

**SUPERVISION & EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

A well-planned and systematic program of supervision and evaluation of performance tied to educational outcomes is vital to the ongoing improvement of the instructional program. It is incumbent upon this Board of Directors to ensure that sufficient administrative time and energy are expended to supervise (observe and assist) and evaluate (measure and assess) teachers. The evaluation program shall address all aspects of teaching performance and recognize that the fulfillment of student needs is of primary importance.

The Superintendent shall be responsible for development, implementation and periodic review of a comprehensive program of supervision and evaluation. The program shall provide for minimum standards for the number and frequency of formal performance reviews, with the understanding that probationary teachers require closer support and more frequent performance reviews.

- A. Evaluative criteria shall be in written form and made permanently available to the teacher;
- B. Evaluations shall be made by an immediate supervisor/administrator;
- C. Results of the evaluations shall be put in writing and shall be discussed with the teacher;
- D. The teacher being evaluated shall have the right to attach a memorandum to the written evaluation; and
- E. Results of all evaluations shall be kept in confidential personnel files maintained at the Superintendent's office.

In keeping with the Board's goal of employing the best qualified staff to provide quality education for all students, all teachers are expected to participate fully in the evaluation process, self-appraisal and continuous improvement of professional skills.

While supervision and evaluation policies and procedures are not negotiable in collective bargaining, the Superintendent is to seek appropriate involvement of staff in the development and periodic review of the supervision and evaluation program.

The Board recognizes that the teaching process is extremely complex and the appraisal of this function is an extremely difficult and technical process. Because we believe that good teaching is the most important element in the educational program, evaluation of teaching staff shall be completed at a minimum of once annually.

Appraisal of teaching services shall serve at least three purposes:

- A. To aid the individual teacher to grow professionally;
- B. To raise the standards of the teaching profession as a whole;

- C To raise the quality of instruction and educational services to children of our communities;

Therefore, the Board delegates to its administrative staff the responsibility of developing, organizing, and implementing a system-wide program for evaluating the instructional process.

Legal Reference: 20-A MRSA §§ 1055, 13802  
Ch. 125 §§ 4.02(E)(3), 8.08 (Me. Dept. of Ed. Rule)

Cross Reference: GCI – Professional Staff Development Opportunities

First Reading October 14, 2009

Second Reading October 28, 2009