR: The development and implementation of educator evaluation systems must continue to involve all stakeholders in a collaborative process.

Change is always difficult and communication is vital. Every stakeholder from students, families, teachers, related service providers, administrators, school board members and others need to be operating with the same information and with a clear picture of what the new system is, how it will be implemented and how it will impact them. The new evaluation system and its goal of continuous learning provide opportunities to engage parents and guardians of students and the students themselves in a collaborative process to assure that every student has his or her best chance of graduating from high school and being prepared for academia or a career.

PRIORITY FIVE: Educator evaluations must take place within a larger system that is aligned and supportive.

Improving the ways educators are evaluated will lead to improvement in their effectiveness and to improved outcomes for students. For this to occur, evaluation must be part of a larger system that is also effective. Educator evaluation systems that are aligned across all levels and

components of the system, and among all positions being evaluated, are most likely to be supportive of educators and lead to improvements in performance. School districts that use the Colorado State Model Evaluation System are committed to the process of ensuring that the education system operates in a way that is coherent and supportive of both educator effectiveness and student outcomes.

Evaluation System Components

The implementation of the Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System should be understood as a process rather than a single event. While it is true that the evaluation process will result in annual ratings for every teacher, principal, assistant principal and specialized service professional in Colorado, gathering evidence about performance and providing feedback to enable educators to improve should occur on an ongoing basis and be integrated into the daily business of teaching and learning.

Educating children is a complex activity requiring multiple skills and aptitudes. A significant and indispensable part of the definition of effective educators is the ability to obtain growth in student academic performance. Colorado expects that effective educators will not only ensure student academic growth but they will also ensure that:

- All students are learning in ways that will prepare them for college or a career by the time they graduate from high school
- All students are prepared for future civic responsibilities
- Families of their students are engaged in school activities and support their children

Colorado educators will be evaluated on measures of student learning as well as their demonstrated performance against the Quality Standards, including their ability to attain positive outcomes for the students they teach. The use of professional growth plans will guide their professional planning, goal-setting, and professional development.

The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System includes the following components:

1. The Statewide Definition of Effectiveness

All districts and Boards of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) are required to use the state-approved definitions for effectiveness for the person or group whose evaluations they are conducting. These definitions are included in the sections for individual groups.

2. Colorado Educator Quality Standards and Their Related Elements

The Principal and Teacher Quality Standards outline the knowledge and skills required of an effective educator and will be used to evaluate all licensed educators in Colorado. All school districts and BOCES will base their evaluation of licensed educators on the full set of quality standards and associated detailed elements, or they should adopt their own locally developed standards that meet or exceed the state's quality standards and elements. School districts that adopt their own locally developed standards must crosswalk those standards to the state's quality standards and elements, so the school district or BOCES is able to report the data required.

3. Measures Used to Determine Overall Effectiveness Rating

- Determining the professional practices rating
- Determining rating on measures of student learning
- Combining professional practices and measures of student learning

The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System is intended to provide support, incentives and rewards for educators as they engage in the challenging work of enabling and empowering students to learn. The effectiveness definitions and quality standards provide clear guidance about state priorities for effective education. Fifty percent of the effectiveness rating is based on professional practices and 50 percent is based on measures of student learning. The use of multiple measures ensures that these ratings are of high quality and will provide a more accurate and nuanced picture of professional practice and impact on student learning. The use of performance standards to rate performance allows more precision about professional expectations, identifies educators in need of improvement and recognizes performance that is of exceptional quality.

4. Procedures for Conducting Evaluations

Procedures for conducting evaluations may be determined at the local level, provided they ensure that data are regularly collected, associated feedback and improvement opportunities are regularly provided and educators receive a formal evaluation and performance standard designation by the end of each academic year.

5. Performance Standards

The use of four performance standards (Highly Effective, Effective, Partially Effective and Ineffective) to rate educator performance allows more precision about professional expectations, identifies those educators in need of improvement and recognizes performance that is of exceptional quality.

6. Appeals Process

Teachers and specialized service professionals who receive a second consecutive rating of Ineffective or Partially Effective and who are not employed on an at-will basis may appeal their rating using the process set forth in State Board of Education rules for teachers. Districts and BOCES may choose to, but are not required to, provide this appeals process for specialized service professionals who are employed on an at-will basis. Rules regarding the state-approved appeals process may be found by clicking [here](#).

The state frameworks (**Exhibit 19**) for teacher evaluation illustrates the system components.

Requirements for the Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System

The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System is built upon the state's definitions of effective educators as well as on the standards for each group of professionals for whom evaluation materials have been developed. This guide describes the components, processes and materials needed to adequately implement the system as well as examples of completed evaluations for a teacher. It should be noted that the evaluation components and process are the same for all of Colorado's licensed educators. In addition, the materials are aligned in terms of format, tone and language. This approach was adopted by CDE to make the evaluator's job easier.

The evaluation process (See Exhibits 2 and 3) consists of nine steps, beginning with training and ending with the development of professional growth goals and an individual professional growth plan for the subsequent year. This process should take about one school year (See Exhibit 4) with both the evaluator and the person being evaluated having responsibilities (See Exhibit 5) before, during and after each step in the process.

EXHIBIT 2: The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System Evaluation Process



EXHIBIT 3: The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation Process Components

1

Training

Every educator involved in using the Colorado State Model Evaluation System must have been trained by a CDE approved training program. This process helps to ensure reliability and validity and makes certain that everyone has the same foundational knowledge to apply to this high stakes decision-making process.

2

Annual Orientation

Each district should provide an orientation on the evaluation system, including all measures to which the educator will be held accountable, no later than the end of the first two weeks of school each year. This will ensure that educators who are new to the system will have the knowledge they need to actively participate in their own evaluations. It will also provide a forum for district staff to review the system and learn of any changes made since the previous year.

3

Self Assessment

Each educator should complete a self-assessment by the end of the first month of the school year. This step in the process provides the person being evaluated with an opportunity to reflect on personal performance over the course of the previous year and in the context of the students, teachers and school for the current year.

4

Review of Annual Goals
& Performance Plan

As soon as the educator's self-assessment has been completed, the evaluator and person being evaluated should review the school's annual goals to ensure alignment with the goals included in the educator's performance plan. This step allows the teacher to consider the unique context for that year with respect to the school's culture, student body, community issues and changes in district initiatives and to adjust professional and school goals.

5

Mid-Year
Review

The educator being evaluated and the evaluator should schedule time to review progress toward achieving school and personal goals. As a result of this review, every person being evaluated should have a clear understanding of their potential effectiveness rating based on evidence available to date.

6

Evaluator
Assessment

Evaluators should review the performance of educators being evaluated throughout the year and record their ratings on the rubric as such information is collected. This is not an end of the year activity, but rather one that is conducted in a consistent and ongoing manner. The evaluator should complete the rubric prior to the end-of-year review.

7

End-of-Year
Review

The evaluator and educator being evaluated discuss the educator's performance ratings on the rubric and measures of student learning, self-assessment ratings, artifacts and any evidence needed to support the evaluator ratings.

8

Final Professional
Practices Ratings

Should the evaluator and the educator being evaluated not agree on the final ratings during the end-of-year review, they should determine what additional evidence is needed in order to arrive at the correct rating. The suggested two-week period provides adequate time to collect and summarize the evidence and have a discussion to determine final ratings.

9

Goal-Setting &
Performance Planning

Using the element and standard ratings, comments and artifacts discussed during the end-of-year review and the establishment of final ratings, the educator being evaluated will develop a professional growth plan and new student learning targets designed to address any areas in which growth and development are needed, professional development or training required and other resources needed to fully implement the professional growth plan.

EXHIBIT 4: Suggested Annual Timeline and Forms for Conducting Evaluation

EVALUATION COMPONENT	TIMELINE	FORM
Training	Prior to the opening of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation Process Tracking Form
Orientation	Within the first two weeks of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All forms that have been revised for use during the upcoming school year Evaluation Process Tracking Form
Self Assessment	Within the first month of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubric Evaluation Process Tracking Form
Review of Annual Goals & Performance Plan	Within the first month of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Self-Assessment (Rubric) Professional Growth Plan Evaluation Process Tracking Form
Mid-Year Review	Prior to beginning of second semester	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Mid-Year Review Form Evaluation Process Tracking Form
Evaluator Assessment	One month prior to the last day of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rubric Evaluation Process Tracking Form
End-of-Year Review	Three weeks prior to the last day of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completed Self-Assessment (Rubric) Completed Evaluator Assessment (Rubric) Evaluation Worksheet Professional Growth Plan <i>(for current and next years)</i> Evaluation Process Tracking Form
Final Professional Practices Ratings	Two weeks prior to the last day of school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation Worksheet Teacher Evaluation Worksheet Evaluation Process Tracking Form
Goal-Setting & Performance Planning	Prior to the next evaluation cycle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Evaluation Worksheet Summary Evaluation Sheet Goal-Setting Form Professional Growth Plan Evaluation Process Tracking Form

EXHIBIT 5: Responsibilities of Evaluator and Person Being Evaluated Before, During and After Each Step of Evaluation Process

Evaluation Process Step	To be done by:	To be done:		
		Before	During	After
	School District Supt. or Executive Director of BOCES	Determine who will evaluate each educator and notify all involved of the assignments.		
Training	Evaluator	Review and be thoroughly familiar with User’s Guide and all other required evaluation documents.	Actively participate in all training activities to ensure a thorough understanding of what is expected and when it is to be completed.	Discuss training and jointly confirm understanding of expectations and how they will be addressed during the year.
	Person Being Evaluated			
Orientation	Evaluator	Request information about changes to system since previous year.	Discuss changes to evaluation system since previous year, articulate all measures to which educators will be held accountable, and agree on how to address any new requirements in order to meet expectations.	Prepare for completing the year-long evaluation process based on current guidelines discussed during orientation.
	Person Being Evaluated			
Self Assessment	Evaluator	Encourage a thoughtful, comprehensive and honest approach to self-assessment.		
	Person Being Evaluated	Review rubric and other evaluation materials.	Thoughtfully reflect on past performance and identification of strengths, weaknesses and ability to meet state standards during current school year.	Review self-assessment throughout the year to make sure strengths are maintained and weaknesses addressed. If desired, share self-assessment with evaluator and/or other members of the evaluation team such as peer evaluators. The person being evaluated determines whether the self-assessment is shared and with whom.
Review of Annual Goals & Performance Plan	Evaluator	Hold beginning of year conference with person being evaluated to determine what sources of evidence/artifacts will be used to measure performance against professional practices.	Review Professional Growth Plan and prior years’ evaluations to finalize goals and performance plan.	Monitor progress toward achieving goals and in performance plan throughout the year.
	Person Being Evaluated	Send Professional Growth Plan to evaluator so he/she has time to review it.	Honestly and openly discuss strengths and weaknesses and what it will require to maintain strengths and improve upon weaknesses.	Review Professional Growth Plan periodically throughout the year to ensure adherence to both.

Evaluation Process Step	To be done by:	To be done:		
		Before	During	After
Mid-Year Review	Evaluator	Review Professional Growth Plan.	Discuss progress toward achieving annual school goals and professional performance goals. Adjust Professional Growth Plan if necessary.	Provide ongoing feedback based on multiple school visits, data, targeted development activities and other information.
	Person Being Evaluated	Provide Professional Growth Plan to evaluator in time to allow for review prior to discussion.		Request discussions with evaluator to share progress and adjust Professional Growth Plan if necessary.
Evaluator Assessment	Evaluator	Become familiar with all materials collected during the year for the purpose of determining levels of performance.	Assign rating level to each standard and element based on performance associated professional practices.	Provide a copy of the rubric and other materials used to determine rating levels to the teacher being evaluated.
	Person Being Evaluated	Provide all information requested by evaluator.	Cooperate in the assessment.	Objectively review evaluator ratings and prepare for End-of-Year Review by collecting additional artifacts/ evidence if necessary.
End-of-Year Review	Evaluator	Schedule appointment at the location of the person being evaluated to assure that additional artifacts/ evidence will be conveniently located should it be necessary to review them.	Reflect on the extent to which professional and school goals have been met and determine growth areas to target during the coming year.	Provide written comments to the person being evaluated summarizing discussion and noting any follow-up necessary.
	Person Being Evaluated	Provide additional artifacts/ evidence to support rating levels under consideration.		Prepare additional evidence if called for during end-of-year review.
Final Professional Practices Ratings	Evaluator	If needed, schedule appointment to conduct final performance discussion.	Assign a rating for each element and standard to determine professional practices rating for the year.	Process all necessary paperwork and notify human resources department of final ratings for evaluation.
	Person Being Evaluated	If needed, provide evaluator with additional artifacts/ evidence prior to appointment.	Openly and honestly discuss year's performance and work with evaluator to determine final professional practices ratings for the year.	Sign off on final ratings. If there is disagreement between evaluator and person being evaluated regarding rating level, person being evaluated should be notified of the district appeal process.
Goal-Setting & Performance Planning	Evaluator	Determine professional development offerings of the state and school district for the coming year and map them against the materials of the person being evaluated.	Agree upon professional development and other improvement necessary during the coming year as well as the resources needed to complete the work and how accomplishment of goals will be measured.	Offer suggestions for revisions to Goal-Setting Form, Professional Growth Plan and student learning targets as appropriate and submit all required paperwork. Provide resources necessary to implement plans.
	Person Being Evaluated	Prepare Goal-Setting Form, Professional Growth Plan, and student learning measures to be used in discussion and provide them to evaluator in advance of the discussion.		Revise Goal-Setting Form, Professional Growth Plan and student learning in alignment with performance discussions and final ratings on professional practices.



Evaluation Process: Components and Forms

The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System is a standards-based approach to determining performance with respect to state standards. This section of the guide provides guidance on the forms that are used to complete the process. These sample forms describe the performance of an educator who is currently performing at a level that meets state standards. Blank forms for use in completing evaluations are included in the section for each employee group (*teachers, principals/assistant principals and specialized service professionals*).

Keeping Track of Progress

One of the key issues that educators who use this process have discussed is the need to be able to quickly and easily keep track of their progress in completing the evaluation process throughout the year. Exhibit 6 provides a simple form that may be used to monitor progress toward completing each step in the process.

EXHIBIT 6: Example of Completed Evaluation Process Tracking Form

NAME	POSITION/TITLE	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL(S)
<i>Sara Seidel</i>	<i>Science Teacher</i>	<i>Montlieu Middle School</i>	<i>8</i>
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL		EVALUATOR APPROVAL (if different from supervisor)	

ACTIVITY	DATE COMPLETED	TEACHER SIGNATURE	EVALUATOR SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Training	<i>8/5/12</i>	<i>Sarah Seidel</i>	<i>Mary Johnson</i>	<i>Ms. Seidel was trained by CDE staff members at the regional training in Del Norte.</i>
Orientation	<i>8/31/13</i>	<i>Sarah Seidel</i>	<i>Mary Johnson</i>	<i>Montlieu Middle School faculty meeting at opening of 2013-14 school year.</i>
Self-Assessment	<i>9/9/13</i>	<i>Sarah Seidel</i>	<i>Mary Johnson</i>	<i>Completed in online system.</i>
Review of Annual Goals and Performance Plan				
Mid-Year Review				
Evaluator Assessment				
End-of-Year Review				
Final Professional Practice Ratings				
Goal-Setting and Performance Planning				

Throughout this section, this evaluation process graphic will be used to help you understand where in the process each form or process will be used. The tracking form is used throughout the evaluation process and will provide evaluators and persons being evaluated with a clear picture of what they have completed and identify their next steps for adhering to evaluation requirements.

Evaluation Process | Evaluation Process Tracking Form



Rubric for Evaluating Colorado Educators

The centerpiece of the Colorado State Model Evaluation System is the set of rubrics designed for specific educator groups. These standards-based instruments that are cumulative in nature provide descriptions of professional practices for each performance rating level. The cumulative nature requires that all practices in initial rating levels are met in order to be rated at that level or above. Evaluators rate the educator on each element of each standard and then use the ratings to determine the overall professional practices rating. This overall rating will account for 50 percent of the educator's effectiveness rating. **Exhibit 7** illustrates the components of the rubric.

Components are defined as follows:

Quality Standards: To meet the requirements of S.B. 10-191, the State Council for Educator Effectiveness (SCEE) recommended Quality Standards for teachers, principals/assistant principals and specialized service professionals. These recommended standards were reviewed and revised during the official rulemaking process conducted by the Colorado State Board of Education and the Colorado Department of Education. The revised standards and elements were approved by the Colorado State Board of Education as well as the legislature and are now among the Colorado State Board of Education's official rules. These revised standards reflect the professional practices and focus on the measures of student learning needed to achieve effectiveness. Standards I-V for teachers and specialized service professionals (I-VI for principals and assistant principals) relate to professional knowledge and practices that contribute to effective teaching, while Standard VI (VII for principals and assistant principals) establishes measures of student learning as a requirement for demonstrating effectiveness. S.B. 10-191 requires that these standards serve as the foundation for all educator evaluations in Colorado.

Performance Rating Levels describe performance on professional practices with respect to Colorado's Quality Standards. **Exhibits 8 and 9** further illustrate the focus of each of the following rating levels:

Basic: Educator's performance on professional practices is significantly below the state Quality Standard.

Partially Proficient: Educator's performance on professional practices is below the state Quality Standard.

Proficient: Educator's performance on professional practices meets state Quality Standard.

Accomplished: Educator's performance on professional practices exceeds state Quality Standard.

Exemplary: Educator's performance on professional practices significantly exceeds state Quality Standard.

Elements of the Standard are the mandatory items that each Colorado district must address in its evaluation system.

Professional Practices are the day-to-day activities in which educators engage as they go about their daily work. Professional practices included in the rubric are those one would expect an educator to demonstrate at each level of the rating scale.

Artifacts are the documents, materials, processes, strategies and other information that result from the normal and customary day-to-day work of any educator. To effectively address the requirements of the evaluation system, it is not necessary to collect the artifacts listed as examples for each standard prior to discussions between the evaluator and the educator being evaluated. In fact, educators and their evaluators may choose not to use any artifacts so long as they agree on their rating levels. Artifacts are used only if either the educator being evaluated or the evaluator believes that additional evidence is required to confirm the accuracy of the self-assessment as compared to the evaluator’s assessment of the educator’s performance. Artifacts other than those included as examples may also be used. As **Exhibit 10** illustrates, a single artifact may be used to provide evidence for multiple standards.

It should be noted that while artifacts are not a requirement in every standard, there are some measures that teachers and principals must have somewhere in their body of evidence. Principal artifacts must include teacher feedback, the number and percent of ineffective, partially effective, effective and highly effective teachers in their building, and the number of teachers improving their practice over time. Teachers must discuss with their evaluator at least one of the following measures: student feedback, peer feedback, lesson plans or student work, or parent feedback. These required artifacts are listed on the Teacher Evaluation Worksheet worksheet.

Many educators will be tempted to create a portfolio at the beginning of the school year in order to ensure that they have all possible artifacts available during the final evaluation conference. This process is not recommended because it creates unnecessary work on the part of the person being evaluated and the artifacts or items included in the portfolio may not be needed during the final evaluation conference when the evaluator and person being evaluated have a face-to-face discussion about professional performance and progress toward meeting the state’s quality standards. If, during that discussion, the evaluator and person being evaluated agree that the evaluator’s ratings are fair, they may conclude their discussion, sign off on the year’s evaluation activities, and proceed to developing goals and a professional development plan to be used during the subsequent year. The only need to review artifacts if they have differing opinions about final ratings.

Comments may be provided by the educator being evaluated and/or the evaluator. Both have the opportunity to provide comments on the performance of the educator being evaluated.

Summary of Ratings for the Standard summarizes individual element ratings for the standard. Summary ratings are included in the teacher evaluation worksheet, where the evaluator and the educator being evaluated will review all standard and element ratings and determine the overall professional practices rating.

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EXHIBIT 7: Components of the Rubric for Evaluating Colorado’s Educators (*Teacher Example*)

<p>Quality Standard →</p> <p>Performance Rating Levels →</p> <p>Elements of the Standard →</p> <p>Professional Practices →</p>	<p>QUALITY STANDARD I Teachers demonstrate mastery of and pedagogical expertise in the content they teach. The elementary teacher is an expert in literacy and mathematics and is knowledgeable in all other content that he or she teaches (e.g., science, social studies, arts, physical education, or world languages). The secondary teacher has knowledge of literacy and mathematics and is an expert in his or her content endorsement area(s).</p>				
	Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
	<p>ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.</p>				
	<p>THE TEACHER uses lesson plans that reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Daily review and revision. ✓ Instructional objectives appropriate for students. ✓ Explicit connections to specific learning objectives and approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER implements lesson plans based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student needs. ✓ Colorado Academic Standards. ✓ District’s plan of instruction. ✓ Stated learning objectives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborates with other school staff to vertically and horizontally align, articulate, and deliver the approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interact with the rigorous and challenging content. ○ Perform at a level consistent with or above expectations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discuss strengths and next steps regarding their learning with their teacher(s).
	<p>○ Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. □ Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.</p>				
<p>Evaluator Comments & Response to Evaluation →</p>	<p>Evaluator Comments: Required for Ratings of “Basic” or “Partially Proficient” and recommended for all rating levels.</p>		<p>Comments of person being evaluated: Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.</p>		

EXHIBIT 8: Definitions of Rubric Rating Levels

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
Educator’s performance on professional practices is significantly below the state Quality Standard.	Educator’s performance on professional practices is below the state Quality Standard.	Educator’s performance on professional practices meets state Quality Standard.	Educator’s performance on professional practices exceeds state Quality Standard.	Educator’s performance on professional practices significantly exceeds state Quality Standard.

EXHIBIT 9: Focus of Rubric Rating Levels (Teacher Example)

<p>QUALITY STANDARD I Teachers demonstrate mastery of and pedagogical expertise in the content they teach. The elementary teacher is an expert in literacy and mathematics and is knowledgeable in all other content that he or she teaches (e.g., science, social studies, arts, physical education, or world languages). The secondary teacher has knowledge of literacy and mathematics and is an expert in his or her content endorsement area(s).</p>				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
<p>ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.</p>				
<p>THE TEACHER uses lesson plans that reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Daily review and revision. ✓ Instructional objectives appropriate for students. ✓ Explicit connections to specific learning objectives and approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER implements lesson plans based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student needs. ✓ Colorado Academic Standards. ✓ District’s plan of instruction. ✓ Stated learning objectives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborates with other school staff to vertically and horizontally align, articulate, and deliver the approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interact with the rigorous and challenging content. ○ Perform at a level consistent with or above expectations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discuss strengths and next steps regarding their learning with their teacher(s).

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The focus of the Basic rating is the educator whose performance does not meet state quality standards. The educator rated as Basic is typically performing at a foundational level.

Every educator is expected to perform Basic professional practices in their day-to-day work.

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The focus of Partially Proficient and Proficient levels is what educators do on a day-to-day basis to achieve state performance standards and assure that students are achieving at expected levels.

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The focus of Accomplished and Exemplary ratings shifts to the outcomes of the educator’s practices, including expectations for staff, students, parents and community members, as a result of practices exhibited under rating levels 2 and 3.

EXHIBIT 10: Crosswalk Between Artifacts and Standards (*Teacher Example*)

Artifacts	Standards				
	I	II	III	IV	V
Student Achievement Data	◆	◆	◆	◆	◆
Student Feedback	◆	◆	◆		
Parent Feedback	◆	◆	◆		
Lesson Plans/Units of Study	◆	◆	◆	◆	
Feedback from Walkthrough Observations	◆	◆	◆		
Instructional Activities Schedules	◆	◆	◆		
Student Journals/Learning Logs	◆	◆	◆		
Student Work	◆	◆	◆		
Anecdotal Records			◆		
Formative and Summative Assessment of Student Work			◆		
Self-Reflection Templates				◆	
Assessment Plans				◆	
Data Analysis Record				◆	
Responses to Feedback				◆	
Student Portfolios				◆	
Documentation of service on teams, task forces, and committees					◆
Notes from parent and community meetings					◆
Records of Advocacy Activities					◆

Artifacts listed in Exhibit 10 are examples of items that may be used to provide evidence of proficiency on any given standard. The evaluator or teacher being evaluated may use additional artifacts to address specific issues that need further explanation or illustration during the end-of-year performance discussion.

Completing and Scoring the Rubric

The process for completing and scoring the rubric is the same for all educators, regardless of their position in the education system. The steps, listed below, are described in detail in this section of the user’s guide.

1. Identifying the professional practices for which there is adequate evidence that the person being evaluated has demonstrated adequate performance
2. Rating the elements
3. Using element ratings to determine ratings for standards
4. Using standard ratings to determine the overall professional practices rating

The person completing the rubric should mark all items that describe the performance of the educator during the year-long evaluation cycle. Evidence of proficiency on non-observable professional practices will be determined by an examination and discussion of the practice and any necessary artifacts provided by both the evaluator and the person being evaluated. In the example below (**Exhibit 11**), the person completing the rubric has indicated that there is adequate evidence that the educator being evaluated has demonstrated performance on all of the items in the Basic, Partially Proficient, Proficient and Exemplary columns since all of those items have been checked. Only a single item in the Accomplished column is left unchecked. As the discussion of scoring the rubric will indicate, such a pattern of evidence results in a rating of Proficient for the element.

EXHIBIT 11: Identifying Performance Level on Professional Practices

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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER uses lesson plans that reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Daily review and revision. ✓ Instructional objectives appropriate for students. ✓ Explicit connections to specific learning objectives and approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER implements lesson plans based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student needs. ✓ Colorado Academic Standards. ✓ District’s plan of instruction. ✓ Stated learning objectives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborates with other school staff to vertically and horizontally align, articulate, and deliver the approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interact with the rigorous and challenging content. ○ Perform at a level consistent with or above expectations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discuss strengths and next steps regarding their learning with their teacher(s).

Rating the Elements and Standards

The rater, whether the educator being evaluated who is completing a self-assessment or the evaluator who is rating the educator, should score each element separately. The collective individual element scores will determine the overall score for the standard and the scores for the standards will determine the overall professional practices rating.

For example, Quality Standard I has six elements:

QUALITY STANDARD I

Teachers demonstrate mastery of and pedagogical expertise in the content they teach. The elementary teacher is an expert in literacy and mathematics and is knowledgeable in all other content that he or she teaches (e.g., science, social studies, arts, physical education, or world languages). The secondary teacher has knowledge of literacy and mathematics and is an expert in his or her content endorsement area(s).

ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district's organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.

ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement, and data analysis and probability.

ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.

ELEMENT E: Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines.

ELEMENT F: Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students' background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.

The rater should begin with the Basic column of the rubric and work across the columns to Exemplary, marking each professional practice that describes the performance of the educator for the period for which he or she is being evaluated. (See Exhibit 12) To determine the rating for each element, the rater:

1. Begins with the professional practices listed under the Basic column and marks every practice for which there is adequate evidence that the educator being evaluated has demonstrated that practice. The evaluator continues marking professional practices across the columns until all practices for that element have been checked or the evaluator has determined that there is inadequate evidence of performance on the practice. (See Exhibit 12) All professional practices that describe the educator’s performance should be marked.
2. Scores each element by determining the appropriate rating. The rating for each element is the highest rating for which *all* professional practices are marked and *all* practices below that level are marked.

The teacher whose performance is illustrated in Exhibit 12 would be rated as Proficient on Element A, even though at least one professional practice under Accomplished and the single practice under Exemplary were marked. Proficient is the highest rating for which all professional practices were marked and all professional practices below that rating were marked. Therefore, this educator would be rated Proficient on Element A.

EXHIBIT 12: The Rubric Scoring Process (Teacher Example)

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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER uses lesson plans that reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Daily review and revision. ✓ Instructional objectives appropriate for students. ✓ Explicit connections to specific learning objectives and approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER implements lesson plans based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student needs. ✓ Colorado Academic Standards. ✓ District’s plan of instruction. ✓ Stated learning objectives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborates with other school staff to vertically and horizontally align, articulate, and deliver the approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interact with the rigorous and challenging content. ○ Perform at a level consistent with or above expectations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discuss strengths and next steps regarding their learning with their teacher(s).

Exhibit 13 provides an example of how professional practices for an entire standard would be marked while Exhibit 14 illustrates how those markings would be translated to scores on elements and standards.

EXHIBIT 13: Example of Rating All Elements for a Standard

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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER uses lesson plans that reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Daily review and revision. ✓ Instructional objectives appropriate for students. ✓ Explicit connections to specific learning objectives and approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER implements lesson plans based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Student needs. ✓ Colorado Academic Standards. ✓ District’s plan of instruction. ✓ Stated learning objectives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Collaborates with other school staff to vertically and horizontally align, articulate, and deliver the approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interact with the rigorous and challenging content. ○ Perform at a level consistent with or above expectations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Discuss strengths and next steps regarding their learning with their teacher(s).
ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.				
This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by ALL TEACHERS, regardless of grade level or subject taught.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Demonstrates an understanding of literacy content and skills. ✓ Emphasizes literacy connections while teaching content. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER makes complex reading accessible to students by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Adjusting content to students’ skill levels. ✓ Integrating literacy skills and knowledge into lessons. ✓ Providing relevant content that addresses students’ interests. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER provides instruction that enhances students’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Critical thinking and reasoning. ✓ Information literacy. ✓ Literacy skill development. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS meet or exceed expectations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Oral communication. ✓ Written communication. ✓ Critical thinking. ✓ Problem solving skills. ✓ Literacy skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS apply literacy skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Across academic content areas. ○ To understand complex materials.
<p>○ Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation.</p> <p>□ Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.</p>				

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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
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ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS responsible for teaching language arts and/or reading.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Emphasizes literacy connections while teaching content other than reading, English, or language arts. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER integrates literacy skills into lessons and assignments across subject areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Phonological awareness. ✓ Phonics. ✓ Vocabulary. ✓ Comprehension. ✓ Fluency. ✓ Writing. ✓ Speaking. ✓ Listening skills. <p>Engages students in instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Purposeful. ✓ Explicit. ✓ Systematic. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER provides literacy instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Needs-based. ✓ Intensive. ✓ Of sufficient duration to accelerate learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS apply literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Across academic content areas. ✓ To new/unfamiliar material. ✓ To understand complex materials. ○ While communicating during unstructured time. ✓ Outside the classroom. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS exceed teacher’s expectations for students of their age, grade, and/or ability levels in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Reading. ○ Writing. ✓ Speaking. ✓ Listening.
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This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by

SECONDARY TEACHERS responsible for teaching English, language arts and/or reading.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teaches and provides opportunities for students to apply literacy skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER integrates literacy skills into lessons, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocabulary. ○ Comprehension. ○ Fluency. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening skills. <p>Engages students in instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purposeful. ○ Explicit. ○ Systematic. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER provides instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs-based. ○ Intensive. ○ Of sufficient duration to accelerate learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS apply literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Across academic content areas. ○ To new/unfamiliar material. ○ To understand complex materials. ○ While communicating during the school day. □ Outside the classroom. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS exceed teacher’s expectations for students of their age, grade, and/or ability level in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening.
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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement and data analysis and probability.				
This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by ALL TEACHERS, regardless of grade level or subject taught.				

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Includes relevant math concepts in discussions that do not have math as the primary focus. ✓ Promotes and encourages students to make explicit math connections across content. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Emphasizes to students why they need to learn math content and skills. ✓ Uses instructional strategies that require students to apply and transfer mathematical knowledge to different content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasizes interdisciplinary connections to math. ○ Models mathematical thinking. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Share ideas and solutions to challenging problems. ○ Use the language of math to talk about what they are doing. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interpret mathematical information in ways that make it relevant to their learning.
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ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement and data analysis and probability.				
This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by Teachers responsible for teaching math.				

<p>THE TEACHER focuses math instruction beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Recall of facts. ✓ Development of computational skills. ✓ Math as a series of rote procedures. <p>Models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Appropriate mathematical communication. ✓ A variety of mathematical practices. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER presents concepts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ In sequence. ✓ In a manner appropriate to students' age and grade. ✓ Helps students understand mathematics as a discipline. ✓ Provides a balance of teaching for conceptual understanding and teaching for procedural fluency. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER establishes an effective mathematics environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Challenging students to think deeply about the problems. ○ Requiring students to explain their solutions. ○ Posing questions that stimulate students' curiosity and encourage them to investigate further. ✓ Actively engaging students in doing math. ✓ Using real-world examples for problems whenever possible. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Solve problems in a variety of ways. ✓ Demonstrate mathematical thinking by explaining their thinking to each other and to their teacher. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Recognize when they make procedural errors and take steps to correct them. ✓ Expand their learning by using mathematical concepts in subjects other than math.
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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.				

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Breaks down concepts into instructional parts and teaches each part using appropriate, effective strategies and/or tools. ✓ Uses instructional materials that are accurate and appropriate for the lesson being taught. ✓ Employs a variety of instructional strategies to address student needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER provides explanations of content that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Accurate. ✓ Clear. ✓ Concise. ✓ Comprehensive. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER engages students in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ A variety of explanations and multiple representations of concepts and ideas. ✓ A variety of inquiry methods to explore new ideas and theories. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Develop a variety of explanations and multiple representations of concepts. ○ Build on the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom to engage in more complex concepts, ideas, and theories. <p>Use a variety of inquiry tools and strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learn content. ○ Understand central concepts. ○ Answer complex questions. ○ Problem solve. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS routinely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choose challenging tasks and instructional materials. ○ Apply newly learned content skills to unique situations and different disciplines. ○ Discuss ideas and content that are intellectually challenging to them.
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ELEMENT E: Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Emphasizes key concepts and connects them to other powerful ideas within the content area. ✓ Connects lessons to other disciplines and/or content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER implements instructional strategies to ensure that instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Articulates content and interdisciplinary connections. ✓ Integrates literacy skills across content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Clarifies and elaborates on interdisciplinary connections for students. ✓ Employs instructional strategies that include literacy, numeracy, and language development across content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS make connections between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Prior learning and the current lesson. ✓ Other disciplines and/or content areas and the current lesson. ✓ Apply literacy (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) and math skills across academic content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accelerate their learning by elaborating on current lesson with connections to prior lessons within the content area and/or with other disciplines.
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ELEMENT F: Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students’ background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.

<p>THE TEACHER selects instructional materials and strategies based on their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Relevance. ✓ Central contexts. ✓ Foundational evidence base. ✓ Links lessons to students’ prior knowledge. ✓ Encourages and provides opportunities for students to make connections to prior learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER delivers lessons and units and uses instructional strategies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Help students connect to their learning by linking the current lesson with prior knowledge, experiences, and/or cultural contexts. ✓ Provide supports that facilitate engagement. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Delivers lessons and uses materials to ensure that students’ backgrounds and contextual knowledge are considered. ✓ Provides opportunities for students to self-select tasks that accelerate their learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Interact with materials that are relevant to them. ✓ Ask questions and solve problems that are relevant to them. ○ Make connections to prior learning to understand current content. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Select tasks that demonstrate transfer of knowledge to other theories, ideas, and/or content.
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- Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation.
- Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.

Evaluator Comments:
Required for Ratings of “Basic” or “Partially Proficient” and recommended for all rating levels.

Comments of person being evaluated:
Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.

The rating for each standard is determined by the total number of points accumulated on individual element ratings for that standard. For example, a rating of Basic receives zero points and a rating of Exemplary receives four points. As Exhibit 14 illustrates, the points earned for elements associated with a standard are added together and the rating for the standard is determined based on the total number of points possible for that standard.

EXHIBIT 14: Determining the Rating for a Standard

(Example of Standards weighted equally, based on the *secondary* teacher rubric example)

QUALITY STANDARD I						
Teachers demonstrate mastery of and pedagogical expertise in the content they teach. The elementary teacher is an expert in literacy and mathematics and is knowledgeable in all other content that he or she teaches (e.g., science, social studies, arts, physical education, or world languages). The secondary teacher has knowledge of literacy and mathematics and is an expert in his or her content endorsement area(s).						
Performance Rating Level: (Number of Points):	B (0)	PP (1)	P (2)	A (3)	E (4)	# Points For Each Rating
I. Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.			✓			2
II. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.				✓		3
III. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement, and data analysis and probability.		✓				1
IV. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.			✓			2
V. Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines.				✓		3
VI. Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students’ background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.			✓			2
TOTAL POINTS EARNED FOR STANDARD						13
Determine Rating for Standard I: 0 to 2 points = Basic 3 to 8 points = Partially Proficient 9 to 14 points = Proficient 15 to 20 points = Accomplished 21 to 24 points = Exemplary						Proficient

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

Evaluation Process | Determining the Rating



Senate Bill 10-191, the Great Teachers and Leaders Act, requires that 50% of an educator's evaluation be based on professional practices and 50% be based on multiple measures of student learning. Educators will earn a professional practice score based on their professional practices as measured by the rubric and a measures of student learning score based on multiple measures. The overall professional practices score and the measures of student learning score are combined to determine an overall rating of Ineffective, Partially Effective, Effective or Highly Effective.

The process starts with the final scores from professional practices and the measures of student learning. Once the professional practice scores and measures of student learning scores are determined, they are added together to create a single effectiveness, or index score. A final effectiveness rating is assigned to an educator based on the total number of points reported. Because of the requirement that each component contribute 50% to the final score, professional practices and measures of student learning scores are calculated so each is equal to a maximum of 540 points. This process ensures that professional practices and measures of student learning are equally represented in the determination of the final effectiveness rating. For more information on the 540 scale and how to combine ratings to determine a final effectiveness rating visit the CDE Educator Effectiveness website for guidance on Determining a Final Effectiveness Rating.

The state will use the 2013-14 school year to study this method of determining final effectiveness ratings. Revisions to the scoring methodology may be made pending findings from the first year of implementation.

Determining the Overall Professional Practices Rating

The overall rating for professional practices is determined by the individual scores for Quality Standards I through V for teachers and specialized service professionals and Quality Standards I through VI for principals. The ratings for the final standard for each group (Educators take responsibility for student academic growth) are used to determine performance on measures of student learning. As Exhibit 15 illustrates, once the rating for each standard is determined, the standard ratings are used to determine the overall rating on professional practices.

The rubric scoring process is designed so that school districts and BOCES have the option of weighting the standards equally or differentially as allowed by S.B. 10-191. For the purposes of providing an example of how the weighting affects individual standard and overall professional practices scores, the examples in this guide use equally weighted standards. This means that since teachers and specialized service professionals have five quality standards related to professional practices, the weight for each standard is 20% (.20 in formulas).

Evaluation Process | Determining the Rating



The formula breaks down into four parts as follows:

1. **Weight assigned for the standard times the number of standards** - This ensures not only that the district's weighting for the standard is used, but also that the net result of weighting is 1.00, or 100%.
2. **Total points earned for the standard divided by the total points it is possible to earn for the standard** - This calculation determines the percentage of points the person earned for the standard.
3. **Number of points possible for an individual rating** - This calculation ensures that the number of points earned for the standard is on the 4-point scale used to determine ratings for individual standards and the overall professional practices rating.
4. **Multiplying** items 1 through 3 results in the contribution of the standard to the overall professional practices (proficiency) rating.

The formula for calculating an individual standard's contribution to the overall professional practices rating is:

$$\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. I}) \times (\text{Std. I Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$$

Using the example for Standard I presented in Exhibit 15, the calculation would be:

$$\frac{(13) \times (.20 \times 5)}{(6)} = 2.17$$

All calculations involved in determining professional practices and effectiveness ratings and are carried to three (3) decimal places and rounded to two (2). For example, the formula above would result in a score of 2.167, which is rounded to 2.17 for reporting purposes and for the overall effectiveness rating.

The overall standard rating is determined by adding the five individual standard contributions to the overall rating and referring to the following scoring guide:

Determining the Overall Professional Practices Rating:

0 to 2.00 points	=	Basic
2.01 to 7.00 points	=	Partially Proficient
7.01 to 12.00 points	=	Proficient
12.01 to 17.00 points	=	Accomplished
17.01 to 20.00 points	=	Exemplary

EXHIBIT 15: Determining the Overall Professional Practices Rating

(Example of All Standards Weighted Equally)

Teacher Evaluation Worksheet

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
I. MASTERY OF AND PEDAGOGICAL EXPERTISE IN THE CONTENT THEY TEACH	A. Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.			✓			2
	B. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.				✓		3
	C. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement, and data analysis and probability.		✓				1
	D. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.			✓			2
	E. Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/ disciplines.				✓		3
	F. Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students’ background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.			✓			2
	Total Points Earned for Standard I						13
Determine Rating for Standard I: 0 to 2 points = Basic 3 to 8 points = Partially Proficient 9 to 14 points = Proficient 15 to 20 points = Accomplished 21 to 24 points = Exemplary						Proficient	
<p>Determine contribution of Standard I to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p><u>(Total Pts. Earned for Std. I) X (Std. I Weight X No. of Stds.)</u> <u>(Number of Elements Associated with Standard)</u></p> <p>Calculation Work Space* (Note: This space is provided for completing the simple formula above using actual scores. Users may choose either or both of these processes to determine the contribution of the standard to the overall rating. Users may skip the hand calculation and allow the online system to calculate it for them.)</p> <p>(13) X (.20 X 5) = 2.17 (6)</p>						2.17	

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
II. SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR DIVERSE POPULATION OF STUDENTS	A. Teachers foster a predictable learning environment in the classroom in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.				✓		3
	B. Teachers demonstrate a commitment to and respect for diversity, while working toward common goals as a community and as a country.				✓		3
	C. Teachers engage students as individuals with unique interests and strengths.				✓		3
	D. Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of all students, including those with special needs, across a range of ability levels.			✓			2
	E. Teachers provide proactive, clear and constructive feedback to families about student progress and work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students.			✓			2
	F. Teachers create a learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior, efficient use of time, and appropriate intervention strategies.				✓		3
Total Points Earned for Standard II							16
Determine Rating for Standard I: 0 to 2 points = Basic 3 to 8 points = Partially Proficient 9 to 14 points = Proficient 15 to 20 points = Accomplished 21 to 24 points = Exemplary							Accomplished
<p>Determine contribution of Standard II to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p>$\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. II}) \times (\text{Std. II Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$</p> <p>Calculation Work Space* $\frac{(16) \times (.20 \times 5)}{(6)} = 2.67$</p>							2.67

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
III. EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION AND AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FACILITATES LEARNING	A. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of current developmental science, the ways in which learning takes place, and the appropriate levels of intellectual, social, and emotional development of their students.			✓			2
	B. Teachers plan and consistently deliver instruction that draws on results of student assessments, is aligned to academic standards, and advances students' level of content knowledge and skills.				✓		3
	C. Teachers demonstrate a rich knowledge of current research on effective instructional practices to meet the developmental and academic needs of their students.		✓				1
	D. Teachers thoughtfully integrate and utilize appropriate available technology in their instruction to maximize student learning.			✓			2
	E. Teachers establish and communicate high expectations for all students and plan instruction that helps students develop critical-thinking and problem solving skills.					✓	4
	F. Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership qualities.					✓	4
	G. Teachers communicate effectively, making learning objectives clear and providing appropriate models of language.			✓			2
	H. Teachers use appropriate methods to assess what each student has learned, including formal and informal assessments, and use results to plan further instruction.		✓				1
	Total Points Earned for Standard III						19
Determine Rating for Standard I: 0 to 3 points = Basic 4 to 11 points = Partially Proficient 12 to 19 points = Proficient 20 to 27points = Accomplished 28 to 32 points = Exemplary						Proficient	
Determine contribution of Standard III to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:							
$\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. III}) \times (\text{Std. III Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$							
Calculation Work Space* $\frac{(19) \times (.20 \times 5)}{(8)} = 2.38$						2.38	

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
IV. REFLECTIONS ON PRACTICE	I. Teachers demonstrate that they analyze student learning, development, and growth and apply what they learn to improve their practice.		✓				1
	J. Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.		✓				1
	K. Teachers are able to respond to a complex, dynamic environment.		✓				1
	Total Points Earned for Standard IV						3
	Determine Rating for Standard I: 0 to 1 points = Basic 2 to 4 points = Partially Proficient 5 to 7 points = Proficient 8 to 10 points = Accomplished 11 to 12 points = Exemplary						Partially Proficient
<p align="center">Determine contribution of Standard IV to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p align="center"><u>(Total Pts. Earned for Std. IV) X (Std. IV Weight X No. of Stds.)</u> (Number of Elements Associated with Standard)</p> <p align="center">Calculation Work Space* (3) X (.20 X 5) = 1.00 (3)</p>							1.00

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
V. LEADERSHIP	A. Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.		✓				1
	B. Teachers contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and the teaching profession.		✓				1
	C. Teachers advocate for schools and students, partnering with students, families and communities as appropriate.				✓		3
	D. Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards.			✓			2
	Total Points Earned for Standard V						7
Determine Rating for Standard I: 0 to 1 points = Basic 2 to 5 points = Partially Proficient 6 to 9 points = Proficient 10 to 13 points = Accomplished 14 to 16 points = Exemplary						Proficient	
<p align="center">Determine contribution of Standard V to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p align="center">$\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. V}) \times (\text{Std. V Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$</p> <p align="center">Calculation Work Space*</p> <p align="center">$\frac{(7) \times (.20 \times 5)}{(4)} = 1.75$</p>						1.75	

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

Determining the Overall Rating for Professional Practices

Scoring of the rubric is designed so that each standard may be weighted by the district or BOCES in order to emphasize the initiatives or skills of importance to the locality. Weighting of the standards impacts the overall professional practices rating (Basic, Partially Proficient, Proficient, Accomplished, Exemplary), which in turn impacts the educator's overall effectiveness rating (Ineffective, Partially Effective, Effective or Highly Effective). Guidance for determining the overall effectiveness rating using both the professional practices rating and measures of student learning may be found [here](#).

Calculating the Total Number of Points Earned For Professional Practices

QUALITY STANDARD	Total Points Earned
I. Mastery of and Pedagogical Expertise in the Content They Teach	2.17
II. Safe, Inclusive and Respectful Learning Environment for Diverse Population of Students	2.67
III. Effective Instruction and an Environment that Facilitates Learning	2.38
IV. Reflection on Practice	1.00
V. Leadership	1.75
Total Points for All Standards	9.97

Translating the Total Points for All Standards to Overall Professional Practices Rating

Total Number of Points Received	Rating for Number of Points Received	Total Number of Points Received for this Evaluation =
0 to 2.00 points	Basic	9.97
2.01 to 7.00 points	Partially Proficient	
7.01 to 12.00 points	Proficient	Overall Professional Practices Rating =
12.01 to 17.00 points	Accomplished	
17.01 to 20.00 points	Exemplary	
		Proficient

EXHIBIT 16: Example of How to Complete Teacher Evaluation Worksheet

This form should be completed by the evaluator prior to the final evaluation and goal-setting meeting held each spring. The teacher and evaluator should discuss the contents of this form, the accompanying Summary Evaluation Score Sheet completed as illustrated in Exhibit 15, and the goal-setting form and agree on the professional practices ratings as well as the recommended actions for improvement, and resources needed to accomplish those actions, and a determination of how the teacher and evaluator will know improvements have been made.

QUALITY STANDARD I					
Teachers demonstrate mastery of and pedagogical expertise in the content they teach. The elementary teacher is an expert in literacy and mathematics and is knowledgeable in all other content that he or she teaches (e.g., science, social studies, arts, physical education, or world languages). The secondary teacher has knowledge of literacy and mathematics and is an expert in his or her content endorsement area(s).					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards, their district's organized plan of instruction, and the individual needs of their students.			✓		
B. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.				✓	
C. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement, and data analysis and probability.		✓			
D. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.			✓		
E. Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/ disciplines.				✓	
F. Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students' background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.			✓		
Overall Rating for Standard I			✓		

<p>Comments: <i>Ms. Seidel's work this year has been proficient and above, except for mathematics. This was reflected in her instructional strategies exemplified by presentations of lower level skills and expectations for students. Classroom materials in mathematics were not of sufficient quality to engage students or to challenge their problem solving and critical thinking skills.</i></p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement: <i>During the upcoming school year, she should take intensive and significant steps to upgrade her mathematics skills.</i></p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions: <i>As requested, Ms. Seidel will be allowed to leave school 30 minutes early every Tuesday and Thursday during first semester next year in order to attend an evening mathematics class. We will also discuss the possibility of her attending mathematics professional development offerings as they are offered by the school district.</i></p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student achievement data <input type="checkbox"/> Feedback from walkthrough observations <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional activities schedules <input type="checkbox"/> Student journals/learning logs <p>At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans <input type="checkbox"/> Student work <input type="checkbox"/> Parent Feedback
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Comments on teacher's performance summarized from performance conversations throughout the year and those agreed upon during end-of-year performance discussion

Actions for improvement agreed upon during End-of-Year performance discussion

Resources the school/district will provide to help the teacher improve

Ratings determined by an examination of professional practices documented as in evidence during the school year

QUALITY STANDARD II					
Teachers establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students.					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Teachers foster a predictable learning environment in the classroom in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.				✓	
B. Teachers demonstrate a commitment to and respect for diversity, while working toward common goals as a community and as a country.				✓	
C. Teachers engage students as individuals with unique interests and strengths.				✓	
D. Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of all students, including those with special needs, across a range of ability levels.			✓		
E. Teachers provide proactive, clear and constructive feedback to families about student progress and work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students.			✓		
F. Teachers create a learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior, efficient use of time and appropriate intervention strategies.				✓	
Overall Rating for Standard II				✓	

Comments:

Ms. Seidel did a remarkable job in this area during this school year. She demonstrated student-focused approaches to instruction and customized lessons to assure that all of her students' needs were met. Her students had no discipline issues this year in spite of the fact that they had in previous years.

Recommended actions for improvement:

Maintain current levels of performance while working to improve communication and collaboration with families to assure that they are actively involved in helping their children and fully aware of the students' strengths and weaknesses.

Resources needed to complete these actions:

No additional resources necessary.

Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:

- Student achievement data
- Feedback from walkthrough observations
- Instructional activities schedules
- Student journals/learning logs

At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:

- Student feedback
- Peer feedback
- Lesson plans
- Student work
- Parent feedback



QUALITY STANDARD III					
Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of current developmental science, the ways in which learning takes place and the appropriate levels of intellectual, social and emotional development of their students.			✓		
B. Teachers plan and consistently deliver instruction that draws on results of student assessments, is aligned to academic standards and advances students' level of content knowledge and skills.				✓	
C. Teachers demonstrate a rich knowledge of current research on effective instructional practices to meet the developmental and academic needs of their students.		✓			
D. Teachers thoughtfully integrate and utilize appropriate available technology in their instruction to maximize student learning.			✓		
E. Teachers establish and communicate high expectations for all students and plan instruction that helps students develop critical-thinking and problem solving skills.					✓
F. Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership qualities.					✓
G. Teachers communicate effectively, making learning objectives clear and providing appropriate models of language.			✓		
H. Teachers use appropriate methods to assess what each student has learned, including formal and informal assessments, and use results to plan further instruction.		✓			
Overall Rating for Standard III			✓		

Comments:

Ms. Seidel is nearing accomplished work in this area. Her biggest challenges are the integration of research-based strategies into her lessons and using appropriate assessment methods to determine students' strengths and weaknesses.

Recommended actions for improvement:

- Routine (every month) review of professional journals from the school's or district's professional library related to research or evidence-based strategies.*
- Concentrate on integrating research-based strategies into lesson plans for one subject area throughout the year.*
- Solicit assistance from instructional coach as needed.*

Resources needed to complete these actions:

No new resources needed.

Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:

- Student achievement data
- Feedback from walkthrough observations
- Instructional activities schedules
- Student journals/learning logs
- Anecdotal records
- Formative and summative assessments of student work

At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:

- Student feedback
- Peer feedback
- Lesson plans
- Student work
- Parent feedback

QUALITY STANDARD IV Teachers reflect on their practice.					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Teachers demonstrate that they analyze student learning, development, and growth and apply what they learn to improve their practice.		✓			
B. Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.		✓			
C. Teachers are able to respond to a complex, dynamic environment.		✓			
Overall Rating for Standard IV		✓			

<p>Comments: <i>Ms. Seidel needs significant work in this area. The natural starting point for her is the linkage of professional growth and professional goals to her self-identified strengths and weaknesses.</i></p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement: <i>She should develop a professional growth plan that includes all of these elements and bring it to her final evaluation conference for discussion.</i></p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions: <i>No new resources needed.</i></p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student achievement data <input type="checkbox"/> Self-reflection templates <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment plans <input type="checkbox"/> Data analysis record <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Student portfolios <p>At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans <input type="checkbox"/> Student work <input type="checkbox"/> Parent feedback
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QUALITY STANDARD V Teachers demonstrate leadership.					
	B	PP	P	A	E
D. Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.		✓			
E. Teachers contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and the teaching profession.		✓			
F. Teachers advocate for schools and students, partnering with students, families and communities as appropriate.				✓	
G. Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards.			✓		
Overall Rating for Standard V			✓		

<p>Comments: <i>While Ms. Seidel is extremely student-focused and does a great job of working with students, her leadership skills are not as well developed. She has not taken advantage of opportunities to assume leadership roles either within the school or the district.</i></p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement: <i>I am recommending Ms. Seidel for several committees during the coming year. She needs to accept the assignment for at least one committee and begin the process of assuming a leadership role on that committee. Long-term, she needs to be more proactive in identifying and taking on leadership roles.</i></p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions: <i>No additional resources needed.</i></p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student achievement data <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of service on teams, task forces, and committees <input type="checkbox"/> Notes from parent and community meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Records of advocacy activities <p>At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans <input type="checkbox"/> Student work <input type="checkbox"/> Parent feedback
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EXHIBIT 17: Example of How to Complete the Professional Growth Plan

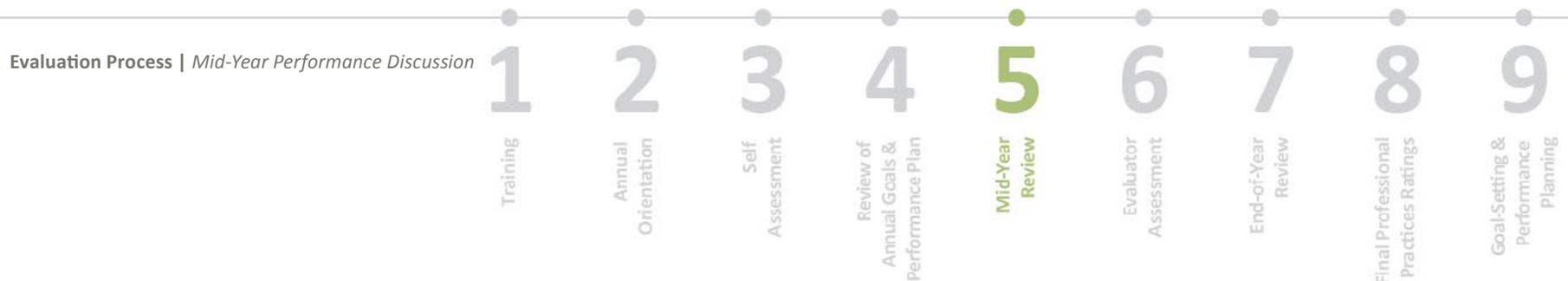
NAME		POSITION/TITLE	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL(S)	DATE DEVELOPED	DATE REVISED
Sarah Seidel		Teacher – Science	Montlieu Middle School	6 through 8	May 14, 2011	NA
Standard(s) and Element(s) to Which Goal Applies	End-of-Year Rating Level on Standard(s) and Element(s)	Action Step		Who is Responsible for Support and/or Mentoring?	Data to be Collected to Demonstrate Progress	Evidence of Progress Toward Achieving Goal
		Professional Growth Goal #1:				
		1.				
		2.				
		3.				
Professional Growth Goal #2:						
		1.				
		2.				
		3.				
Professional Growth Goal #3:						
		1.				
		2.				
		3.				

Record up to three professional growth goals aligned with your evaluation results. Your goals should be specific and measurable. While each of the goals is important, they should be listed in rank order with the most important listed first. Also record the action steps required to address each growth goal and the standard(s) and element(s) to which the goals and actions are aligned. Please insert additional rows if additional steps are needed. This form should be updated throughout the year as progress toward achieving goals is attained.



EXHIBIT 18: Mid-Year Performance Discussion

NAME	POSITION/TITLE	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL(S)	DATE DEVELOPED	DATE REVISED
<i>Sarah Seidel</i>	<i>Teacher – Science</i>	<i>Montlieu Middle School</i>	<i>6 through 8</i>	<i>May 14, 2011</i>	<i>NA</i>
Professional Growth Goals and Action Steps		Status of Action Steps	Barriers to Successful Completion by Year-End	Strategies to Address Barriers	Comments
Goal 1:					
1.					
2.					
3.					
Goal 2:					
1.					
2.					
3.					
Goal 3:					
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Effective teachers in the state of Colorado have the knowledge, skills, and commitments that ensure equitable learning opportunities and growth for all students.

Colorado State Model Evaluation System for Teachers

1. Statewide Definition of Effectiveness

All districts and BOCES are required to use the following state-approved definition of teacher effectiveness for teacher evaluation.

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2. The Colorado Teacher Quality Standards and Their Related Elements and Artifacts¹

The Teacher Quality Standards outline the knowledge and skills required of an effective teacher and will be used to evaluate teachers in the state of Colorado. All school districts and BOCES shall base their evaluations of licensed classroom teachers on the full set of Teacher Quality Standards and associated detailed elements included below, or shall adopt their own locally developed standards that meet or exceed the Teacher Quality Standards and elements. School districts and BOCES that adopt their own locally developed standards shall crosswalk those standards to the Teacher Quality Standards and elements, so that the school district or BOCES is able to report the data required.

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ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.

ELEMENT E: Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines.

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QUALITY STANDARD II

Teachers establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students.

ELEMENT A: Teachers foster a predictable learning environment in the classroom in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.

ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate a commitment to and respect for diversity, while working toward common goals as a community and as a country.

ELEMENT C: Teachers engage students as individuals with unique interests and strengths.

ELEMENT D: Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of all students, including those with special needs across a range of ability levels.

ELEMENT E: Teachers provide proactive, clear and constructive feedback to families about student progress and work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students.

ELEMENT F: Teachers create a learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior, efficient use of time and appropriate intervention strategies.

¹ These are from the Rules issued on Nov. 9, 2011 and approved on Feb. 15, 2012.

QUALITY STANDARD III

Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.

ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of current developmental science, the ways in which learning takes place, and the appropriate levels of intellectual, social, and emotional development of their students.

ELEMENT B: Teachers plan and consistently deliver instruction that draws on results of student assessments, is aligned to academic standards, and advances students' level of content knowledge and skills.

ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate a rich knowledge of current research on effective instructional practices to meet the developmental and academic needs of their students.

ELEMENT D: Teachers thoughtfully integrate and utilize appropriate available technology in their instruction to maximize student learning.

ELEMENT E: Teachers establish and communicate high expectations for all students and plan instruction that helps students develop critical-thinking and problem solving skills.

ELEMENT F: Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership qualities.

ELEMENT G: Teachers communicate effectively, making learning objectives clear and providing appropriate models of language.

ELEMENT H: Teachers use appropriate methods to assess what each student has learned, including formal and informal assessments, and use results to plan further instruction.

QUALITY STANDARD IV

Teachers reflect on their practice.

ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate that they analyze student learning, development, and growth and apply what they learn to improve their practice.

ELEMENT B: Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.

ELEMENT C: Teachers are able to respond to a complex, dynamic environment.

QUALITY STANDARD V

Teachers demonstrate leadership.

ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.

ELEMENT B: Teachers contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and the teaching profession.

ELEMENT C: Teachers advocate for schools and students, partnering with students, families and communities as appropriate.

ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards.

QUALITY STANDARD VI

Teachers take responsibility for student academic growth.

ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate high levels of student learning, growth and academic achievement.

ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate high levels of student academic growth in the skills necessary for post-secondary and workforce readiness (See Appendix C),

including democratic and civic participation. Teachers demonstrate their ability to utilize multiple data sources and evidence to evaluate their practice, and make adjustments where needed to continually improve attainment of student academic growth.

Please note: Standard VI is not included as a part of determination of ratings on professional practices that is described in this User's Guide. It is described in a separate document that can be found on the CDE Educator Effectiveness website [here](#).

3. Measures Used to Determine Effectiveness Rating

The Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System for teachers is intended to provide support, incentives and rewards for teachers as they engage in the challenging work of enabling and empowering students to learn. The teacher effectiveness definition and Colorado Teacher Quality Standards provide clear guidance about state priorities for effective teaching. The use of multiple measures for teacher performance and guidelines for ensuring that these measures are of high quality will provide a more accurate and nuanced picture of the teacher's professional practice and impact on measures of student learning. The use of performance standards to rate teacher performance allows more precision about professional expectations, identifies those teachers in need of improvement and recognizes performance that is of exceptional quality.

The measures used to determine the teacher's effectiveness rating emphasize the use of high-quality measures that result in a body of evidence concerning a teacher's performance, and include:

- **Measures of professional practice** (Standards I-V) selected by the district that meet state technical guidelines, including formal observations plus at least one other measure.
- **Multiple measures of student academic growth** (Standard VI) that are appropriate for the teacher's teaching assignment, that represent the best available assessments for that assignment, that also include growth scores shared among groups of teachers and that meet state technical guidelines.
- Procedures for prioritizing or **weighting** measures of performance that ensure that measures of student learning represent at least 50 percent of total performance and are prioritized by technical quality, and that measures of professional practice are prioritized by local objectives.

4. Procedures for Conducting Evaluations

Procedures for conducting evaluations may be determined on a local level, provided that they ensure that data is regularly collected, associated feedback and improvement opportunities are regularly provided and teachers receive a formal evaluation and performance standard designation by the end of each academic year.

5. Performance Rating Levels

Four **performance rating levels (or performance standards)**: Highly Effective, Effective, Partially Effective and Ineffective. The status implications described in **Exhibit 19** apply for each teacher performance evaluation rating.

6. Appeals Process

An **appeals process** that permits non-probationary teachers to appeal a second consecutive performance evaluation that falls below Effective. Additional information about Rules governing Colorado’s state-approved appeals process may be found [here](#).

The state framework for the teacher evaluation system, developed by the State Council for Educator Effectiveness (SCEE), illustrates the relationships of the system components and the weight professional practice plays with respect to measures of student learning. As Exhibit 19 illustrates, Quality Standards I through V deal with professional practice while Quality Standard VI deals with measures of student learning.

EXHIBIT 19: Framework for System to Evaluate Teachers

STATE COUNCIL FOR EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS Framework for System to Evaluate Teachers

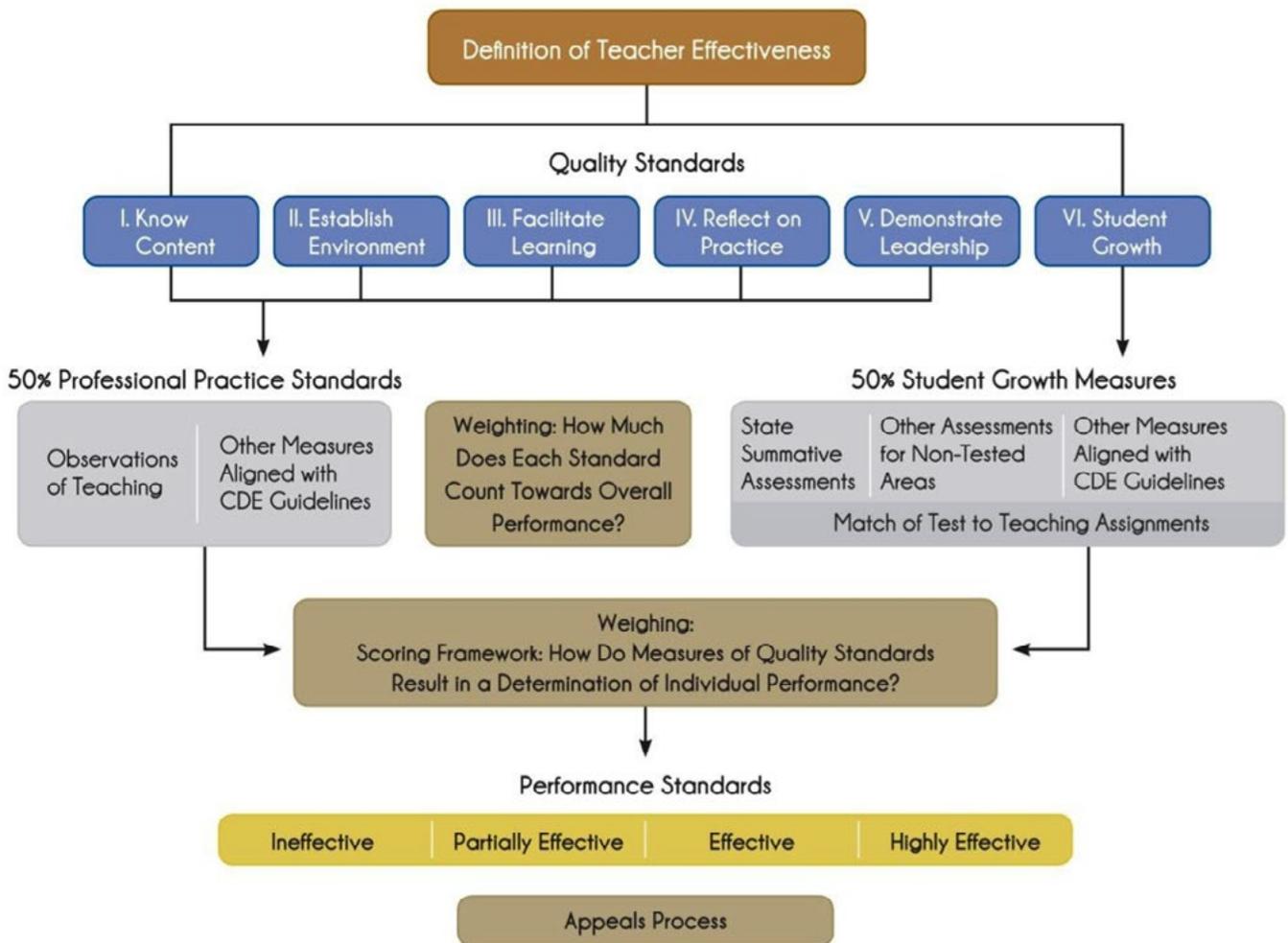


EXHIBIT 20: Implications for Earning or Losing Non-probationary Status by Performance Evaluation Rating

Performance Evaluating Rating	Implications for Earning or Losing Non-probationary Status
Ineffective	<p>Beginning with evaluations conducted during the 2013-14 school year, for probationary teachers, a rating of ineffective shall not count towards the accrual of years required to qualify for non-probationary status. Beginning with evaluations conducted during the 2014-15 school year, a non-probationary teacher who is rated as ineffective for two consecutive years shall lose non-probationary status.</p> <p>Beginning with the 2014-15 school year, a teacher whose performance is deemed ineffective shall receive written notice that his or her performance evaluation rating shows a rating of ineffective, a copy of the documentation relied upon in measuring his or her performance and identification of deficiencies.</p>
Partially Effective	<p>Beginning with evaluations conducted during the 2013-14 school year, for a probationary teacher, a rating of partially effective shall not count towards the accrual of three years of effectiveness needed to reach non-probationary status.</p> <p>Beginning with evaluations conducted during the 2014-15 school year, for a non-probationary teacher, a rating of partially effective shall be considered the first of two consecutive years of ineffective performance that results in loss of non-probationary status. Non-probationary status in this instance shall only be lost if the teacher is subsequently rated partially effective or ineffective during the following year.</p>
Effective	<p>Beginning with evaluations conducted during the 2013-14 school year, a probationary teacher shall receive a rating of effective for three consecutive years to earn non-probationary status. Beginning with evaluations conducted during the 2014-15 school year, a non-probationary teacher must maintain an effective rating to retain non-probationary status. Two consecutive ratings below effective shall result in the loss of non-probationary status.</p>
Highly Effective	<p>For the purposes of gaining or losing non-probationary status, a rating of highly effective shall have the same implications as a rating of effective.</p>

Teacher Evaluation Process: Forms

Teacher Evaluation Process Tracking Form

NAME	POSITION/TITLE	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL(S)
SUPERVISOR APPROVAL		EVALUATOR APPROVAL (if different from supervisor)	

ACTIVITY	DATE COMPLETED	TEACHER SIGNATURE	EVALUATOR SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Training				
Orientation				
Self-Assessment			/	
Review of Annual Goals and Performance Plan				
Mid-Year Review				
Evaluator Assessment				
End-of-Year Review				
Final Ratings				
Goal-Setting and Performance Planning				

Rubric for Evaluating Colorado Teachers

Effective teachers in the state of Colorado have the knowledge, skills and commitments needed to provide excellent and equitable learning opportunities and growth for all students. They strive to support growth and development, close achievement gaps and to prepare diverse student populations for postsecondary and workforce success (See Appendix E). Effective teachers facilitate mastery of content and skill development, and employ and adjust evidence-based strategies and approaches for students who are not achieving mastery and students who need acceleration. They also develop in students the skills, interests and abilities necessary to be lifelong learners, as well as for democratic and civic participation. Effective teachers communicate high expectations to students and their families and utilize diverse strategies to engage them in a mutually supportive teaching and learning environment. Because effective teachers understand that the work of ensuring meaningful learning opportunities for all students cannot happen in isolation, they engage in collaboration, continuous reflection, on-going learning and leadership within the profession.

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Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their district’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER uses lesson plans that reflect:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Daily review and revision. <input type="radio"/> Instructional objectives appropriate for students. <input type="radio"/> Explicit connections to specific learning objectives and approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER implements lesson plans based on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Student needs. <input type="radio"/> Colorado Academic Standards. <input type="radio"/> District’s plan of instruction. <input type="radio"/> Stated learning objectives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Collaborates with other school staff to vertically and horizontally align, articulate, and deliver the approved curriculum. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Interact with the rigorous and challenging content. <input type="radio"/> Perform at a level consistent with or above expectations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Discuss strengths and next steps regarding their learning with their teacher(s).
ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.				
This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by ALL TEACHERS, regardless of grade level or subject taught.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Demonstrates an understanding of literacy content and skills. <input type="radio"/> Emphasizes literacy connections while teaching content. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER makes complex reading accessible to students by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Adjusting content to students’ skill levels. <input type="radio"/> Integrating literacy skills and knowledge into lessons. <input type="radio"/> Providing relevant content that addresses students’ interests. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER provides instruction that enhances students’:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Critical thinking and reasoning. <input type="radio"/> Information literacy. <input type="radio"/> Literacy skill development. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS meet or exceed expectations for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Oral communication. <input type="radio"/> Written communication. <input type="radio"/> Critical thinking. <input type="radio"/> Problem solving skills. <input type="radio"/> Literacy skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS apply literacy skills:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Across academic content areas. <input type="radio"/> To understand complex materials.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation. 				

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ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.

This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by

ELEMENTARY TEACHERS responsible for teaching language arts and/or reading.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasizes literacy connections while teaching content other than reading, English, or language arts. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER integrates literacy skills into lessons and assignments across subject areas, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Phonological awareness. ○ Phonics. ○ Vocabulary. ○ Comprehension. ○ Fluency. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening skills. <p>Engages students in instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purposeful. ○ Explicit. ○ Systematic. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER provides literacy instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs-based. ○ Intensive. ○ Of sufficient duration to accelerate learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS apply literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Across academic content areas. ○ To new/unfamiliar material. ○ To understand complex materials. ○ While communicating during unstructured time. <input type="checkbox"/> Outside the classroom. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS exceed teacher's expectations for students of their age, grade, and/or ability levels in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening.
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This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by

SECONDARY TEACHERS responsible for teaching English, language arts and/or reading.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Teaches and provides opportunities for students to apply literacy skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER integrates literacy skills into lessons, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Vocabulary. ○ Comprehension. ○ Fluency. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening skills. <p>Engages students in instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Purposeful. ○ Explicit. ○ Systematic. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER provides instruction that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Needs-based. ○ Intensive. ○ Of sufficient duration to accelerate learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS apply literacy skills (reading, writing, speaking, and listening):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Across academic content areas. ○ To new/unfamiliar material. ○ To understand complex materials. ○ While communicating during the school day. <input type="checkbox"/> Outside the classroom. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS exceed teacher's expectations for students of their age, grade, and/or ability level in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Reading. ○ Writing. ○ Speaking. ○ Listening.
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ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement and data analysis and probability.				
This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by ALL TEACHERS, regardless of grade level or subject taught.				

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Includes relevant math concepts in discussions that do not have math as the primary focus. <input type="radio"/> Promotes and encourages students to make explicit math connections across content. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Emphasizes to students why they need to learn math content and skills. <input type="radio"/> Uses instructional strategies that require students to apply and transfer mathematical knowledge to different content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Emphasizes interdisciplinary connections to math. <input type="radio"/> Models mathematical thinking. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Share ideas and solutions to challenging problems. <input type="radio"/> Use the language of math to talk about what they are doing. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Interpret mathematical information in ways that make it relevant to their learning.
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ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement and data analysis and probability.				
This section describes professional practices that should be demonstrated by Teachers responsible for teaching math.				

<p>THE TEACHER focuses math instruction beyond:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Recall of facts. <input type="radio"/> Development of computational skills. <input type="radio"/> Math as a series of rote procedures. <p>Models:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Appropriate mathematical communication. <input type="radio"/> A variety of mathematical practices. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER presents concepts:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> In sequence. <input type="radio"/> In a manner appropriate to students' age and grade. <input type="radio"/> Helps students understand mathematics as a discipline. <input type="radio"/> Provides a balance of teaching for conceptual understanding and teaching for procedural fluency. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER establishes an effective mathematics environment by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Challenging students to think deeply about the problems. <input type="radio"/> Requiring students to explain their solutions. <input type="radio"/> Posing questions that stimulate students' curiosity and encourage them to investigate further. <input type="radio"/> Actively engaging students in doing math. <input type="radio"/> Using real-world examples for problems whenever possible. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Solve problems in a variety of ways. <input type="radio"/> Demonstrate mathematical thinking by explaining their thinking to each other and to their teacher. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Recognize when they make procedural errors and take steps to correct them. <input type="checkbox"/> Expand their learning by using mathematical concepts in subjects other than math.
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ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.				

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Breaks down concepts into instructional parts and teaches each part using appropriate, effective strategies and/or tools. ○ Uses instructional materials that are accurate and appropriate for the lesson being taught. ○ Employs a variety of instructional strategies to address student needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER provides explanations of content that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accurate. ○ Clear. ○ Concise. ○ Comprehensive. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER engages students in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ A variety of explanations and multiple representations of concepts and ideas. ○ A variety of inquiry methods to explore new ideas and theories. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Develop a variety of explanations and multiple representations of concepts. ○ Build on the skills and knowledge learned in the classroom to engage in more complex concepts, ideas, and theories. <p>Use a variety of inquiry tools and strategies to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Learn content. ○ Understand central concepts. ○ Answer complex questions. ○ Problem solve. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS routinely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Choose challenging tasks and instructional materials. ○ Apply newly learned content skills to unique situations and different disciplines. ○ Discuss ideas and content that are intellectually challenging to them.
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ELEMENT E: Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/disciplines.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Emphasizes key concepts and connects them to other powerful ideas within the content area. ○ Connects lessons to other disciplines and/or content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER implements instructional strategies to ensure that instruction:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Articulates content and interdisciplinary connections. ○ Integrates literacy skills across content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Clarifies and elaborates on interdisciplinary connections for students. ○ Employs instructional strategies that include literacy, numeracy, and language development across content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS make connections between:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Prior learning and the current lesson. ○ Other disciplines and/or content areas and the current lesson. ○ Apply literacy (reading, writing, speaking, and listening) and math skills across academic content areas. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accelerate their learning by elaborating on current lesson with connections to prior lessons within the content area and/or with other disciplines.
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ELEMENT F: Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students’ background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.

<p>THE TEACHER selects instructional materials and strategies based on their:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Relevance. ○ Central contexts. ○ Foundational evidence base. ○ Links lessons to students’ prior knowledge. ○ Encourages and provides opportunities for students to make connections to prior learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER delivers lessons and units and uses instructional strategies that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help students connect to their learning by linking the current lesson with prior knowledge, experiences, and/or cultural contexts. ○ Provide supports that facilitate engagement. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Delivers lessons and uses materials to ensure that students’ backgrounds and contextual knowledge are considered. ○ Provides opportunities for students to self-select tasks that accelerate their learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Interact with materials that are relevant to them. ○ Ask questions and solve problems that are relevant to them. ○ Make connections to prior learning to understand current content. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Select tasks that demonstrate transfer of knowledge to other theories, ideas, and/or content.
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Professional Practice is **Observable** during a classroom observation.
 Professional Practice is **Not Observable** during a classroom observation.

Evaluator Comments:
 Required for Ratings of "Basic" or "Partially Proficient" and recommended for all rating levels.

Comments of person being evaluated:
 Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.

QUALITY STANDARD II

Teachers establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers foster a predictable learning environment in the classroom in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Creates a classroom environment conducive to learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER creates a classroom environment that features:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Mutual respect. <input type="radio"/> Positive relationships between and among students. <input type="radio"/> Empathy for each student. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Creates a classroom environment which values diverse perspectives. <input type="radio"/> Establishes a nurturing and caring relationship with each student. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Respect their classmates and teacher(s). 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Engage in respectful and open dialogue with each other and their teacher.
ELEMENT B: Teachers demonstrate a commitment to and respect for diversity, while working toward common goals as a community and as a country.				
<p>THE TEACHER creates a classroom environment in which diversity is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Respected. <input type="radio"/> Used to further student learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Uses instructional approaches and materials that reflect students' backgrounds. <input type="radio"/> Acknowledges the value of each student's contributions to the quality of lessons. <input type="radio"/> Is welcoming to diverse family structures. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER establishes processes that result in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> A sense of community among students. <input type="radio"/> Effective interactions among students. <input type="radio"/> Respect for individual differences. <input type="radio"/> Positive social relationships. <input type="radio"/> Common goals for all students. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Respect the uniqueness of fellow students. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Actively seek a variety of perspectives to complete group assignments.
ELEMENT C: Teachers engage students as individuals with unique interests and strengths.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Implements lessons that reflect student interests. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Uses results of student interest inventories to design lessons and materials. <input type="radio"/> Encourages students to expand and enhance their learning. <input type="radio"/> Acknowledges students for their accomplishments. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Asks appropriately challenging questions of all students. <input type="radio"/> Scaffolds questions. <input type="radio"/> Gives wait time equitably. <input type="radio"/> Ensures that all students participate in class activities. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Actively engage in classroom activities. <input type="radio"/> Discuss content and make connections between current lesson and their interests. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Encourage fellow students to participate and challenge themselves. <input type="radio"/> Actively engage in collaborative learning and group processes.
<p><input type="radio"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.</p>				

QUALITY STANDARD II

Teachers establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT D: Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of all students, including those with special needs, across a range of ability levels.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Adapts lesson plans to address individual student needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Implements recommendations of specialists and colleagues to address student needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Designs instruction to address learning needs of all students. <input type="radio"/> Monitors the quality of student participation and performance. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Solicits input from colleagues to understand students' learning needs. <input type="radio"/> Uses multiple strategies to teach and assess students. <input type="radio"/> Challenges and supports students to learn to their greatest ability. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Advocate for themselves. <input type="radio"/> Articulate their learning needs to their teacher and/or parent. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Apply coping skills to classroom situations. <input type="radio"/> Share coping strategies with fellow students. <input type="radio"/> Help fellow classmates by offering support.
ELEMENT E: Teachers provide proactive, clear and constructive feedback to families about student progress and work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Establishes a classroom environment that is inviting to families and significant adults. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Maintains respectful relationships with students, their families, and/or significant adults. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses a variety of methods to initiate communication with families and significant adults. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides clear and accurate feedback to parents and significant adults regarding student needs and progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinates flow of information between families and colleagues who provide student services. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Communicate freely and openly with teachers. <p>FAMILIES AND SIGNIFICANT ADULTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discuss student performance with the teacher. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in school-based activities. 	<p>... and</p> <p>FAMILIES AND SIGNIFICANT ADULTS</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Partner with the teacher to support student strengths and address next steps for learning.
ELEMENT F: Teachers create a learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior, efficient use of time and appropriate intervention strategies.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Provides clear expectations to guide student classroom behavior. <input type="radio"/> Holds students accountable for adherence to school and/or class rules. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Puts procedures in place to maximize instructional time. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Makes maximum use of instructional time. <input type="radio"/> Maintains a safe and orderly environment. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Stay on task during class periods. <input type="radio"/> Work without interruption. <input type="radio"/> Abide by school and class rules. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Accept responsibility for their behavior and use of time. <input type="radio"/> Help other students stay on task.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation. 				
<p>Evaluator Comments: Required for Ratings of "Basic" or "Partially Proficient" and recommended for all rating levels.</p>		<p>Comments of person being evaluated: Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.</p>		

QUALITY STANDARD III

Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate knowledge of current developmental science, the ways in which learning takes place, and the appropriate levels of intellectual, social, and emotional development of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Differentiates instruction. ○ Modifies content to assure that students are able to work at their ability levels. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Studies recent/current research to expand personal knowledge of how students learn. ○ Builds on the interrelatedness of students' intellectual, social, and emotional development. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Applies knowledge of current developmental science to address student needs. □ Collaborates with colleagues with experience in developmental science to improve the quality of lessons. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Seek materials and resources appropriate for their personal approach to learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS</p> <p>seek to understand:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ How they learn best. ○ Where their time and efforts are best used.
ELEMENT B: Teachers plan and consistently deliver instruction that draws on results of student assessments, is aligned to academic standards and advances students' level of content knowledge and skills.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Uses assessment results to guide adjustments to instruction. ○ Has explicit student outcomes in mind for each lesson. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Aligns instruction with academic standards and student assessment results. ○ Monitors instruction against student performance and makes real-time adjustments. ○ Assesses required skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Encourages students to take academic risks. ○ Makes sure students meet learning objectives while increasing mastery levels. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor their level of engagement. ○ Confer with the teacher to achieve learning targets. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS</p> <p>initiate activities to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Address their learning strengths and next steps. ○ Take academic risks.
ELEMENT C: Teachers demonstrate a rich knowledge of current research on effective instructional practices to meet the developmental and academic needs of their students.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Incorporates evidence-based strategies into lessons. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Makes connections between student data and research-based practices. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Individualizes instructional approach to meet unique needs of each student. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Embrace new and unique ways of learning as they are introduced through research-based lessons. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Apply skills and knowledge learned in the classroom.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. □ Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation. 				

QUALITY STANDARD III

Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT D: Teachers thoughtfully integrate and utilize appropriate available technology in their instruction to maximize student learning.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Uses available technology to facilitate classroom instruction. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Employs strategies and procedures to ensure that students have equitable access to available technology. ○ Monitors the use of available technology in the classroom. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER uses available technology to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Enhance student learning. ○ Develop students' knowledge and skills. ○ Enhance creative and innovative skills. ○ Provide engaging and motivating learning experiences. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Engage in virtual or face-to-face learning activities enhanced by appropriate use of available technology. ○ Produce creative and innovative products. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS use available technology to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Accelerate their learning. ○ Apply team building and networking skills. ○ Deepen critical thinking skills. ○ Communicate effectively.
ELEMENT E: Teachers establish and communicate high expectations for all students and plan instruction that helps students develop critical-thinking and problem solving skills.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Has high expectations for all students. ○ Holds students accountable for their learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Sets student expectations at a level that challenges students. ○ Incorporates critical thinking and problem-solving skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Challenges all students to learn to their greatest ability. ○ Explicitly teaches higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills. ○ Ensures that students perform at levels meeting or exceeding expectations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Help set their learning objectives. ○ Apply higher-order thinking and problem-solving skills to address challenging issues. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Monitor their progress toward achieving teacher's high expectations. ○ Seek opportunities to test their problem-solving and higher-order skills.
ELEMENT F: Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership qualities.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Includes all students in individual and group activities. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER plans lessons that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Provide opportunities for students to participate using various roles and modes of communication 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Flexibly groups students. ○ Adjusts team composition based on lesson objectives and student needs. ○ Varies group size, composition, and tasks to create opportunities for students to learn from each other. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Fulfill their assigned roles within the team. ○ Assume leadership roles in their teams. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Utilize group processes to build trust and promote effective interactions among team members. ○ Participate in teams in ways that build trust and ownership of ideas among team members.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. □ Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation. 				

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Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
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ELEMENT G: Teachers communicate effectively, making learning objectives clear and providing appropriate models of language.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Communicates effectively with students. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Models effective communication skills. <input type="radio"/> Encourages students to communicate effectively. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Teaches students to be effective communicators. <input type="radio"/> Provides opportunities for students to practice communication skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Apply effective written and oral communication skills in their work. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Use academic language in spoken and written work.
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ELEMENT H: Teachers use appropriate methods to assess what each student has learned, including formal and informal assessments, and use results to plan further instruction.

<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides actionable feedback to students, families, and significant adults. <input type="radio"/> Involves students in monitoring their learning. <input type="radio"/> Assesses learning outcomes appropriately. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Implements appropriate strategies for assigning grades. <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluates student performance based on multiple measures. <input type="checkbox"/> Includes documentation of student progress toward mastery of state content standards in assessment plans. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Uses a variety of assessment methods. <input type="radio"/> Provides actionable, timely, specific and individualized feedback about the quality of student work. <input type="radio"/> Teaches students to use feedback to improve their learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Self-assess on a variety of skills and concepts. <input type="radio"/> Articulate their personal strengths and needs based on self-assessment. <input type="radio"/> Effectively use formal and informal feedback to monitor their learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>STUDENTS assume ownership for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="radio"/> Monitoring their progress. <input type="radio"/> Setting learning goals. <input type="radio"/> Applying teacher feedback to improve performance and accelerate their learning.
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- Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation.
- Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.

Evaluator Comments:
Required for Ratings of "Basic" or "Partially Proficient" and recommended for all rating levels.

Comments of person being evaluated:
Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.

QUALITY STANDARD IV				
Teachers reflect on their practice.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate that they analyze student learning, development and growth and apply what they learn to improve their practice.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Collects and analyzes student data to inform instruction. <p>Uses data to:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Support student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Inform practice.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Collects multiple examples of student work to determine student progress over time.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER applies knowledge of student learning, development, and growth to the development of:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans. <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional strategies.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER develops student learning plans based on:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Multiple examples of student work. <input type="checkbox"/> Other data points. <input type="checkbox"/> Information gathered from students, families, and colleagues.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Monitors and evaluates personal behavioral changes to determine what works for students.
ELEMENT B: Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Implements performance feedback from supervisor and/or colleagues to improve practice. <p>Actively engages in professional development focused on:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Addressing student needs. <input type="checkbox"/> School and district initiatives. <input type="checkbox"/> Meeting professional goals.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER engages in professional development activities based on:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Likelihood of having a positive impact on student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Alignment with Colorado Academic Standards and school and district initiatives. <input type="checkbox"/> Current research. <input type="checkbox"/> Student needs.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates for professional development that is evidence based and targeted toward improving student outcomes. <input type="checkbox"/> Applies knowledge and skills learned through professional development to professional practice.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Implements new and different instructional strategies based on current research and district initiatives. <input type="checkbox"/> Adapts teaching skills to meet student needs	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Develops and follows a long-term professional development plan.
ELEMENT C: Teachers are able to respond to a complex, dynamic environment.				
<p>THE TEACHER collaborates with colleagues to:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Implement new ideas to improve teaching and learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Support struggling students. <input type="checkbox"/> Contribute to campus goals.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains a positive, productive and respectful relationship with colleagues.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER initiates and leads collaborative activities with colleagues to:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Analyze student data and interpret results. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply findings to improve teaching practice. <input type="checkbox"/> Support struggling and/or advanced/above grade level students.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Serves as a critical friend for colleagues, both providing and receiving feedback on performance.	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <input type="checkbox"/> Strengthens teaching practice by adapting instructional practices based on colleague feedback and other types of performance data.
<input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.				
<p>Evaluator Comments: Required for Ratings of “Basic” or “Partially Proficient” and recommended for all rating levels.</p>		<p>Comments of person being evaluated: Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.</p>		

QUALITY STANDARD V

Teachers demonstrate leadership.

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in school activities expected of all teachers. <input type="checkbox"/> Works collaboratively for the benefit of students and families. <input type="checkbox"/> Supports school goals and initiatives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contributes to school committees and teams. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborates with school-based teams to leverage the skills and knowledge of colleagues and families. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shares lessons learned with colleagues. <input type="checkbox"/> Confers with school administrators to improve teacher working and student learning conditions. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER</p> <p>initiates and leads collaborative activities that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Partner with families to coordinate learning between home and school. <input type="checkbox"/> Share ideas to improve teaching and learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Support struggling students.
ELEMENT B: Teachers contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and the teaching profession.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Shares expertise with colleagues. <input type="checkbox"/> Supports the work of colleagues. <input type="checkbox"/> Actively participates in activities designed to improve policies and procedures that affect school climate, family partnering, and student learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER</p> <p>collaborates with colleagues to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Support student growth and development. <input type="checkbox"/> Provide input into policies and procedures that affect school climate and student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Partner with families. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Leads professional growth and development activities whenever possible. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in district-wide decision-making processes that impact the school community, including families. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates for the inclusion of teachers and families in education and government decision-making processes.
ELEMENT C: Teachers advocate for schools and students, partnering with students, families and communities as appropriate.				
<p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Partners with every family to support student success. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Discusses potential revisions to policies and procedures with administrators to better address student, family, and school needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Contributes to school and/or district committees to advocate for students and their families. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates for students and the school to external agencies and groups. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE TEACHER:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborates with professional, governmental, and/or community agencies to advocate for curricular, school, and instructional improvements.
<p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.</p>				

QUALITY STANDARD V Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards.				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT D: Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.				
THE TEACHER: <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains confidentiality of student records as required by law. <input type="checkbox"/> Adheres to standards of professional practice.	... and THE TEACHER: <input type="radio"/> Models ethical behavior, including honesty, integrity, fair treatment, and respect for others.	... and THE TEACHER: <input type="checkbox"/> Maintains confidentiality of student, family, and fellow teacher interactions as well as student data.	... and THE TEACHER: <input type="radio"/> Helps students understand the importance of ethical behavior as an individual and member of society.	... and STUDENTS: Demonstrate: <input type="radio"/> Honesty <input type="radio"/> Respect for others.
<input type="radio"/> Professional Practice is Observable during a classroom observation. <input type="checkbox"/> Professional Practice is Not Observable during a classroom observation.				
Evaluator Comments: Required for Ratings of "Basic" or "Partially Proficient" and recommended for all rating levels.		Comments of person being evaluated: Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.		

Teacher Evaluation Worksheet

This form should be completed by the evaluator prior to the final evaluation and goal-setting meeting held each spring. The teacher and evaluator should discuss the contents of this form, the accompanying Summary Evaluation Sheet, and the Goal-Setting Form and at that time they should agree on the professional practices ratings as well as the recommended actions for improvement, resources needed to accomplish those actions and a determination of how the teacher and evaluator will know improvements have been made.

QUALITY STANDARD I					
Teachers demonstrate mastery of and pedagogical expertise in the content they teach. The elementary teacher is an expert in literacy and mathematics and is knowledgeable in all other content that he or she teaches (e.g., science, social studies, arts, physical education, or world languages). The secondary teacher has knowledge of literacy and mathematics and is an expert in his or her content endorsement area(s).					
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A. Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards, their district's organized plan of instruction, and the individual needs of their students.					
B. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.					
C. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement, and data analysis and probability.					
D. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.					
E. Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/ disciplines.					
F. Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students' background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.					
Overall Rating for Standard I					

<p>Comments:</p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement:</p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions:</p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student achievement data <input type="checkbox"/> Feedback from walkthrough observations <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional activities schedules <input type="checkbox"/> Student journals/learning logs <p>At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans <input type="checkbox"/> Student work <input type="checkbox"/> Parent feedback
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QUALITY STANDARD II					
Teachers establish a safe, inclusive and respectful learning environment for a diverse population of students.					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Teachers foster a predictable learning environment in the classroom in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.					
B. Teachers demonstrate a commitment to and respect for diversity, while working toward common goals as a community and as a country.					
C. Teachers engage students as individuals with unique interests and strengths.					
D. Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of all students, including those with special needs, across a range of ability levels.					
E. Teachers provide proactive, clear and constructive feedback to families about student progress and work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students.					
F. Teachers create a learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior, efficient use of time and appropriate intervention strategies.					
Overall Rating for Standard II					
<p>Comments:</p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement:</p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions:</p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student achievement data <input type="checkbox"/> Feedback from walkthrough observations <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional activities schedules <input type="checkbox"/> Student journals/learning logs <p>At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans <input type="checkbox"/> Student work <input type="checkbox"/> Parent feedback 				

QUALITY STANDARD III					
Teachers plan and deliver effective instruction and create an environment that facilitates learning for their students.					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of current developmental science, the ways in which learning takes place and the appropriate levels of intellectual, social and emotional development of their students.					
B. Teachers plan and consistently deliver instruction that draws on results of student assessments, is aligned to academic standards and advances students' level of content knowledge and skills.					
C. Teachers demonstrate a rich knowledge of current research on effective instructional practices to meet the developmental and academic needs of their students.					
D. Teachers thoughtfully integrate and utilize appropriate available technology in their instruction to maximize student learning.					
E. Teachers establish and communicate high expectations for all students and plan instruction that helps students develop critical-thinking and problem solving skills.					
F. Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership qualities.					
G. Teachers communicate effectively, making learning objectives clear and providing appropriate models of language.					
H. Teachers use appropriate methods to assess what each student has learned, including formal and informal assessments, and use results to plan further instruction.					
Overall Rating for Standard III					

<p>Comments:</p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement:</p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions:</p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student achievement data <input type="checkbox"/> Feedback from walkthrough observations <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional activities schedules <input type="checkbox"/> Student journals/learning logs <input type="checkbox"/> Anecdotal records <input type="checkbox"/> Formative and summative assessments of student work <p>At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans <input type="checkbox"/> Student work <input type="checkbox"/> Parent feedback
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QUALITY STANDARD IV Teachers reflect on their practice.					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Teachers demonstrate that they analyze student learning, development, and growth and apply what they learn to improve their practice.					
B. Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.					
C. Teachers are able to respond to a complex, dynamic environment.					
Overall Rating for Standard IV					

<p>Comments:</p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement:</p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions:</p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student achievement data <input type="checkbox"/> Self-reflection templates <input type="checkbox"/> Assessment plans <input type="checkbox"/> Data analysis record <input type="checkbox"/> Responses to feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Student portfolios <p>At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans <input type="checkbox"/> Student work <input type="checkbox"/> Parent feedback
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QUALITY STANDARD V Teachers demonstrate leadership.					
	B	PP	P	A	E
D. Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.					
E. Teachers contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and the teaching profession.					
F. Teachers advocate for schools and students, partnering with students, families and communities as appropriate.					
G. Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards.					
Overall Rating for Standard V					

<p>Comments:</p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement:</p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions:</p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student achievement data <input type="checkbox"/> Documentation of service on teams, task forces, and committees <input type="checkbox"/> Notes from parent and community meetings <input type="checkbox"/> Records of advocacy activities <p>At least one of the following artifacts must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Peer feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Lesson plans <input type="checkbox"/> Student work <input type="checkbox"/> Parent feedback
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Teacher Summary Evaluation Score Sheet

This form provides a summary of the teacher’s ratings on Quality Standards 1 through 5 and their associated elements and should be used to guide discussions regarding strengths and areas needing improvement. It may also be used to inform the teacher’s growth plan and development of personal and school goals for the subsequent year.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
I. MASTERY OF AND PEDAGOGICAL EXPERTISE IN THE CONTENT THEY TEACH	A. Teachers provide instruction that is aligned with the Colorado Academic Standards; their District’s organized plan of instruction; and the individual needs of their students.						
	B. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of student literacy development in reading, writing, speaking and listening.						
	C. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of mathematics and understand how to promote student development in numbers and operations, algebra, geometry and measurement, and data analysis and probability.						
	D. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of the content, central concepts, tools of inquiry, appropriate evidence-based instructional practices and specialized character of the disciplines being taught.						
	E. Teachers develop lessons that reflect the interconnectedness of content areas/ disciplines.						
	F. Teachers make instruction and content relevant to students and take actions to connect students’ background and contextual knowledge with new information being taught.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard I =						
Determine Rating for Standard I: 0 to 2 = Basic 3 to 8 = Partially Proficient 9 to 14 = Proficient 15 to 20 = Accomplished 21 to 24 = Exemplary							
Determine contribution of Standard I to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:							
$\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. I}) \times (\text{Std. I Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$							
Calculation Work Space:*							

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS						# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts		
II. SAFE, INCLUSIVE AND RESPECTFUL LEARNING ENVIRONMENT FOR DIVERSE POPULATION OF STUDENTS	A. Teachers foster a predictable learning environment in the classroom in which each student has a positive, nurturing relationship with caring adults and peers.							
	B. Teachers demonstrate a commitment to and respect for diversity, while working toward common goals as a community and as a country.							
	C. Teachers engage students as individuals with unique interests and strengths.							
	D. Teachers adapt their teaching for the benefit of all students, including those with special needs, across a range of ability levels.							
	E. Teachers provide proactive, clear and constructive feedback to families about student progress and work collaboratively with the families and significant adults in the lives of their students.							
	F. Teachers create a learning environment characterized by acceptable student behavior, efficient use of time, and appropriate intervention strategies.							
	Total Points Earned for Standard II =							
Determine Rating for Standard II: 0 to 2 = Basic 3 to 8 = Partially Proficient 9 to 14 = Proficient 15 to 20 = Accomplished 21 to 24 = Exemplary								
Determine contribution of Standard II to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:								
$\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. II}) \times (\text{Std. II Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$								
Calculation Work Space:*								

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QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS						# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts		
III. EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION AND AN ENVIRONMENT THAT FACILITATES LEARNING	A. Teachers demonstrate knowledge of current developmental science, the ways in which learning takes place, and the appropriate levels of intellectual, social, and emotional development of their students.							
	B. Teachers plan and consistently deliver instruction that draws on results of student assessments, is aligned to academic standards, and advances students' level of content knowledge and skills.							
	C. Teachers demonstrate a rich knowledge of current research on effective instructional practices to meet the developmental and academic needs of their students.							
	D. Teachers thoughtfully integrate and utilize appropriate available technology in their instruction to maximize student learning.							
	E. Teachers establish and communicate high expectations for all students and plan instruction that helps students develop critical-thinking and problem solving skills.							
	F. Teachers provide students with opportunities to work in teams and develop leadership qualities.							
	G. Teachers communicate effectively, making learning objectives clear and providing appropriate models of language.							
	H. Teachers use appropriate methods to assess what each student has learned, including formal and informal assessments, and use results to plan further instruction.							
	Total Points Earned for Standard III =							
Determine Rating for Standard III: 0 to 3 = Basic 4 to 11 = Partially Proficient 12 to 19 = Proficient 20 to 27 = Accomplished 28 to 32 = Exemplary								
Determine contribution of Standard III to the Overall Professional Practices Rating: $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. III}) \times (\text{Std. III Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>								

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
IV. REFLECTIONS ON PRACTICE	A. Teachers demonstrate that they analyze student learning, development, and growth and apply what they learn to improve their practice.						
	B. Teachers link professional growth to their professional goals.						
	C. Teachers are able to respond to a complex, dynamic environment.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard IV =						
	Determine Overall Rating for Standard IV:		0 to 1 = Basic 2 to 4 = Partially Proficient 5 to 7 = Proficient 8 to 10 = Accomplished 11 to 12 = Exemplary				
<p style="text-align: center;">Determine contribution of Standard IV to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. IV}) \times (\text{Std. IV Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>							

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
V. LEADERSHIP	A. Teachers demonstrate leadership in their schools.						
	B. Teachers contribute knowledge and skills to educational practices and the teaching profession.						
	C. Teachers advocate for schools and students, partnering with students, families and communities as appropriate.						
	D. Teachers demonstrate high ethical standards.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard V =						
	Determine Overall Rating for Standard V:		0 to 1 = Basic 2 to 5 = Partially Proficient 6 to 9 = Proficient 10 to 13 = Accomplished 14 to 16 = Exemplary				
<p style="text-align: center;">Determine contribution of Standard V to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. V}) \times (\text{Std. V Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>							

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Determining the Overall Rating for Professional Practices

Remember to go back to each standard and record the total points calculated and rating level for each standard using the chart below.

QUALITY STANDARD	Total Points Earned
I. Mastery of and Pedagogical Expertise in the Content They Teach	
II. Safe, Inclusive and Respectful Learning Environment for Diverse Population of Students	
III. Effective Instruction and an Environment that Facilitates Learning	
IV. Reflection on Practice	
V. Leadership	
Total Points for All Standards	

Translating the Total Points for All Standards to Overall Professional Practices Rating

Total Number of Points Received	Rating for Number of Points Received	Total Number of Points Received for this Evaluation =
0 to 2.00 points	Basic	Overall Professional Practices Rating =
2.01 to 7.00 points	Partially Proficient	
7.01 to 12.00 points	Proficient	
12.01 to 17.00 points	Accomplished	
17.01 to 20.00 points	Exemplary	

Scoring of the rubric is designed so that each standard may be weighted by the district or BOCES in order to emphasize the initiatives or skills of importance to the locality. Weighting of the standards impacts the overall professional practices rating (Basic, Partially Proficient, Proficient, Accomplished, Exemplary), which in turn impacts the educator's overall effectiveness rating (Ineffective, Partially Effective, Effective or Highly Effective). Guidance for determining the overall effectiveness rating using both the professional practices rating and measures of student learning may be found [here](#).

Professional Growth Plan for Colorado Teachers

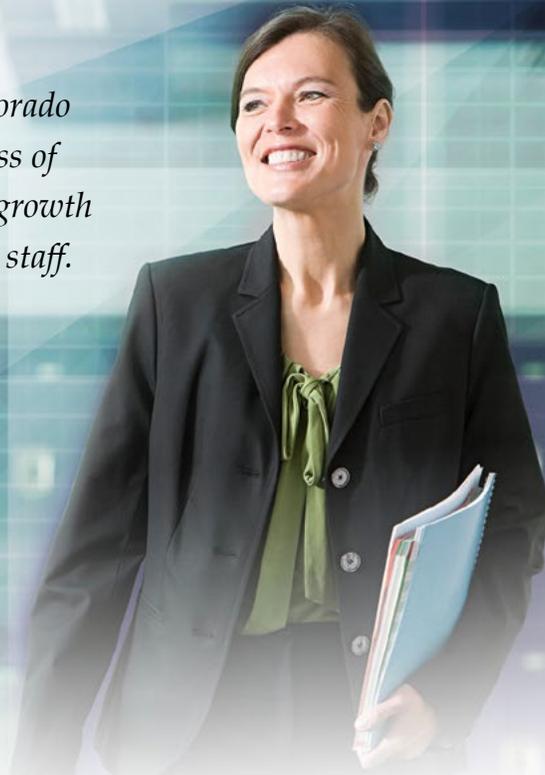
Record up to three professional growth goals aligned with your evaluation results. Your goals should be specific and measurable. While each of the goals is important, they should be listed in rank order with the most important listed first. Also record the action steps required to address each growth goal and the standard(s) and element(s) to which the goals and actions are aligned. Please insert additional rows if additional steps are needed. This form should be updated throughout the year as progress toward achieving goals is attained.

NAME		POSITION/TITLE	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL(S)	DATE DEVELOPED	DATE REVISED
Standard(s) and Element(s) to Which Goal Applies	End-of-Year Rating Level on Standard(s) and Element(s)	Action Step		Who is Responsible for Support and/or Mentoring?	Data to be Collected to Demonstrate Progress	Evidence of Progress Toward Achieving Goal
		Professional Growth Goal #1:				
		1.				
		2.				
		3.				
		Professional Growth Goal #2:				
		1.				
		2.				
		3.				
		Professional Growth Goal #3:				
		1.				
		2.				
		3.				

Mid-Year Performance Discussion

Professional Growth Goals and Action Steps	Status of Action Steps	Barriers to Successful Completion by Year End	Strategies to Address Barriers	Comments
Goal 1:				
1.				
2.				
3.				
Goal 2:				
1.				
2.				
3.				
Goal 3:				
1.				
2.				
3.				

Effective principals in the state of Colorado are responsible for the collective success of their schools, including the learning, growth and achievement of both students and staff.



Colorado's Model Evaluation System for Principals and Assistant Principals

Principals and assistant principals have many areas of responsibility. They are the holders of the school's vision and facilitate the strategies needed to accomplish the school's goals. They provide instructional leadership to their teachers, manage interpersonal dynamics within the school and external relations outside the school, and oversee budget, human resources and other operational functions. Ultimately, the principal is held accountable for the success of the school.

Principals and assistant principals in Colorado will be evaluated on measures of student learning as well as their demonstrated leadership abilities, including their ability to effectively support the teachers in their schools. The use of Professional Growth Plans will guide their professional planning, goal-setting, professional development and evaluation criteria. The Colorado State Model Evaluation System for principals includes the following components:

1. The Statewide Definition of Principal and Assistant Principal Effectiveness:

All districts and BOCES are required to use the state-approved definitions for effectiveness for the person or group whose evaluations they are conducting.

Effective principals in the state of Colorado are responsible for the collective success of their schools, including the learning, growth and achievement of both students and staff. As the schools' primary instructional leaders, effective principals enable critical discourse and data-driven reflection about curriculum, assessment, instruction, and student progress, and create structures to facilitate improvement. Effective principals are adept at creating systems that maximize the utilization of resources and human capital, foster collaboration and facilitate constructive change. By creating a common vision and articulating shared values, effective principals lead and manage their schools in a manner that supports schools' ability to promote equity and to continually improve their positive impact on students and families.

2. The Colorado Principal Quality Standards and Their Related Elements and Artifacts¹

The Principal Quality Standards outline the knowledge and skills required of an effective principal and will be used to evaluate principals in the state of Colorado. All school districts and BOCES shall base their evaluations of their principals on either the full set of Principal Quality Standards and associated Elements included below, or shall adopt their own locally developed standards that meet or exceed the Principal Quality Standards and Elements. A School District or BOCES that adopts its own locally developed standards shall crosswalk those standards to the Principal Quality Standards and Elements, so that the school district or BOCES is able to report the data required by section 6.04 of these rules.

QUALITY STANDARD I

Principals demonstrate strategic leadership.

ELEMENT A: School Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals

Principals collaboratively develop the vision, mission, values, expectations and goals of the school, collaboratively determine the processes used to establish these foundations, and facilitate their integration into the life of the school community.

ELEMENT B: School Plan

Principals ensure that a plan is in place that supports improved academic achievement and developmental outcomes for all students, and provides for data-based

progress monitoring.

ELEMENT C: Leading Change

Principals solicit input and collaborate with staff and their school community to implement strategies for change and improvements that result in improved achievement and developmental outcomes for all students.

ELEMENT D: Distributive Leadership

Principals create and utilize processes to distribute leadership and support collaborative efforts throughout the school among teachers and administrators.

QUALITY STANDARD II

Principals demonstrate instructional leadership.

ELEMENT A: Curriculum, Instruction, Learning, and Assessment

Principals promote school-wide efforts to establish, implement and refine appropriate expectations for curriculum, instructional practices, assessment and use of data on student learning based on scientific research and evidence-based practices that result in student academic achievement.

ELEMENT B: Instructional Time

Principals create processes and schedules which maximize instructional, collaborative and preparation time.

ELEMENT C: Implementing High-Quality Instruction

Principals support Teachers through ongoing, actionable feedback and needs-based professional development

to ensure that rigorous, relevant and evidence-based instruction and authentic learning experiences meet the needs of all students and are aligned across P-20.

ELEMENT D: High Expectations for All Students

Principals hold all staff accountable for setting and achieving rigorous performance goals for all students, and empower staff to achieve these goals across content areas.

ELEMENT E: Instructional Practices

Principals demonstrate a rich knowledge of effective instructional practices, as identified by research on best practices, in order to support and guide Teachers in data-based decision making regarding effective practices to maximize student success.

¹ These are from the Rules issued on Nov. 9, 2011 and approved on Feb. 15, 2012.

QUALITY STANDARD III

Principals demonstrate school cultural and equity leadership.

ELEMENT A: Intentional and Collaborative School Culture

Principals articulate, model and positively reinforce a clear vision and values of the school's culture, and involve students, families and staff in creating an inclusive and welcoming climate that supports it.

ELEMENT B: Commitment to the Whole Child

Principals promote the cognitive, physical, social and emotional health, growth and skill development of every student.

ELEMENT C: Equity Pedagogy

Principals demonstrate a commitment to a diverse population of students by creating an inclusive and

positive school culture, and provide instruction in meeting the needs of diverse students, talents, experiences and challenges in support of student achievement.

ELEMENT D: Efficacy, Empowerment, and a Culture of Continuous Improvement

Principals and their leadership team foster a school culture that encourages continual improvement through reliance on research, innovation, prudent risk-taking, high expectations for all students and teachers, and a valid assessment of outcomes.

QUALITY STANDARD IV

Principals demonstrate human resource leadership.

ELEMENT A: Professional Development/Learning Communities

Principals ensure that the school is a professional learning community that provides opportunities for collaboration, fosters teacher learning and develops teacher leaders in a manner that is consistent with local structures, contracts, policies and strategic plans.

ELEMENT B: Recruiting, Hiring, Placing, Mentoring, and Dismissal of Staff

Principals establish and effectively manage processes

and systems that ensure a knowledgeable, high-quality, high-performing staff.

ELEMENT C: Teacher and Staff Evaluation

Principals evaluate staff performance using the District's Educator evaluation system in order to ensure that teachers and staff are evaluated in a fair and equitable manner with a focus on improving teacher and staff performance and, thus, student achievement.

QUALITY STANDARD V

Principals demonstrate managerial leadership.

ELEMENT A: School Resources and Budget

Principals establish systems for marshaling all available school resources to facilitate the work that needs to be done to improve student learning, academic achievement and overall healthy development for all students.

ELEMENT B: Conflict Management and Resolution

Principals proactively and efficiently manage the complexity of human interactions and relationships, including those among and between parents/guardians, students and staff.

ELEMENT C: Systematic Communication

Principals facilitate the design and utilization of various forms of formal and informal communication with all school stakeholders.

ELEMENT D: School-wide Expectations for Students and Staff

Principals ensure that clear expectations, structures, rules and procedures are established for students and staff.

ELEMENT E: Supporting Policies and Agreements

Principals regularly update their knowledge of federal and state laws, and School District and board policies, including negotiated agreements, if applicable, and establish processes to ensure that these policies, laws and agreements are consistently met and implemented.

ELEMENT F: Ensuring an Orderly and Supportive Environment

Principals ensure that the school provides an orderly and supportive environment that fosters a climate of safety, respect, and well-being.

QUALITY STANDARD VI**Principals demonstrate external development leadership.****ELEMENT A: Family and Community Involvement and Outreach**

Principals design and/or utilize structures and processes which result in family and community engagement, support and ownership for the school.

ELEMENT B: Professional Leadership Responsibilities

Principals strive to improve the profession by collaborating with their colleagues, School District leadership and other stakeholders to drive the development and successful implementation of initiatives that better serve students, Teachers and

schools at all levels of the education system. They ensure that these initiatives are consistent with federal and state laws, School District and board policies, and negotiated agreements where applicable.

ELEMENT C: Advocacy for the School

Principals develop systems and relationships to leverage the School District and community resources available to them both within and outside of the school in order to maximize the school's ability to serve the best interest of students and families.

QUALITY STANDARD VII**Principals demonstrate leadership around measures of student learning.****ELEMENT A: Student Academic Achievement and Growth**

Principals take responsibility for ensuring that all students are progressing toward postsecondary and workforce readiness standards to be mastered by high school graduation. Principals prepare students for success by ensuring mastery of all Colorado Academic Standards, including 21st century skills.

ELEMENT B: Student Growth and Development

Principals take responsibility for facilitating the preparation of students with the skills, dispositions and attitudes necessary for success in work and postsecondary education, including democratic and civic participation.

ELEMENT C: Use of Data

Principals use evidence and data to evaluate the performance and practices of their schools, in order to continually improve attainment of Student Academic Growth. They take responsibility and devise an intentional plan for ensuring that staff is knowledgeable in how to utilize evidence and data to inform instructional decision making to maximize the educational opportunities and instructional program for every child.

3. Measures Used to Determine Effectiveness

Measures used to determine the effectiveness of principals and assistant principals include:

- **Measures of professional practice** (Standards I-VI) that include teacher and staff perceptions and the distribution of effectiveness ratings of teachers in the school, and that may include multiple other measures
- **Multiple measures of student academic growth and achievement** (Standard VII) that include measures contained in the School Performance Framework and at least one other measure, and that are consistent with measures of student learning used to evaluate teachers in the school
- Procedures for **weighting** measures of performance that ensure that measures of student learning and achievement represent at least 50 percent of total performance measures

4. Procedures for Conducting Evaluations

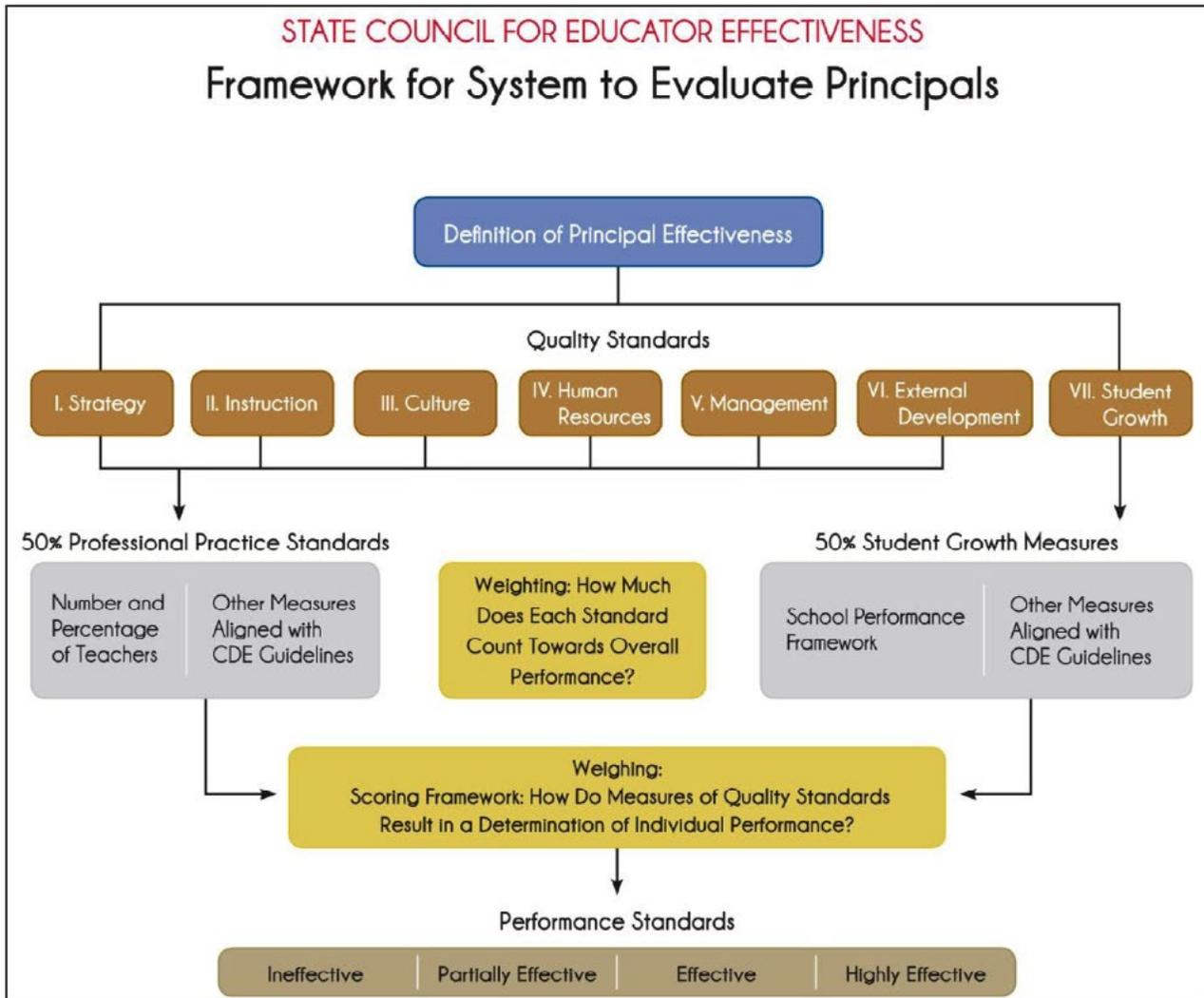
Procedures for conducting evaluations may be determined on a local level, provided that they ensure that data is regularly collected, associated feedback and improvement opportunities are regularly provided and principals/assistant principals receive a formal evaluation and performance standard designation by the end of each academic year.

5. Performance Rating Levels

There are **four performance rating levels**: Highly Effective, Effective, Partially Effective and Ineffective.

The state framework for the principal evaluation system, developed by the State Council for Educator Effectiveness, illustrates the relationships of the system components and the weight professional practice plays with respect to measures of student learning. As Exhibit 21 illustrates, Quality Standards I through VI deal with professional practice while Quality Standard VII deals with measures of student learning.

EXHIBIT 21: Framework for System to Evaluate Principals and Assistant Principals



Principal and Assistant Principal Evaluation Process: Forms

Evaluation Process Tracking Form

NAME	POSITION/TITLE	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL(S)
DATE DEVELOPED	DATE REVISED	SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	EVALUATOR APPROVAL (if different from supervisor)

ACTIVITY	DATE COMPLETED	PRINCIPAL/ ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL SIGNATURE	EVALUATOR/ SUPERVISOR SIGNATURE	COMMENTS
Training				
Orientation				
Self-Assessment			/	
Review of Annual Goals and Performance Plan				
Mid-Year Review				
Evaluator Assessment				
End-of-Year Review				
Final Ratings				
Goal-Setting and Performance Planning				

Rubric for Evaluating Colorado's Principals and Assistant Principals

Effective principals in the state of Colorado are responsible for the collective success of their schools, including the learning, growth and achievement of both students and staff. As the schools' primary instructional leaders, effective principals enable critical discourse and data-driven reflection about curriculum, assessment, instruction, and student progress, and create structures to facilitate improvement. Effective principals are adept at creating systems that maximize the utilization of resources and human capital, foster collaboration, and facilitate constructive change. By creating a common vision and articulating shared values, effective principals lead and manage their schools in a manner that supports schools' ability to promote equity and to continually improve their positive impact on students and families.

QUALITY STANDARD I				
Principals Demonstrate Strategic Leadership				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: School Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals				
Principals collaboratively develop the vision, mission, values, expectations and goals of the school, collaboratively determine the processes used to establish these foundations and facilitate their integration into the life of the school community.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL ensures that the vision, mission, values, beliefs and goals of school are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Familiar to staff and other stakeholders. <input type="checkbox"/> Developed through a collaborative process including staff and other stakeholder groups. <input type="checkbox"/> Routinely updated. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL ensures that the school's vision, mission, and strategic goals are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Part of routine school communications with staff and other stakeholders. <input type="checkbox"/> Integrated into school programs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL collaboratively establishes strategic goals that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focused on student achievement. <input type="checkbox"/> Based on the analysis of multiple sources of information. <input type="checkbox"/> Aligned with district priorities. <input type="checkbox"/> Measurable. <input type="checkbox"/> Rigorous. <input type="checkbox"/> Concrete. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Incorporate strategic goals into their instructional plans. <input type="checkbox"/> Identify and address barriers to achieving the school's vision, mission and goals. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboratively implement strategies to address the school's vision, mission, and strategic goals. <input type="checkbox"/> Assume leadership roles in updating the school's vision, mission, and strategic goals.
ELEMENT B: School Plan				
Principals ensure that a plan is in place that supports improved academic achievement and developmental outcomes for all students, and provides for data-based progress monitoring.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Implements systems and processes for planning and managing change. <input type="checkbox"/> Works collaboratively to develop the school plan. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL communicates effectively to staff and other stakeholders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Personal commitment to continuous school and district improvement. <input type="checkbox"/> Components of school's plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Progress toward meeting school goals and outcomes. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL establishes clear and consistent processes and systems to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor progress toward achieving school goals and student outcomes. <input type="checkbox"/> Regularly revise school goals and outcomes based on progress monitoring data. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Conscientiously implement the school plan. <input type="checkbox"/> Address barriers to achieving school's vision, mission, and strategic goals. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Track student progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Collaboratively develop short-term and long-term plans to improve student outcomes.

QUALITY STANDARD I

Principals Demonstrate Strategic Leadership

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
<p>ELEMENT C: Leading Change Principals solicit input and collaborate with staff and their school community to implement strategies for change and improvements that result in improved achievement and developmental outcomes.</p>				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Acknowledges the importance of meaningful change. <p>Has processes in place for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Resource allocation. <input type="checkbox"/> Addressing barriers to change. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides support for change efforts within the school. <input type="checkbox"/> Coaches others in leading change. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL establishes clear and effective processes to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide opportunities for all staff to engage in school change efforts. <input type="checkbox"/> Manage change. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lead school planning efforts. <input type="checkbox"/> Implement approved school change strategies. <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipate, identify and address barriers to positive change. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lead school change efforts. <input type="checkbox"/> Set challenging student learning goals.

ELEMENT D: Distributive Leadership

Principals create and utilize processes to distribute leadership and support collaborative efforts throughout the school among teachers and administrators.

<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Involves staff in the school's decision making processes. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assumes responsibility for decision making process. <input type="checkbox"/> Includes parents, families, and the larger school community in decision making processes. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL involves school staff members in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Selecting and implementing effective improvement strategies. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Lead planning and monitoring efforts. <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborate on school planning efforts. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS AND OTHER STAKEHOLDERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in meaningful school leadership activities.
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QUALITY STANDARD II**Principals Demonstrate Instructional Leadership**

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Curriculum, Instruction, Learning and Assessment Principals promote school-wide efforts to establish, implement and refine appropriate expectations for curriculum, instructional practices, assessment and use of data on student learning based on scientific research and evidence-based practices that result in student academic achievement.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL: Sets expectations for staff regarding:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Differentiating instruction. <input type="checkbox"/> Assessing student work. <input type="checkbox"/> Monitoring student progress. <input type="checkbox"/> Aligning instructional strategies with student performance standards. <input type="checkbox"/> Applying research based strategies. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL: reinforces instructional initiatives through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> School wide activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Implementation of the district's approved curriculum. <input type="checkbox"/> Clear, consistent, and frequent communication with staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Consistent and objective use of data for decision making. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL: implements a school wide instructional approach that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Reflective of input from staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Aligned with student performance standards. <input type="checkbox"/> Supported by research. <input type="checkbox"/> Enhanced by the use of appropriate technologies. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop and implement ideas for improving student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Use evidence-based practices. <input type="checkbox"/> Refine curriculum, instruction, and assessment approaches based on data, school wide discussions and idea generation. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Initiate classroom based changes based on discussions with colleagues and results of data analysis. <input type="checkbox"/> Make corrections to their instructional approaches based on personal reflection. <input type="checkbox"/> Use evidence-based strategies appropriate for addressing school and student needs.
ELEMENT B: Instructional Time Principals create processes and schedules which maximize instructional, collaborative and preparation time.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Limits interruptions to instruction. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manages time so teaching and learning are the school's top priority. <input type="checkbox"/> Implements a master schedule providing planning and collaboration time for all staff. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Quickly and efficiently resolves issues that disrupt the school day. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: protect instructional time by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Assuring that students stay on task. <input type="checkbox"/> Limiting transitions that can influence time available. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Advocate to administrators for uninterrupted instructional time. <input type="checkbox"/> Adjust instructional strategies to maximize time on task.
ELEMENT C: Implementing High-quality Instruction Principals support teachers through ongoing, actionable feedback and needs-based professional development to ensure that rigorous, relevant and evidence-based instruction and authentic learning experiences meet the needs of all students and are aligned across P-20.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides needs based professional development. <input type="checkbox"/> Supports staff in the implementation of a rigorous instructional program. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Aligns professional development offerings with the school's most critical needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Actively engages in professional development activities along with staff. <p>Provides performance feedback to teachers that is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Actionable. <input type="checkbox"/> Timely. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL: ensures that the school's instructional program is:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Relevant to students' needs and interests. <input type="checkbox"/> Focused on quality of classroom instruction. <input type="checkbox"/> Aligned with P-20. <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence-based. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Actively participate in professional development activities to develop and/or sustain their leadership capacity. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify their professional development needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Apply lessons learned through professional development.

QUALITY STANDARD II

Principals Demonstrate Instructional Leadership

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ELEMENT D: High Expectations for all Students

Principals hold all staff accountable for setting and achieving rigorous performance goals for all students, and empower staff to achieve these goals across content areas.

<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Leads the development of student outcomes and educator goals. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Communicates a belief in high measurable goals/outcomes for students and staff. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL sets student learning goals that are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Measurable. <input type="checkbox"/> Rigorous. <input type="checkbox"/> Consistently addressed. <input type="checkbox"/> Aligned with district priorities. <input type="checkbox"/> Based on multiple sources of information. <input type="checkbox"/> Holds staff accountable for achieving student learning goals. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Set rigorous but achievable individual learning goals for students. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in the development of rigorous but achievable school goals. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that all students achieve the rigorous outcomes they set for them.
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ELEMENT E: Instructional Practices

Principals demonstrate a rich knowledge of effective instructional practices, as identified by research on best practices, in order to support and guide teachers in data-based decision making regarding effective practices to maximize student success.

<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides instructional coaching for teachers. <input type="checkbox"/> Stays abreast of evidence based practices associated with improved student learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Participates in professional development and adult learning activities to understand evidence based student learning research. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides data-based feedback on instructional practices to teachers. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluates professional development activities to assure that they result in improved instructional and assessment practices. <input type="checkbox"/> Supports teacher efforts to engage in data-based decision making. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use data to guide and support instructional changes. <input type="checkbox"/> Collect, analyze, and share data related to changes to instructional practices. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Share knowledge of school successes with colleagues and others interested in making positive school changes.
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QUALITY STANDARD III**Principals Demonstrate School Culture and Equity Leadership**

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Intentional and Collaborative School Culture Principals articulate, model and positively reinforce a clear vision and values of the school's culture and involve students, families and staff in creating an inclusive and welcoming climate that supports it.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes a school culture that is inviting to students, staff, and visitors. <p>Communicates with families and the community:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Frequently. <input type="checkbox"/> Focusing on including them in the school's activities. <input type="checkbox"/> In an inclusive manner. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL invites families and community members into the school to participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Decision making processes. <input type="checkbox"/> Parent conferences. <input type="checkbox"/> Activities to learn about how to help students. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes an inclusive school culture based on collaboration among and between students, parents, staff, and the community. <input type="checkbox"/> Consistently monitors school culture to ensure that it is conducive to student learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>PARENTS, FAMILIES, AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS participate in:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> A variety of meaningful school-based activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Decision making processes related to their children's education. 	<p>... and</p> <p>PARENTS AND SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Collaborate on student learning initiatives.
ELEMENT B: Commitment to the Whole Child Principals promote the cognitive, physical, social and emotional health, growth and skill development of every student.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Understands the interconnectedness of students' physical, cognitive, social, and emotional health and welfare. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Implements an approach to learning that integrates research based practices to address students' cognitive, physical, social and emotional health and welfare. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Monitors school activities and initiatives to assure that all of the students' needs are addressed. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify and address the needs of the whole child. <input type="checkbox"/> Seek advice of experts who can help address student needs when necessary. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses student needs in a holistic, integrated, and comprehensive manner.

QUALITY STANDARD III

Principals Demonstrate School Culture and Equity Leadership

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ELEMENT C: Equity Pedagogy

Principals demonstrate a commitment to a diverse population of students by creating an inclusive and positive school culture, and provide instruction in meeting the needs of diverse students, talents, experiences and challenges in support of student achievement.

<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Understands the diversity of the school community. <input type="checkbox"/> Recognizes that diversity is an asset to the school. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Sets student expectations that reflect an understanding of and respect for their backgrounds, needs, or skills. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides all students opportunities to showcase their skills and talents. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates an appreciation for and sensitivity to diversity in the school community. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <p>sets the expectation that all students will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Achieve one year of growth for one year of instruction. <input type="checkbox"/> Graduate from high school. <input type="checkbox"/> Be college or career ready at time of high school graduation. <input type="checkbox"/> Implements activities and provides services to meet student needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure that all students are treated with respect and dignity. <input type="checkbox"/> Respect students for their unique talents and skills. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS AND THE COMMUNITY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Initiate actions that encourage an inclusive climate of respect for student diversity. <p>STUDENTS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Accept and respect fellow students who are different from them.
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ELEMENT D: Efficacy, Empowerment and a Culture of Continuous Improvement

Principals and their leadership team foster a school culture that encourages continual improvement through reliance on research, innovation, prudent risk-taking, high expectations for all students and teachers, and a valid assessment of outcomes.

<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Routinely assesses student outcomes. <input type="checkbox"/> Requires staff to use data to identify needed improvements to teaching and learning activities. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develops the capacity of staff and other stakeholders to use data for decision making. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <p>Creates a culture of risk taking and learning within the school by:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Developing new initiatives and monitoring their impact on student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Eliminating ineffective activities and initiatives. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <p>participate in the evaluation of:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Instructional approaches. <input type="checkbox"/> Progress toward achieving school goals and student outcomes. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <p>recommend:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Activities and initiatives for elimination or scale back. <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence based programs, practices, and instructional programs for implementation.
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QUALITY STANDARD IV**Principals Demonstrate Human Resource Leadership**

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Professional Development/Learning Communities Principals ensure that the school is a professional learning community that provides opportunities for collaboration, fosters teacher learning and develops teacher leaders in a manner that is consistent with local structures, contracts, policies and strategic plans.				
THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Organizes the school as a professional learning community.	... and THE PRINCIPAL provides professional development that is: <input type="checkbox"/> Of high quality. <input type="checkbox"/> Tailored to meet staff needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Focused on student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Research based. <input type="checkbox"/> Job embedded <input type="checkbox"/> Designed to meet student learning needs. <input type="checkbox"/> Aligned with the school improvement plan.	... and THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Provides opportunities for staff to assume leadership roles within the school.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: <input type="checkbox"/> Actively engage in the creation and implementation of the school's professional learning community.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: <input type="checkbox"/> Assume leadership roles within professional learning communities.
ELEMENT B: Recruiting, Hiring, Placing, Mentoring, and Dismissal of Staff Principals establish and effectively manage processes and systems that ensure a knowledgeable, high-quality, high-performing staff.				
THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Adheres to district and state policies and procedures related to personnel activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Makes personnel assignments within the parameters of district policy.	... and THE PRINCIPAL: considers school and district strategic goals and student outcomes when making personnel decisions such as: <input type="checkbox"/> Recruiting staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Hiring staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Assigning staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Evaluating staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Dismissing staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides support for new teachers and staff members to help ensure their success.	... and THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Supports low performing teachers in ways that will improve their performance. <input type="checkbox"/> Places personnel in positions to ensure that all students have equal access to highly effective teachers. <input type="checkbox"/> Dismisses or does not rehire teachers when necessary.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: <input type="checkbox"/> Accept school placements where they are needed most in order to address student learning needs.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: <input type="checkbox"/> Use the advice of coaches, mentors, and/or experts in various fields in order to improve their practice.

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Principals Demonstrate Human Resource Leadership

Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
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ELEMENT C: Teacher and Staff Evaluation

Principals evaluate staff performance using the district’s educator evaluation system in order to ensure that teachers and staff are evaluated in a fair and equitable manner with a focus on improving teacher and staff performance and, thus, student achievement.

<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Understands the importance of consistent and rigorous evaluations of school staff members. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL conducts staff evaluation activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> In line with district policies. <input type="checkbox"/> On time. <input type="checkbox"/> Using multiple measures. <input type="checkbox"/> Uses evaluation results to identify professional development and growth needs of teachers and staff. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provides mentoring, coaching, and other resources for staff whose performance needs improvement. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Hold themselves accountable for meeting or exceeding student outcomes and school goals. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adhere to the district’s personnel evaluation process. <input type="checkbox"/> Use personnel evaluation results to improve performance over time.
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QUALITY STANDARD V				
Principals Demonstrate Managerial Leadership				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: School Resources and Budget				
Principals establish systems for marshaling all available school resources to facilitate the work that needs to be done to improve student learning, academic achievement and overall healthy development for all students.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL manages school’s budget with respect to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> District guidelines. <input type="checkbox"/> Standard accounting procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> Student and staff needs. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Focuses school resources on teaching and learning. <p>Allocates resources to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Fund priority needs first. <input type="checkbox"/> Support the attainment of strategic goals and student outcomes. <input type="checkbox"/> Continuous school improvement. <input type="checkbox"/> Professional development. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Manages and monitors fiscal, physical, and personnel resources efficiently and effectively. <input type="checkbox"/> Creates management structures to support the alignment of resources with school goals and student outcomes. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Support the development of external partnerships that support teaching and learning. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use school resources for the benefit of students. <input type="checkbox"/> Fully support the alignment of resources with school goals and student outcomes. <input type="checkbox"/> Participate in the budgeting and prioritization process as requested.
ELEMENT B: Conflict Management and Resolution				
Principals proactively and efficiently manage the complexity of human interactions and relationships, including those among and between parents/guardians, students and staff.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Builds positive relationships between and among students, staff members and parents/guardians. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Interacts with students, staff and other stakeholders as needed in order to defuse potentially stressful situations. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Resolves issues as they arise to prevent long-term problems. <input type="checkbox"/> Models fairness and consistency when dealing with students, staff, and parents/guardians. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Build positive relationships with each other. <input type="checkbox"/> Manage conflicts or tense situations between and among students, parents, and colleagues. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Anticipate problems and adjust behaviors to avoid conflict.
ELEMENT C: Systematic Communication				
Principals facilitate the design and utilization of various forms of formal and informal communication with all school stakeholders.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Communicates with students, parents and the community on a regular basis. <input type="checkbox"/> Responds to contact from parents and community members in a timely and meaningful manner. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritizes communication as a high priority area for the school. <input type="checkbox"/> Invites parents and the community to share ideas and concerns. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Offers a variety of venues for communication available for students, staff, parents/guardians, and community stakeholders. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Use existing communication structures such as newsletters and blogs to expand and enhance communication between the classroom and the school community. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop effective strategies to sustain positive meaningful communications with parents, students, and the community.

QUALITY STANDARD V				
Principals Demonstrate Managerial Leadership				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT D: School-wide Expectations for Students and Staff Principals ensure that clear expectations, structures, rules and procedures are established for students and staff.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adheres to rules and procedures required by district administration. <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes school rules and procedures. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes rules and procedures appropriate for all members of the school community . <input type="checkbox"/> Routinely reviews and revises rules and procedures to assure their continued relevance. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes and clearly articulates high expectations for all students and staff. <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrates values, beliefs, and attitudes that inspire students and staff to higher levels of performance. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adhere to school and district rules and procedures. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establish and enforce high expectations for student classroom behavior.
ELEMENT E: Supporting Policies and Agreements Principals regularly update their knowledge of federal and state laws, and school district and board policies, including negotiated agreements, if applicable, and establish processes to ensure that these policies, laws and agreements are consistently met and implemented.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Complies with district policies and negotiated agreements. <input type="checkbox"/> Is familiar with state and federal laws and district and state policies. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Inquires about policies/laws prior to making decisions. <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes procedures to protect the confidentiality of staff and student information. <input type="checkbox"/> Studies changes to laws and policies to maintain the school's compliance. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Efficiently and effectively manages school or district contractual arrangements. <input type="checkbox"/> Provides meaningful and timely input into the development of district and board policy. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Adhere to all school and district policies and procedures. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Provide school and/or district administrators input regarding policies and procedures. <input type="checkbox"/> Suggest new or revised policies and procedures to help assure student success.
ELEMENT F: Ensuring an Orderly and Supportive Environment Principals ensure that the school provides an orderly and supportive environment that fosters a climate of safety, respect and well-being.				
<p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Understands the importance of establishing a safe, positive, and supportive school environment. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes rules and procedures to maintain a safe and positive school culture. <input type="checkbox"/> Addresses safety issues immediately and efficiently. 	<p>... and</p> <p>THE PRINCIPAL:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Expects students and teachers to respect diverse interests and attitudes. <input type="checkbox"/> Creates mechanisms to ensure all stakeholder voices are heard and respected. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Demonstrate respectful behavior toward students, parents, stakeholders, and colleagues. 	<p>... and</p> <p>SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS initiate activities designed to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improve school safety. <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage respect between and among students and colleagues.
<p>Evaluator Comments: Required for Ratings of "Basic" or "Partially Proficient" and recommended for all rating levels.</p>			<p>Response of Principal/Assistant Principal Being Evaluated: Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.</p>	

QUALITY STANDARD VI				
Principals Demonstrate External Development Leadership				
Basic	Partially Proficient	Proficient (Meets State Standard)	Accomplished	Exemplary
ELEMENT A: Family and Community Involvement and Outreach Principals design and/or utilize structures and processes which result in family and community engagement, support and ownership for the school.				
THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes a welcoming and inviting approach to parents and community members as visitors to the school or individual classrooms.	... and THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Conducts community outreach activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Invites families to participate in activities specifically focused on their children.	... and THE PRINCIPAL encourages families and community members to become engaged in: <input type="checkbox"/> Student learning initiatives. <input type="checkbox"/> School decision making processes.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: <input type="checkbox"/> Support family and community involvement for the benefit of student learning. <input type="checkbox"/> Use community resources to support classroom learning.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: <input type="checkbox"/> Sustain meaningful parent and community involvement throughout the school year.
ELEMENT B: Professional Leadership Responsibilities Principals strive to improve the profession by collaborating with their colleagues, school district leadership and other stakeholders to drive the development and successful implementation of initiatives that better serve students, teachers and schools at all levels of the education system. They ensure that these initiatives are consistent with federal and state laws, school district and board policies, and negotiated agreements where applicable.				
THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Understands the need for strong community and organizational relationships.	... and THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Understands and interacts with the network of agencies that provide health, social, and other services to families.	... and THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Establishes and maintains strong positive relationships with key community stakeholders and external agencies. <input type="checkbox"/> Maximizes the impact of community, district, state and national relationships to benefit the school.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS accept responsibility for: <input type="checkbox"/> Adhering to all applicable rules, regulations, policies, and laws. <input type="checkbox"/> Utilizing available external resources for the benefit of students.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS AND PARENTS: <input type="checkbox"/> Provide support/ feedback to enhance the opportunities for all students to be successful and workforce ready.
ELEMENT C: Advocacy for the School Principals develop systems and relationships to leverage the school district and community resources available to them both within and outside of the school in order to maximize the school's ability to serve the best interest of students and families.				
THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Engages community members and key stakeholders in the school's activities. <input type="checkbox"/> Understands the community and the issues it is facing.	... and THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Identifies and engages key community stakeholders. <input type="checkbox"/> Solicits community input and uses the input to inform decisions.	... and THE PRINCIPAL: <input type="checkbox"/> Advocates throughout the school community for school support. <input type="checkbox"/> Expands personal reach and sphere of influence to maximize support for the school.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: <input type="checkbox"/> Engage community agencies to help meet the needs of students and families.	... and SCHOOL STAFF MEMBERS: <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain strong relationships with key community stakeholders.
Evaluator Comments: Required for Ratings of "Basic" or "Partially Proficient" and recommended for all rating levels.		Response of Principal/Assistant Principal Being Evaluated: Please indicate the element for which the comment applies if not for the standard as a whole.		

Principal/Assistant Principal Summary Evaluation Score Sheet

This form provides a summary of the principal/assistant principal's ratings on Quality Standards 1 through 6 and their associated elements and should be used to guide discussions regarding strengths and areas needing improvement. It may also be used to inform the principal/assistant principal's growth plan and development of personal and school goals for the subsequent year.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	# Points Earned
I. STRATEGIC LEADERSHIP	A. Principals collaboratively develop the vision, mission, values, expectations and goals of the school, collaboratively determine the processes used to establish these foundations, and facilitate their integration into the life of the school community.						
	B. Principals ensure that a plan is in place that supports improved academic achievement and developmental outcomes for all students, and provides for data-based progress monitoring.						
	C. Principals solicit input and collaborate with staff and their school community to implement strategies for change and improvements that result in improved achievement and developmental outcomes.						
	D. Principals create and utilize processes to distribute leadership and support collaborative efforts throughout the school among teachers and administrators.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard I =						
Determine Rating for Standard I: 0 to 1 = Basic 2 to 5 = Partially Proficient 6 to 9 = Proficient 10 to 13 = Accomplished 14 to 16 = Exemplary							
Determine contribution of Standard II to the Overall Professional Practices Rating: $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. I}) \times (\text{Std. I Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>							

*All calculations should be carried to three decimal places and results rounded to two decimal places.

QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	# Points Earned
II. INSTRUCTIONAL LEADERSHIP	A. Principals promote school-wide efforts to establish, implement and refine appropriate expectations for curriculum, instructional practices, assessment and use of data on student learning based on scientific research and evidence-based practices that result in student academic achievement.						
	B. Principals create processes and schedules which maximize instructional, collaborative and preparation time.						
	C. Principals support Teachers through ongoing, actionable feedback and needs-based professional development to ensure that rigorous, relevant and evidence-based instruction and authentic learning experiences meet the needs of all students and are aligned across P-20.						
	D. Principals hold all staff accountable for setting and achieving rigorous performance goals for all students, and empower staff to achieve these goals across content areas.						
	E. Principals demonstrate a rich knowledge of effective instructional practices, as identified by research on best practices, in order to support and guide Teachers in data-based decision making regarding effective practices to maximize student success.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard II =						
Determine Rating for Standard II: 0 to 2 = Basic 3 to 7 = Partially Proficient 8 to 12 = Proficient 13 to 17 = Accomplished 18 to 20 = Exemplary							
Determine contribution of Standard II to the Overall Professional Practices Rating: $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. II}) \times (\text{Std. II Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>							

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QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					# Points Earned
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	
III. SCHOOL CULTURE AND EQUITY LEADERSHIP	A. Principals articulate, model and positively reinforce a clear vision and values of the school’s culture, and involve students, families and staff in creating an inclusive and welcoming climate that supports it.						
	B. Principals promote the cognitive, physical, social and emotional health, growth and skill development of every student.						
	C. Principals demonstrate a commitment to a diverse population of students by creating an inclusive and positive school culture, and provide instruction in meeting the needs of diverse students, talents, experiences and challenges in support of student achievement.						
	D. Principals and their leadership team foster a school culture that encourages continual improvement through reliance on research, innovation, prudent risk-taking, high expectations for all students and teachers, and a valid assessment of outcomes.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard III						
Determine Rating for Standard III: 0 to 1 = Basic 2 to 5 = Partially Proficient 6 to 9 = Proficient 10 to 13 = Accomplished 14 to 16= Exemplary							
Determine contribution of Standard III to the Overall Professional Practices Rating: $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. III}) \times (\text{Std. III Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>							

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QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	# Points Earned
IV. HUMAN RESOURCE LEADERSHIP	A. Principals ensure that the school is a professional learning community that provides opportunities for collaboration, fosters Teacher learning and develops Teacher leaders in a manner that is consistent with local structures, contracts, policies and strategic plans.						
	B. Principals establish and effectively manage processes and systems that ensure a knowledgeable, high-quality, high-performing staff.						
	C. Principals evaluate staff performance using the District’s Educator evaluation system in order to ensure that Teachers and staff are evaluated in a fair and equitable manner with a focus on improving Teacher and staff performance and, thus, student achievement.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard IV =						
	Determine Rating for Standard IV: 0 to 1 = Basic 2 to 4 = Partially Proficient 5 to 7 = Proficient 8 to 10 = Accomplished 11 to 12= Exemplary						
<p>Determine contribution of Standard IV to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. IV}) \times (\text{Std. IV Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>							

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QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	# Points Earned
V. MANAGERIAL LEADERSHIP	A. Principals establish systems for marshaling all available school resources to facilitate the work that needs to be done to improve student learning, academic achievement and overall healthy development for all students.						
	B. Principals proactively and efficiently manage the complexity of human interactions and relationships, including those among and between parents/guardians, students and staff.						
	C. Principals facilitate the design and utilization of various forms of formal and informal communication with all school stakeholders.						
	D. Principals ensure that clear expectations, structures, rules and procedures are established for students and staff.						
	E. Principals regularly update their knowledge of federal and state laws, and School District and board policies, including negotiated agreements, if applicable, and establish processes to ensure that these policies, laws and agreements are consistently met and implemented.						
	F. Principals ensure that the school provides an orderly and supportive environment that fosters a climate of safety, respect, and well-being.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard V =						
Determine Rating for Standard V: 0 to 2 = Basic 3 to 8 = Partially Proficient 9 to 14 = Proficient 15 to 20 = Accomplished 21 to 24= Exemplary							
<p style="text-align: center;">Determine contribution of Standard V to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. V}) \times (\text{Std. V Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>							

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QUALITY STANDARD	ELEMENT	RATING POINTS					
		B 0 pts	PP 1 pt	P 2 pts	A 3 pts	E 4 pts	# Points Earned
VI. EXTERNAL DEVELOPMENT LEADERSHIP	A. Principals design and/or utilize structures and processes which result in family and community engagement, support and ownership for the school.						
	B. Principals strive to improve the profession by collaborating with their colleagues, School District leadership and other stakeholders to drive the development and successful implementation of initiatives that better serve students, Teachers and schools at all levels of the education system. They ensure that these initiatives are consistent with federal and state laws, School District and board policies, and negotiated agreements where applicable.						
	C. Principals develop systems and relationships to leverage the School District and community resources available to them both within and outside of the school in order to maximize the school's ability to serve the best interest of students and families.						
	Total Points Earned for Standard VI =						
	Determine Rating for Standard VI: 0 to 1 = Basic 2 to 4 = Partially Proficient 5 to 7 = Proficient 8 to 10 = Accomplished 11 to 12= Exemplary						
<p style="text-align: center;">Determine contribution of Standard VI to the Overall Professional Practices Rating:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> $\frac{(\text{Total Pts. Earned for Std. VI}) \times (\text{Std. VI Weight} \times \text{No. of Stds.})}{(\text{Number of Elements Associated with Standard})}$ </p> <p style="text-align: center;">Calculation Work Space:*</p>							

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Determining the Overall Rating for Professional Practices

Remember to go back to each standard and record the total points calculated and rating level for each standard using the chart below.

Calculating the Total Number of Points Earned For Professional Practices

QUALITY STANDARD	Total Points Earned
I. Strategic Leadership	
II. Instructional Leadership	
III. School Culture and Equity Leadership	
IV. Human Resource Leadership	
V. Managerial Leadership	
VI. External Development Leadership	
Total Points for All Standards	

Translating the Total Points Received for Professional Practices to Overall Professional Practices Rating

Total Number of Points Received	Rating for Number of Points Received	Total Number of Points Received for this Evaluation =
0 to 2.00 points	Basic	Overall Professional Practices Rating =
2.01 to 8.00 points	Partially Proficient	
8.01 to 14.00 points	Proficient	
14.01 to 20.00 points	Accomplished	
20.01 to 24.00 points	Exemplary	

Scoring of the rubric is designed so that each standard may be weighted by the district or BOCES in order to emphasize the initiatives or skills of importance to the locality. Weighting of the standards impacts the overall professional practices rating (Basic, Partially Proficient, Proficient, Accomplished, Exemplary), which in turn impacts the educator's overall effectiveness rating (Ineffective, Partially Effective, Effective or Highly Effective). Guidance for determining the overall effectiveness rating using both the professional practices rating and measures of student learning may be found [here](#).

Principal/Assistant Principal Evaluation Worksheet

This form should be completed by the evaluator prior to the final evaluation and goal-setting meeting held each spring. The principal/assistant principal and evaluator should discuss the contents of this form, the accompanying Evaluation Sheet, and the Goal-Setting Form and agree on the professional practices ratings as well as the recommended actions for improvement, resources needed to accomplish those actions, and a determination of how the school administrator and evaluator will know improvements have been made.

QUALITY STANDARD I					
Principals Demonstrate Strategic Leadership					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. School Vision, Mission and Strategic Goals: Principals collaboratively develop the vision, mission, values, expectations and goals of the school, collaboratively determine the processes used to establish these foundations, and facilitate their integration into the life of the school community.					
B. School Plan: Principals ensure that a plan is in place that supports improved academic achievement and developmental outcomes for all students, and provides for data-based progress monitoring.					
C. Leading Change: Principals solicit input and collaborate with staff and their school community to implement strategies for change and improvements that result in improved achievement and developmental outcomes.					
D. Distributive Leadership: Principals create and utilize processes to distribute leadership and support collaborative efforts throughout the school among teachers and administrators.					
Overall Rating for Standard I					

<p>Comments:</p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement:</p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions:</p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Perceptions of other administrators about the principal's professional performance <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of team development <input type="checkbox"/> Staff meeting notes <input type="checkbox"/> School newsletters <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Award structures developed by the school <input type="checkbox"/> Master schedule <input type="checkbox"/> External budget reviews <input type="checkbox"/> Communications plans <input type="checkbox"/> Community partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Parent engagement and participation rates <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Improvement Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Reports to SAC <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Lesson Plans <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Turnover Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Emails and memos to staff <input type="checkbox"/> School vision, mission, and goals <input type="checkbox"/> Business and/or community resource agreement(s) <p>Artifacts that must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Percentage and number of teachers in the school are rated as highly effective; effective; partially effective; and ineffective <input type="checkbox"/> Number and percentage of teacher who are improving their performance, in comparison to the goals articulated in the Principal's Professional Growth Plan
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QUALITY STANDARD II Principals Demonstrate Instructional Leadership					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Curriculum, Instruction, Learning and Assessment: Principals promote school-wide efforts to establish, implement and refine appropriate expectations for curriculum, instructional practices, assessment and use of data on student learning based on scientific research and evidence-based practices that result in student academic achievement.					
B. Instructional Time: Principals create processes and schedules which maximize instructional, collaborative and preparation time.					
C. Implementing High-quality Instruction: Principals support teachers through ongoing, actionable feedback and needs-based professional development to ensure that rigorous, relevant and evidence-based instruction and authentic learning experiences meet the needs of all students and are aligned across P-20.					
D. High Expectations for all Students: Principals hold all staff accountable for setting and achieving rigorous performance goals for all students, and empower staff to achieve these goals across content areas.					
E. Instructional Practices: Principals demonstrate a rich knowledge of effective instructional practices, as identified by research on best practices, in order to support and guide teachers in data-based decision making regarding effective practices to maximize student success.					
Overall Rating for Standard II					

<p>Comments:</p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement:</p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions:</p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Perceptions of other administrators about the principal's professional performance <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of team development <input type="checkbox"/> Staff meeting notes <input type="checkbox"/> School newsletters <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Award structures developed by the school <input type="checkbox"/> Master schedule <input type="checkbox"/> External budget reviews <input type="checkbox"/> Communications plans <input type="checkbox"/> Community partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Parent engagement and participation rates <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Improvement Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Reports to SAC <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Lesson Plans <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Turnover Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Emails and memos to staff <input type="checkbox"/> School vision, mission, and goals <input type="checkbox"/> Business and/or community resource agreement(s) <p>Artifacts that must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Percentage and number of teachers in the school are rated as highly effective; effective; partially effective; and ineffective <input type="checkbox"/> Number and percentage of teacher who are improving their performance, in comparison to the goals articulated in the Principal's Professional Growth Plan
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QUALITY STANDARD IV Principals Demonstrate Human Resource Leadership					
	B	PP	P	A	E
A. Professional Development/Learning Communities: Principals ensure that the school is a professional learning community that provides opportunities for collaboration, fosters teacher learning and develops teacher leaders in a manner that is consistent with local structures, contracts, policies and strategic plans.					
B. Recruiting, Hiring, Placing, Mentoring, and Dismissal of Staff: Principals establish and effectively manage processes and systems that ensure a knowledgeable, high-quality, high-performing staff.					
C. Teacher and Staff Evaluation: Principals evaluate staff performance using the district's educator evaluation system in order to ensure that teachers and staff are evaluated in a fair and equitable manner with a focus on improving teacher and staff performance and, thus, student achievement.					
Overall Rating for Standard IV					

<p>Comments:</p> <p>Recommended actions for improvement:</p> <p>Resources needed to complete these actions:</p>	<p>Examples of artifacts that may be used as evidence to support ratings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Student perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Parent/guardian perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Stakeholder perceptions <input type="checkbox"/> Perceptions of other administrators about the principal's professional performance <input type="checkbox"/> Evidence of team development <input type="checkbox"/> Staff meeting notes <input type="checkbox"/> School newsletters <input type="checkbox"/> Website <input type="checkbox"/> Award structures developed by the school <input type="checkbox"/> Master schedule <input type="checkbox"/> External budget reviews <input type="checkbox"/> Communications plans <input type="checkbox"/> Community partnerships <input type="checkbox"/> Parent engagement and participation rates <input type="checkbox"/> Unified Improvement Plan <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly Reports to SAC <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Lesson Plans <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher Turnover Rates <input type="checkbox"/> Supervisor feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Emails and memos to staff <input type="checkbox"/> School vision, mission, and goals <input type="checkbox"/> Business and/or community resource agreement(s) <p>Artifacts that must be discussed during the evaluation:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher feedback <input type="checkbox"/> Percentage and number of teachers in the school are rated as highly effective; effective; partially effective; and ineffective <input type="checkbox"/> Number and percentage of teacher who are improving their performance, in comparison to the goals articulated in the Principal's Professional Growth Plan
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Principal/Assistant Principal Professional Performance Plan

Record up to three Professional Performance goals aligned with your evaluation results. Your goals should be specific and measurable. While each of the goals is important, they should be listed in rank order with the most important listed first. Also record the action steps required to address each growth goal. Please insert additional rows if additional steps are needed.

NAME	POSITION/TITLE	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL(S)	EVALUATION RATINGS BY STANDARD	
				Strategic Leadership	
				Instructional Leadership	
DATE DEVELOPED	DATE REVISED	SUPERVISOR APPROVAL	EVALUATOR APPROVAL (if different from supervisor)	School Culture and Equity Leadership	
				Human Resource Leadership	
				Managerial Leadership	
				External Development Leadership	
				Student Growth	

Standard(s) and Element(s) to Which Goal Applies	End-of-Year Rating Level on Standard(s) and Element(s)	Action Step	Who is Responsible for Support and/or Mentoring?	Data to be Collected to Demonstrate Progress	Evidence of Progress Toward Achieving Goal
Professional Growth Goal #1:					
		1.			
		2.			
		3.			
Professional Growth Goal #2:					
		1.			
		2.			
		3.			
Professional Growth Goal #3:					
		1.			
		2.			
		3.			

Mid-Year Performance Discussion

NAME	POSITION/TITLE	SCHOOL	GRADE LEVEL(S)	DATE DEVELOPED	DATE REVISED

Professional Growth Goals and Action Steps	Status of Action Steps	Barriers to Successful Completion by Year End	Strategies to Address Barriers	Comments
Goal 1:				
Goal 2:				
Goal 3:				

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Glossary

Academic Language is the language used in textbooks, in classrooms, and on tests. It is different in structure and vocabulary from the everyday spoken English of social interactions. Many students who do not speak English well have trouble comprehending the academic language used in high school and college classrooms. Low academic language skills have been shown to be associated with low academic performance in a variety of educational settings. The main barrier to student comprehension of texts and lectures is low academic vocabulary knowledge. (Definition downloaded on August 20, 2012 from http://www.academicleague.org/Academic_Language.html).

Academic Vocabulary is sub-technical vocabulary. In other words, it is not the technical vocabulary of a particular academic discipline. Academic vocabulary is used across all academic disciplines to teach about the content of the discipline. For example, before taking chemistry, no students know the technical words used in chemistry. But the underprepared students also don't know the vocabulary used to teach the chemistry concepts. Underprepared students are unfamiliar with words like evaluation, theory, hypothesis, assumption, capacity, validate. Professors assume students comprehend such academic vocabulary, but such vocabulary is not often used in the everyday spoken English of many students. Academic vocabulary is based on more Latin and Greek roots than is everyday spoken English vocabulary. In addition, academic lectures and texts tend to use longer, more complex sentences than are used in spoken English. (Definition downloaded on August 20, 2012 from http://www.academicleague.org/Academic_Language.html).

Administrator means any person who administers, directs, or supervises the education instructional program, or a portion thereof, in any school or School District in the state and who is not the chief executive officer or an assistant chief executive officer of such school or a person who is otherwise defined as an Administrator by his or her employing School District or BOCES.*¹

Artifacts are the documents, materials, processes, strategies, and other information that result from the normal

and customary day-to-day work of any educator. To effectively address the requirements of the evaluation system, it is not necessary to collect the artifacts listed as examples for each standard prior to discussions between the evaluator and the educator being evaluated. In fact, educators and their evaluators may choose not to use any artifacts so long as they agree on their rating levels. Artifacts other than those included as examples may also be used. Artifacts are used only if either the educator being evaluated or the evaluator believes that additional evidence is required to confirm the accuracy of the self-assessment as compared to the evaluator's assessment of the educator's performance.

Colorado Academic Standards means the standards adopted by the State Board pursuant to section 22-7-1005, C.R.S., that identify the knowledge and skills that a student should acquire as the student progresses from preschool through elementary and secondary education, and include English language proficiency standards. Section 22-7-1013, C.R.S., requires each local education provider to ensure that its preschool through elementary and secondary education standards meet or exceed the Colorado Academic Standards.*

Colorado Model Evaluation System: The fair, equitable, and valid educator evaluation system provided by the Colorado Department of Education to Colorado's school districts to enable them to meet the requirements of S.B. 10-191.

Colorado Standards are the Colorado Academic Standards, the Colorado English Language Proficiency standards, and the Extended Evidence Outcomes for students with significant cognitive disabilities.

Comments may be provided by the teacher and/or the evaluator. Both have the opportunity to provide comments on the performance of the teacher.

Disciplinary Literacy is literacy instruction embedded within content-areas. Disciplinary Literacy instruction engages learners with content in ways that mirror what scientists and mathematicians do to inquire and gain understanding in their disciplines. (Definition downloaded on August 20, 2012 from <http://www.clemson.edu/aophub/documents/DL%20Flyer%20C%2011.1.2010tp.pdf>)

¹ *Glossary items marked with an "*" were taken from the State Rules document dated November 9, 2011.

Elements of the Quality Standards are the detailed descriptions of knowledge and skills that contribute to effective teaching and leading, and which corresponds to a particular Teacher Quality Standard or Teacher Quality Standard.*

Equity Pedagogy refers to a commitment to a diverse population of students, demonstrated by the creation of an inclusive and positive school culture and strategies that meet the needs of diverse student talents, experiences and challenges. Equity pedagogy values students' individual backgrounds as a resource and utilizes approaches to instruction and behavioral supports that build on student strengths.*

Evidence Provided by Artifacts describes the unique information that each artifact used in the evaluation provides above and beyond that provided by performance ratings. The evidence is used to support adjustments to ratings during the end-of-year discussion between the educator being evaluated and evaluator to determine final ratings for the educator being evaluated.

Expected Growth is a student's expected/predicted performance on a current year test given his or her previous year's test score. This information is obtained by regressing the current year test score on the prior year test score. In other words, estimating expected growth addresses the question, "Compared to students with the same prior test score, is the current year test score higher or lower than would be expected?"

Formative Assessment is a process used by Teachers and students during instruction that provides feedback to adjust ongoing teaching and learning to improve students' achievement of intended instructional outcomes.

Gain Score Model: A gain score model measures year-to-year change by simply subtracting the prior year score from the current year score.

Growth Models: Traditional definitions of growth models indicate they are models that measure student achievement growth from one year to the next by tracking the same students. This model addresses the question, "How much, on average, did students' performance change from one grade to the next?" To permit meaningful interpretation of student growth, the model implicitly assumes that the measurement scales across grades are vertically linked (i.e., that student scores on different tests across grades are directly comparable and represent a developmental continuum of knowl-

edge and skill). An alternate understanding of growth models as put forth by Damian Betebenner is a model that examines performance of students with identical prior achievement scores and computes a percentile for each student indicating the probability of that outcome given the student's starting point, which can be used to gauge whether or not the student's growth was atypically high or low (Growth, Standards and Accountability, The Center for Assessment, April 2009: [http://www.nciea.org/publications/growth and Standard_DB09.pdf](http://www.nciea.org/publications/growth%20and%20Standard_DB09.pdf)).

Integration Districts were selected as part of a voluntary effort by the Colorado Legacy Foundation to support CDE's work to implement Senate Bill 10-191 as well as the Colorado Academic Standards pursuant to Senate Bill 08-212 (Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids). Four school districts (Centennial, Denver Public Schools, Eagle County, and Thompson School District) and one BOCES (San Juan) were selected to specific activities that implement, in an integrated manner, all of the following:

- Colorado Academic Standards and aligned instructional materials to guide instruction
- Professional development in formative practices to inform instruction
- Regular performance evaluations that hold educators accountable for improvement on measures of student learning and provide them feedback to improve instruction

Interim Assessments: A term generally used to refer to medium scale, medium-cycle assessments currently in wide use. Interim assessments: 1) evaluate students' knowledge and skills relative to a specific set of academic goals, typically within a limited time frame, and, 2) are designed to inform decisions at both the classroom and beyond the classroom level, such as the school or district level. Thus, they may be given at the classroom level to provide information for the Teacher, but unlike true formative assessments, the results of interim assessments can be meaningfully aggregated and reported at a broader level.

Licensed Personnel mean any persons employed to instruct students or to administer, direct, or supervise the instructional program in a school in the state that hold a valid license or authorization pursuant to the provision of article 60.5 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes.

Literacy Skills include but are not limited to phonological awareness, phonics, reading fluency, vocabulary, comprehension, writing, speaking, and listening.

Measures of Student Academic Growth mean the methods used by School Districts and BOCES for measuring Student Academic Growth in order to evaluate Licensed Personnel.*

Multiple Measures of Student Learning: The various types of assessments of student learning, including for example, value-added or growth measures, curriculum-based tests, pre-/post- tests, capstone projects, oral presentations, performances, artistic portfolios, or other projects.

Multiple Measures of Teacher: The various types of assessments of Teachers' performance, including, for example, classroom observations, student test score data, self-assessments, or feedback from other staff members, families and significant adults, students, or community members.

Non-tested Grades and Subjects: The grades and subjects that are not required to be tested under the Federal Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Norm-referenced: A type of test or assessment that yields an estimate of the tested individual's performance evaluation relative to a predefined population, with respect to the trait being measured. This type of test determines whether the test taker performed better or worse than other test takers, but not whether the test taker knows either more or less material than is necessary for a given purpose.

Observations: Used to measure observable classroom processes including specific Teacher practices, aspects of instruction, and interactions between Teachers and students. Classroom observations can measure broad, overarching aspects of teaching and subject-specific or context-specific aspects of practice.

Other Assessments: The development and/or adaptation of other measures of student growth for non-tested grades and subjects used across schools or districts. These measures may include early reading measures; standardized end-of-course assessments; formative assessments; benchmark, interim, or unit assessments; and standardized measures of English language proficiency. Other assessments may be developed at either the state education agency or local education agency level. Teacher-developed assessments of student learning or growth also may fall into this category when those assessments meet expectations for rigor and comparability across classrooms in a district or across classrooms statewide.

Partner Districts have already developed performance evaluation systems reflecting key elements of Senate Bill 10-191. These districts provide valuable information on the process for aligning existing educator evaluation systems to the rules developed by the State Board of Education, as well as providing an opportunity to enhance the State Model Evaluation System with elements from locally-developed systems.

Performance Evaluation Rating means the summative evaluation rating assigned by a School District or BOCES to licensed personnel and reported to the Department on an annual basis. It is the equivalent of a "performance standard," as defined in section 22-9-103 (2.5), C.R.S.*

Performance Rating Levels describe performance on professional practices with respect to Colorado's quality standards.

Basic: Educator's performance on professional practices is significantly below the state performance standard.

Partially Proficient: Educator's performance on professional practices is below the state performance standard.

Proficient: Educator's performance on professional practices meets state performance standard.

Accomplished: Educator's performance on professional practices exceeds state standard.

Exemplary: Educator's performance on professional practices significantly exceeds state standard.

Performance Standards: Levels of effectiveness established by rule of the state board pursuant to section 22-9-105.5(10).

Pilot Districts were selected as part of CDE's work to implement Senate Bill 10-191. Districts are representative of the various sizes, student demographics and geographic differences across Colorado. These Pilot Districts are using the State Model Evaluation Systems for both principals and teachers during the 2011-13 school years. They provide valuable feedback on the quality of the model system, identifying challenges and strengths of the system, and suggesting refinements to the implementation process developed by CDE.

Pilot Period means the time during which the Department will collaborate with School Districts and BOCES to develop, define, and improve the State Model System. The Pilot Period will end on July 2013 or when the State Model System based on the Teacher and Teacher Quality Standards has been completed, and the commissioner has provided notice of such implementation to the reviser of statutes, whichever is later.*

Policy: The formal guidance needed to coordinate and execute activity throughout an institution. When effectively deployed, policy statements help focus attention and resources on high priority issues – aligning and merging efforts to achieve the institutional vision. Policy provides the operational framework within which the institution functions.

Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness: See Appendix D.

Prepared Graduate Competencies include postsecondary and workforce readiness skills as well as 21st century skills.

Principal means a person who is employed as the chief executive officer or an assistant chief executive officer of a school in the state and who administers, directs, or supervises the education program in the school. *

Professional Practices are the day-to-day activities in which educators engage as they go about their daily work. Professional practices included in the rubric are those one would expect an educator to demonstrate at each level of the rating scale.

Quality Standards: To meet the requirements of S.B. 10-191, the State Council for Educator Effectiveness recommended quality standards for teachers, principals/assistant principals, and specialized service professionals. These recommended standards were reviewed and revised during the official rulemaking process conducted by the Colorado Department of Education. The revised standards and elements were approved by the Colorado State Board of Education as well as the legislature and are now among the Colorado State Board of Education's official rules. These revised standards reflect the professional practices and focus on the measures of student learning needed to achieve effectiveness.

Reliability: The ability of an instrument to measure consistently across different raters and contexts.

Resource Bank: A collection of tools, materials, and other resources provided by the Colorado Department of Education to enable Colorado's school districts to implement the Colorado Model Evaluation System and meet the requirements of S.B. 10-191.

Rigor/Rigorous: Conducted with strict precision and/or scientific precision.

School Administrator: Principals and Assistant Principals working in Colorado's schools.

School District or District means a School District organized and authorized by section 15 of Article IX of the state constitution and organized pursuant to article 30 of title 22, Colorado Revised Statutes.*

School Improvement Plan: See Unified Improvement Plan.

Senate Bill 10-191: Known as the ENSURING QUALITY INSTRUCTION THROUGH EDUCATOR EFFECTIVENESS (EQUITEE) bill, S.B. 10-191 is the guiding legislation for Colorado's work on educator effectiveness issues. (http://www.leg.state.co.us/clics/clics2010a/csl.nsf/fsbillcont3/EF2EBB67D47342CF872576A80027B078?open&file=191_enr.pdf)

Shared Attribution or Measures of Collective Performance: The use of measures required by the current provisions of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act and/or other standardized assessments used to measure the performance of groups of Teachers. Measures of collective performance may assess the performance of the school, grade level, instructional department, teams or other groups of Teachers. These measures can take a variety of forms including schoolwide student growth measures, team-based collaborative achievement projects, and shared value-added scores for co-teaching situations.

Stakeholders: Teachers, families and significant adults, students, community members, business persons, and others who have an interest in the well-being of the school.

State Board means the State Board of Education established pursuant to Section 1 of Article IX of the state constitution*

State Council means the state council for Educator effectiveness established pursuant to article 9 of title 22.*

State Scoring Framework: This framework outlines how data collected around the professional practice of Principals, and Teachers and the student growth outcomes for students in the school should be combined in order to make a singular judgment about the person being evaluated.

State Scoring Framework Matrix: A matrix that will be adopted by all districts statewide to assign Teachers and Principals to appropriate performance standard ratings based on locally-calculated professional practice and student growth scores. The process of assigning cut scores and determining where performance ratings go within the matrix will be undertaken by CDE after examining the data gathered during the pilot and rollout phases.

State Model System means the personnel evaluation system and supporting resources developed by the Department, which meets all of the requirements for local personnel evaluation systems that are outlined in statute and rule.*

Statewide Summative Assessments mean the assessments administered pursuant to the Colorado student assessment program created in section 22-7-409, C.R.S., or as part of the system of assessments adopted by the State Board pursuant to section 22-7-1006, C.R.S.*

Student Academic Growth means the change in student achievement against Colorado Academic Standards for an individual student between two or more points in time, which shall be determined using multiple measures, one of which shall be the results of Statewide Summative Assessments, and which may include other standards-based measures that are rigorous and comparable across classrooms of similar content areas and levels. Student Academic Growth also may include gains in progress towards postsecondary and workforce readiness, which, for Teachers, may include performance outcomes for successive student cohorts. Student Academic Growth may include progress toward academic and functional goals included in an individualized education program and/or progress made towards Student Academic Growth Objectives*

Student Academic Growth Objectives mean a participatory method of setting measurable goals, or objectives for a specific assignment or class, in a manner aligned with the subject matter taught, and in a manner that allows for the evaluation of the baseline performance

of students and the measureable gain in student performance during the course of instruction.*

Student Growth: The change in student achievement for an individual student between two or more points in time.

Summary of Ratings for the Standard summarizes individual element ratings for the standard. Summary ratings are also included in the summary rating worksheet and the one-page summary evaluation sheet, where the evaluator and the educator being evaluated will review all standard and element ratings and determine the overall professional practices rating.

Teacher means a person who holds an alternative, initial, or professional Teacher license issued pursuant to the provisions of article 60.5 of title 22 and who is employed by a School District, BOCES or a charter school in the state to instruct, direct, or supervise an education program.*

Teacher Evaluation System Framework means the complete evaluation system that all School Districts and BOCES shall use to evaluate Teachers employed by them. The complete Teacher Evaluation System Framework includes the following component parts: (i) definition of Teacher Effectiveness set forth in section 3.01 of these rules, (ii) the Teacher Quality Standards described in section 3.02 of these rules, (iii) required elements of a written evaluation system described in section 5.01 of these rules, and (iv) the weighting and aggregation of evidence of performance that are used to assign a Teacher to one of four Performance Evaluation Ratings as described in section 3.03 of these rules.*

Teacher Feedback: SB. 10-191 requires that all educator evaluation systems include opportunities for Teachers to provide feedback on the performance of their Teachers. The Colorado Model Educator Evaluation System provides this opportunity through the use of required artifacts described for each standard. There are a number of possibilities for artifacts that may be used to satisfy this requirement. The CDE provides the TELL survey at no charge to schools and districts. In addition, a number of districts are already using the ValEd Teacher feedback system and the Balanced Leadership Profile as feedback measures. Should districts choose, they may also develop their own measures or adopt other measures to satisfy this requirement.

Teacher Professional Performance Plan means the plan required by section 22-9-105.5 (3), C.R.S., and is a written agreement developed by a Teacher and School District administration or local school board that outlines the steps to be taken to improve the Teacher's effectiveness. The Teacher Professional Performance Plan shall include professional development opportunities.*

Teacher Quality Standard means the Professional Practice or focus on Student Academic Growth needed to achieve effectiveness as a Teacher.*

Teacher Turnover Rate: The rate at which Teachers leave a school prior to retirement. This is calculated by dividing the number of Teachers who resign from or transfer out of a school by the total number of Teachers who work at the school.

TELL Survey: The Teaching Empowering Leading and Learning Survey is a statewide survey of school based educators to assess teaching conditions at the school, district and state level. (<http://www.tellcolorado.org/>)

Twenty-First Century Skills: The Partnership for 21st Century Skills developed the Milestones for Improving Learning and Education (MILE) Guide for 21st Century Skills to assist educators and administrators in measuring the progress of their schools in defining, teaching, and assessing 21st century skills. The list on page 115 th describes the skills and knowledge required of students in the 21st century. This list, developed by the North Carolina Professional Teaching Standards Commission in 2008, was adapted from the 21st Century Partnership's MILE Guide. Also see Appendix B for an explanation of Colorado's Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness skills.

Unified Improvement Plan: A school's improvement plan that addresses all state and federal planning and reporting requirements. This is the school plan required pursuant to section 22-11-210, C.R.S.*

Unique Identifier: Numbers that are assigned to each student and Teacher.

Validity: The ability of an instrument to measure the attribute it intends to measure.

Value-Added Models (VAMs): Complex statistical models that attempt to determine how specific Teachers and schools affect student achievement growth over time. This model generally uses at least two years of students' test scores and may take into account other student- and school-level variables, such as family background, poverty, and other contextual factors. VAMs attempt to determine the extent to which changes in student performance can be attributed to a specific school and/or Teacher compared with that of the average school or Teacher.

Weighting: How much a particular measurement tool, student growth measure or quality standard determines overall performance when multiple measures are combined into a single rating.

Workforce Readiness: See Appendix B.

Twenty-First Century Skills

The Partnership for 21st Century Skills developed the Milestones for Improving Learning and Education (MILE) Guide for 21st Century Skills to assist educators and administrators in measuring the progress of their schools in defining, teaching, and assessing 21st century skills.

Global Awareness

- Using 21st century skills to understand and address global issues.
- Learning from and working collaboratively with individuals representing diverse cultures, religions and lifestyles in a spirit of mutual respect and open dialogue in personal, work and community contexts.
- Having the ability to utilize non-English languages as a tool for understanding other nations and cultures.

Financial, Economic, Business and Entrepreneurial Literacy

- Knowing how to make appropriate personal economic choices.
- Understanding the role of the economy and the role of business in the economy.
- Using entrepreneurial skills to enhance workplace productivity and career options.

Civic Literacy

- Being an informed citizen to participate effectively in government.
- Exercising the rights and obligations of citizenship at local, state, national and global levels.
- Understanding the local and global implications of civic decisions.

Health Literacy

- Having the ability to access health information and services, navigate health institutions and act as an effective advocate to improve health for self, family and/or community.
- Understanding preventive physical and mental health measures, including proper diet, nutrition, exercise, risk avoidance and stress reduction.
- Demonstrating understanding of national and international health.

Thinking and Learning Skills

Critical Thinking and Problem Solving Skills

- Exercising sound reasoning in understanding.

- Making complex choices.
- Understanding the interconnections among systems.
- Framing, analyzing and solving problems.

Communication

- Articulating thoughts and ideas clearly and effectively.

Information and Media Literacy Skills

- Understanding, managing and creating effective oral, written and/or multimedia communication in a variety of forms and contexts.
- Analyzing, accessing, managing, integrating, evaluating and creating information in a variety of forms and media.

Creativity and Innovation Skills

- Demonstrating originality and inventiveness in work.
- Developing, implementing and communicating new ideas to others.
- Being open and responsive to new and diverse perspectives.

Collaboration Skills

- Demonstrating ability to work effectively with diverse teams.
- Being willing to be helpful and make necessary compromises to accomplish a common goal.

Contextual Learning Skills

- Having the ability to take advantage of education in a variety of contexts both inside and outside the classroom; understanding that knowledge is acquired within a context.

ICT literacy

- Using technology in the course of attaining and utilizing 21st century skills.

Life Skills

Leadership

- Using interpersonal and problem-solving skills to influence more than

one person toward a goal.

- Having the ability to leverage strengths of others to accomplish a common goal.

Ethics

- Demonstrating integrity and ethical behavior in personal, workplace and community contexts.

Accountability

- Setting and meeting high standards and goals for one's self and others.

Adaptability

- Adapting to varied roles and responsibilities.
- Tolerating ambiguity and changing priorities.

Personal Productivity

- Utilizing time efficiently and manage workload.
- Being punctual and reliable.

Personal Responsibility

- Exercising personal responsibility and flexibility in personal, workplace and community contexts.

People Skills

- Working appropriately and productively with others.

Self-Direction

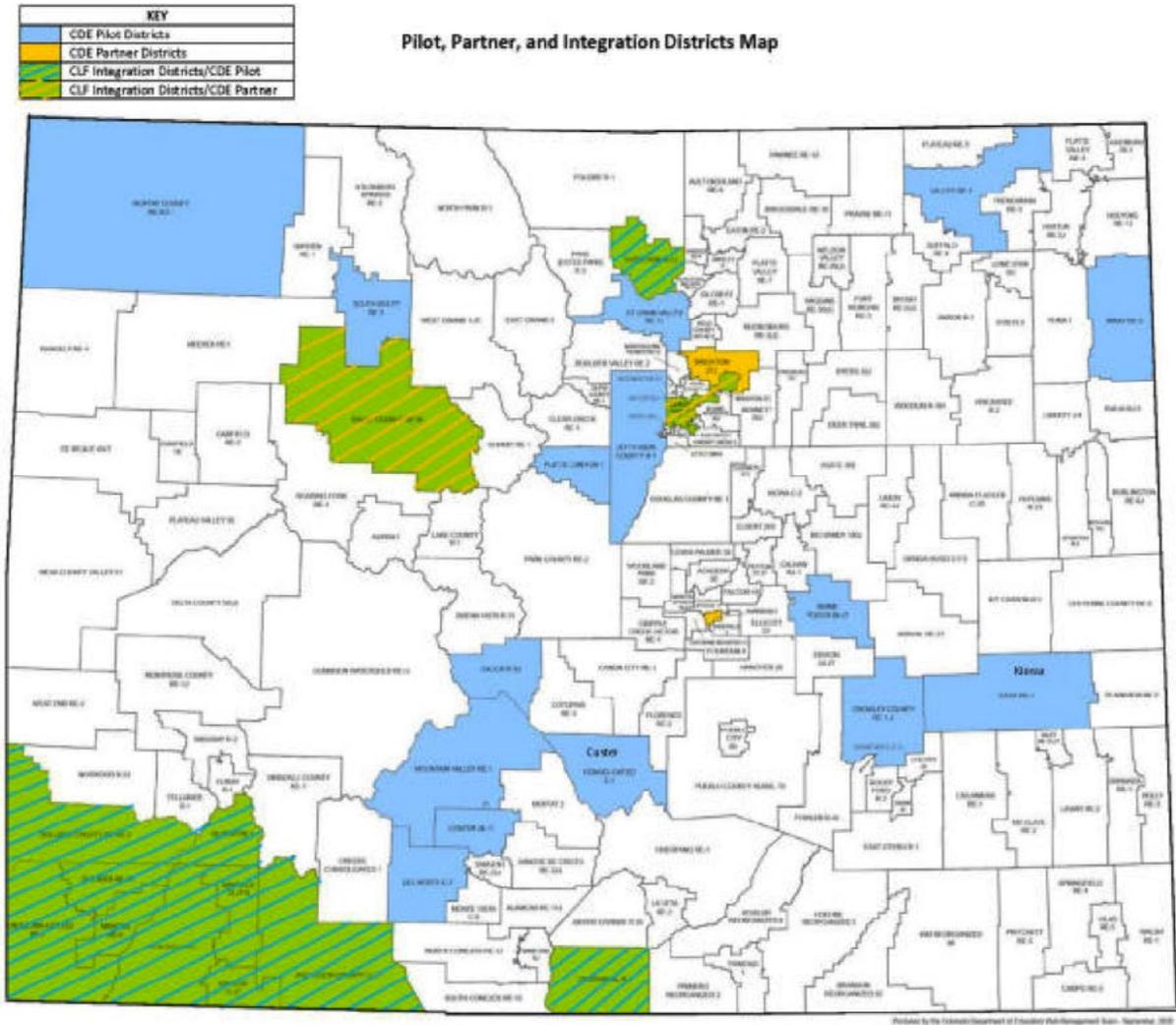
- Monitoring one's own understanding and learning needs.
- Demonstrating initiative to advance professional skill levels.
- Having the ability to define, prioritize and complete tasks without direct oversight.
- Demonstrating commitment to learning as a lifelong process.

Social Responsibility

- Acting responsibly with the interests of the larger community in mind.

APPENDIX A: Pilot, Partner and Integration Sites for the Colorado State Model Educator Evaluation System

Colorado Pilot, Partner and Integration Districts



What is a Pilot District?

Pilot districts were selected as part of CDE’s work to implement S.B. 10-191. Districts are representative of the various sizes, student demographics and geographic differences across Colorado. These pilot districts are using the Colorado State Model Evaluation Systems for both principals and teachers during the 2011-16 school years. They are providing valuable feedback on the quality of the model system, identifying challenges and strengths of the system and suggesting refinements to the implementation process developed by CDE.

What is a Partner District?

Several districts that have already developed performance evaluation systems reflecting key elements of S.B. 10-191 were selected to participate in the pilot process as partner districts. These districts are providing valuable information on the process for aligning existing educator evaluation systems to the rules developed by the State Board of Education, as well as providing an opportunity to enhance the Colorado State Model Evaluation System with elements from locally-developed systems.

What is an Integration District?

Integration districts were selected as part of a voluntary effort by the Colorado Legacy Foundation to support CDE's work to implement S.B. 10-191 as well as the Colorado Academic Standards pursuant to Senate Bill 08-212 (Colorado Achievement Plan for Kids). Four school districts and one BOCES were selected to implement, in an integrated manner, *all* of the following:

- Colorado Academic Standards and aligned instructional materials to guide instruction
- Professional development in formative practices to inform instruction
- Regular performance evaluations that hold educators accountable for improvement on measures of student learning and provide them feedback to improve instruction

Districts Piloting the Colorado State Model Evaluation System

Twenty-seven districts are piloting the Colorado State Model Evaluation System. CDE selected 15 pilot districts, based on a public application process, to pilot the model evaluation system. The 15 districts are:

1. Center
2. Crowley
3. Custer
4. Del Norte
5. Eads
6. Jefferson County (principal only)
7. Miami-Yoder
8. Moffat
9. Mountain Valley
10. Platte Canyon
11. Salida
12. South Routt
13. St. Vrain
14. Wray
15. Valley RE-1
16. Centennial School District
17. Eagle School District (principal only)
18. Thompson School District
19. San Juan BOCES (Archuleta, Bayfield, Durango, Dolores RE-2, Dolores RE-4, Ignacio, Mancos, Montezuma-Cortez and Silverton)

All of these efforts align and work together to help us learn and make necessary mid-course corrections during the pilot phase of the Colorado State Model Evaluation System. Educator feedback from these pilot districts is informing improvements to the model system.

APPENDIX B: Definition of Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness**Postsecondary and Workforce Readiness Description**

Adopted June 30, 2009 By the State Board of Education and the Colorado Commission on Higher Education

“**Postsecondary and workforce readiness**” describes the knowledge, skills and behaviors essential for high school graduates to be prepared to enter college and the workforce and to compete in the global economy. To be designated as postsecondary and workforce ready, secondary students shall demonstrate that the following content knowledge and learning and behavior skills have been achieved without the need for remedial instruction or training. This demonstration includes the completion of increasingly challenging, engaging and coherent academic work and experiences, and the achievement of proficiency shown by a body of evidence including postsecondary and workforce readiness assessments and other relevant materials that document a student’s postsecondary and workforce readiness.

I. Content Knowledge**Literacy**

- Read fiction and non-fiction, understanding conclusions reached and points of view expressed.
- Write clearly and coherently for a variety of purposes and audiences.
- Use logic and rhetoric to analyze and critique ideas.
- Access and use primary and secondary sources to explain questions being researched.
- Employ standard English language properly and fluently in reading, writing, listening and speaking.

Mathematical Sciences

- Think critically, analyze evidence, read graphs, understand logical arguments, detect logical fallacies, test conjectures, evaluate risks and appreciate the role mathematics plays in the modern world, i.e., be quantitatively literate.
- Understand and apply algebraic and geometric concepts and techniques.
- Use concepts and techniques of probability and statistics.
- Apply knowledge of mathematics to problem solve, analyze issues and make critical decisions that arise in everyday life.

Science

- Think scientifically and apply the scientific method to complex systems and phenomena.
- Use theoretical principles within a scientific field and relevant empirical evidence to make and draw conclusions.
- Recognize that scientific conclusions are subject to interpretation and can be challenged.
- Understand the core scientific concepts, principles, laws, and vocabulary and how scientific knowledge is extended, refined and revised over time.

Social Studies and Social Sciences

- Identify and describe historical, social, cultural, political, geographical and economic concepts.
- Interpret sources and evaluate evidence and competing ideas.
- Build conceptual frameworks based on an understanding of themes and the overall flow of events.
- Understand how government works in the United States and in other countries, the varying roles individuals may play in society and the nature of civic responsibility.
- Interpret information from a global and multicultural perspective.

The Arts and Humanities

- Understand and appreciate how the arts and humanities (expressions of culture and identity through language, movement, sound and visual representation) contribute to and shape culture and our understanding of culture.
- Understand how the arts and literature are used as instruments of social and political thought.
- Identify leading innovators in the arts and humanities and the contributions they have made to their respective art forms.

II. Learning and Behavior Skills**Critical Thinking and Problem Solving**

- Apply logical reasoning and analytical skills.
- Conduct research using acceptable research methods.
- Understand different research approaches.
- Collect and analyze quantitative and qualitative data and research.
- Evaluate the credibility and relevance of information, ideas and arguments.
- Discern bias, pose questions, marshal evidence and present solutions.
- Find and use information/information technology.
- Select, integrate and apply appropriate technology to access and evaluate new information.
- Understand the ethical uses of information.
- Provide citations for resources.

Creativity and Innovation

- Demonstrate intellectual curiosity.
- Generate, evaluate and implement new ideas and novel approaches.
- Develop new connections where none previously existed.

Global and Cultural Awareness

- Appreciate the arts, culture and humanities.
- Interact effectively with and respect the diversity of different individuals, groups and cultures.
- Recognize the interdependent nature of our world.
- Understand how communicating in another language can improve learning in other disciplines and expand professional, personal and social opportunities.

Civic Responsibility

- Recognize the value of civic engagement and its role in a healthy democracy and civil society.
- Be involved in the community and participate in its political life.
- Balance personal freedom with the interests of a community.

Work Ethic

- Plan and prioritize goals.
- Manage time effectively.
- Take initiative and follow through.
- Learn from instruction and criticism.
- Take responsibility for completion of work.
- Act with maturity, civility and politeness.
- Demonstrate flexibility and adaptability.

Personal Responsibility

- Balance self-advocacy with the consideration of others.
- Possess financial literacy and awareness of consumer economics.
- Behave honestly and ethically.
- Take responsibility for actions.
- Understand the relevance of learning to postsecondary and workforce readiness.
- Demonstrate awareness of and evaluate career options.
- Attend to personal health and wellness.

Communication

- Read, write, listen and speak effectively.
- Construct clear, coherent and persuasive arguments.
- Communicate and interact effectively with people who have different primary languages.

Collaboration

- Work effectively with others.
- Acknowledge authority and take direction.
- Cooperate for a common purpose.
- Use teamwork and leadership skills effectively.

APPENDIX C: Resources

Resource Bank

S.B. 10-191 requires the Colorado Department of Education to make tools and materials available to schools and districts to support their educator evaluation efforts. These materials are intended to provide meaningful support and resources to realize Colorado's vision for Educator Effectiveness which is: ***Effective educators for every student, effective leaders for every school.*** Users may access resources at: <http://www.cde.state.co.us/EducatorEffectiveness/ResourceBank.asp>. <http://www.cde.state.co.us/EducatorEffectiveness/Resources.asp>