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**APPR Plan - Variance**

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Dear Superintendent Ahearn:

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

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

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

Thank you again for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa  
Interim Commissioner

Attachment

c: Allen Buyck

## NOTE:

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

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

Your variance is approved for the 2020-21 school year. Because you requested this variance to address issues related to COVID-19, the approval of this variance for any future school years (up to a three school year period) is contingent on the continuation of the current COVID-19 pandemic notwithstanding your request for this variance to apply in future school years. Upon expiration of state-imposed restrictions or emergency measures related to the pandemic, or abatement of the pandemic, it is expected that your variance will no longer be required. As such, SED may withdraw its approval of this variance for any subsequent school years or may require a separate application or other documentation for continuation of the variance in future school years. Upon expiration of the approved term of your variance, you must implement the terms of your current APPR plan as approved by the Commissioner.

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

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

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

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

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

**Variance Application Timeline**

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

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

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

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

**Variance Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below**

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

**Teacher Variance****Please check the appropriate box below.**

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

**Principal Variance**

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

**Please check the appropriate box below.**

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

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**Required Student Performance Subcomponent**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

*This requirement*

*currently approved APPR plan will apply.*

*must be met through*

**Variance Request**

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

*Any teachers not covered by this variance request*

**Please make the appropriate selection below.**

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

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**Variance Request**

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

*Any teachers not covered by this variance request*

**Please make the appropriate selection below.**

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

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**Variance Request**

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

*Any teachers not covered by this variance request*

**Please make the appropriate selection below.**

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

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**Applicable Teachers**

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

**Core Teachers**

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

	All Core Teachers	Common Branch	ELA	Math	Science	Social Studies
Courses	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> All core teachers (K-3; 4-8 ELA, math, science, social studies; high school ELA and Regents courses) [if this option is selected, please do not make selections in subsequent columns]					

**Other Teachers**

- ☐ Teachers of other courses are not included in this teacher observation variance request.  
☒ Teachers of other courses included in this teacher observation variance request are listed in the table below.

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

Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 3: subject of the course

Follow the examples below to list other courses.

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

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

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

**Applicable Areas**

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

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

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

- ☒ Required principal/supervisor observations
- ☒ Required independent evaluator observations



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**Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrators**At least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or another trained administrator.

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by principal(s) or other trained administrators, as well as the method of observation, in the table below.

If an observation type is not applicable, please indicate '0' for the minimum number and 'N/A' for the observation method.

	Minimum number of observations	Observation method (check all that apply)	Other observation method (only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column)
Unannounced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Announced	1	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live	(No Response)
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>1</b>		

**To which teachers does the information in the above table apply?**

☒ A subgroup of teachers listed in the 'Applicability' section (provide details below).

Describe the subgroup of teachers to whom the information in the table above applies (i.e., probationary teachers), then complete the next page for an additional subgroup.

Tenured

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**Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrators**At least one observation must be conducted by the building principal or another trained administrator.**Describe the subgroup of teachers to whom the information in the table below applies (i.e., tenured teachers).**

Probationary

**Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by principal(s) or other trained administrators, as well as the method of observation, in the table below.****If an observation type is not applicable, please indicate '0' for the minimum number and 'N/A' for the observation method.**

	<b>Minimum number of observations</b>	<b>Observation method</b> ( <i>check all that apply</i> )	<b>Other observation method</b> ( <i>only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column</i> )
Unannounced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Announced	2	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Live	(No Response)
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>2</b>		

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**Required Subcomponent 2: Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s)****Independent Evaluator Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

**Number and Method of Observation**

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by impartial independent trained evaluator(s), as well as the method of observation, in the table below. At least one observation must be conducted by an impartial independent trained evaluator.

If an observation type is not applicable, please indicate '0' for the minimum number and 'N/A' for the observation method.

	Minimum number of observations	Observation method (check all that apply)	Other observation method (only complete if 'Other' is selected in the previous column)
Unannounced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
Announced	0	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> N/A	(No Response)
<b>Totals:</b>	<b>0</b>		

**To which teachers does the information in the above table apply?**

- ☒ All teachers listed in the 'Applicability' section.

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**Variance Details***Please read the questions below and answer each prompt in a concise manner.***Rationale****Please provide a rationale for this variance request.****> Your rationale should include information regarding the specific, identified needs and/or challenges of the LEA, and how such needs and/or challenges inform development of the teacher observation variance request.**

The requested variance is for the 2020-2021 school year only. The variance will eliminate the informal observation conducted by the independent evaluator for tenured and non-tenured teachers. It will retain the formal observation conducted by a lead evaluator. Tenured teachers will receive one formal observation by a lead evaluator; non-tenured teachers will receive two formal observations by a lead evaluator. The variance is designed to accommodate changes to the instructional day and instructional model resulting from the COVID-19 health emergency. In compliance with NYS reopening guidance (July 13, 2020), the Vestal district developed an instructional model that provides for remote and hybrid learning in accordance with health and safety guidelines. The district, like many districts, was required to adjust student in-person attendance to alternating days to allow for social distancing and reduced density in classrooms, cafeterias, and buses. Significantly, the nature of instruction shifted from in-person instruction prior to March 2020 to a hybrid environment which accommodates remote and in-person students simultaneously. This change requires more intensive models of coaching, feedback, and support for teachers.

The district's current structure of announced observations by a lead evaluator is well designed to provide coaching and feedback. The unannounced observations by an independent evaluator, however, are not an effective tool for this purpose at this time because of several constraints: (1) Contact tracing and quarantining preclude the level of consistency necessary for capturing instruction in a spontaneous manner; (2) Access to a lesson needs to be preplanned to allow for participation in video conferencing, Google Classroom, or other online platforms; (3) Teaching in hybrid and remote contexts is new for all teachers -- observing a lesson unannounced introduces an added level of complexity; (4) Reduction in observations support the district's adherence to health and safety guidelines by minimizing staff exposure to multiple groups and cohorts. In consideration of these constraints, the elimination of the unannounced observation by an independent evaluator provides principals and district administration the time to pursue more comprehensive models of coaching, feedback, and professional support necessary to develop strong models of instruction and strategies to promote student engagement during this unprecedented situation.

**Standards and Procedures****Please provide a description of the standards and procedures that will be used in lieu of those included in the LEA's most recently approved evaluation plan.****> This description should include a specific, detailed explanation of the new and innovative approach that the LEA is seeking to implement as part of its variance request.****> This description should include, but not be limited to, a description of the alternate measures and/or evidence of teacher practice that will be used to evaluate educators.**

The observation tool for the 2020-2021 school year, through mutual agreement between the teacher bargaining unit and the district, has been revised to include only those designated indicators that can be observed and scored in the context of both hybrid and remote instruction. Each formal observation by a lead evaluator includes a pre-observation conference and a post-observation conference. Indicators are discussed and reviewed in the pre-observation conference in the context of the lesson plan and learning outcomes. In the post-observation conference, evidence gathered from the observer lesson is correlated to the criteria for each indicator receiving a rating of highly effective, effective, developing, or ineffective. Ratings of developing or ineffective must also include additional recommendations for growth by the lead evaluator. Under the variance, the formal observation will be weighted as follows:

- Tenured teachers receive one formal observation by a lead evaluator. The score for each indicator is weighted equally and averaged. The final average score will be used to establish a rating of highly effective, effective, developing, or ineffective for the observation category of the overall score.
- Non-tenured teachers receive two formal observations by a lead evaluator. For each observation, the score for each indicator is weighted equally and averaged. The average score for each observation will be weighted at 50% to achieve a combined score which will be used to establish a rating of highly effective, effective, developing, or ineffective for the observation category of the overall score.

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**Rigor**

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

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

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

The transition to hybrid learning requires a significant retooling of instructional practices, which, if done with care and integrity, can be leveraged into lasting, impactful change once our schools fully reopen. The rigor of the formal observations by lead evaluators will be sustained by way of an explicit process of interrater reliability in which lead evaluators will meet, review, and compare observation scores and evidence. These meetings will ensure interrater reliability and consistent standards of scoring among all evaluators under the current conditions of remote and hybrid instruction. Lead evaluators also correlate patterns of performance with long term trends. Levels of performance on indicators are compared to prior years by lead evaluators and the differentials in performance are communicated to the district's office of professional development. Professional development is then designed to target specific areas of instruction and planning. To this end, during the 2020-2021 school year, there is designated time each week for coordinated planning between teams, staff developers, and administration to develop and maintain responsive approaches to the new demands of hybrid and remote teaching. Observable indicators include those related to planning, technology integration, student engagement, clear communication, pacing, questioning techniques, feedback, and safety in the context of digital environments. These indicators bridge current instructional practices in hybrid and remote environments with instruction in prior years. The indicators also establish a bridge to the coming year as the district shifts its expanded technology platform into the future.

The Vestal district seeks to use this health emergency as an opportunity to deepen technology integration to extend the best practices our district is committed to: collaborative teaching and learning; student choice and independence; self-directed learning; integration of content areas and development of transdisciplinary content; digital and media literacy; student leadership; civic engagement; student wellness and social efficacy. To this end, lead evaluators are being trained in new models of coaching and feedback aligned to digital-based instruction. The district will train evaluators in the Triple E Framework, a tool to measure the effectiveness of technology tools in promoting student engagement and learning. The intent of this training is to establish a foundation for the effective evaluation of technology integration in the coming years.

The COVID-19 health emergency emphasis on technology integration in hybrid and remote environments requires a full reworking of assessment models which advance qualitative, project-based learning as a foundation for authentic student work. Reworking assessments as a result of this year's changes in instruction will be impactful for years to come. The district is presently engaged with administrators and teachers on developing alternative models of assessment.

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**Professional Learning**

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

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

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

The current model of formal observations by lead evaluators provides administrators the opportunity to work alongside teachers to understand the efficacy and impact of new technology platforms on learning. The elimination of the unannounced observation advances a climate of trust and experimentation between faculty and administration and importantly, allows for greater time to be devoted to collaborative teams focusing on engagement and innovative instructional design using new technology platforms. To this end, the district has implemented a robust model of professional learning dynamic that is responsive to the needs of teachers and administrators. The district has retained the support of a technology integrationist to provide: (1) embedded coaching (2) professional training in the district's comprehensive learning platforms (Google Classroom, Seesaw); (3) targeted training in the district's expanded library of digital learning tools (i.e. Kami, PearDeck, Remind). Additionally, the district has restructured its professional learning priorities and staff to focus on the integration of digital curriculum resources aligned to its K-12 instructional model. In the area of literacy, the district has adopted and is training all K-5 teachers in the use of the Calkins Virtual Units of Study, the digital corollary to the district adopted Calkins Units of Study in reading, writing and phonics. The district has adopted and is currently training all elementary teachers in the digital platform for the Eureka math curriculum, which includes digital curriculum-based assessments adaptable by teachers. The professional learning staff are working alongside the technology integrationist and library media specialist to provide embedded and targeted support for K-12 teachers on the use of multi-media digital tools to provide strong connections between synchronous and asynchronous learning. Finally, an essential component of professional learning is on developing the digital tools and strategies to engage students with disabilities and English language learners, especially the use of Kami and accessibility functions within Google Classroom including Read/Write and translator. Documentation of the impact of professional learning is achieved in several ways. Participation in workshops and embedded coaching is monitored closely to ensure all areas and levels are fully accessing professional learning. Using this data, the district makes decisions on workshops, trainings, and professional learning opportunities. Feedback and surveying during professional learning opportunities provides essential information on areas that need to be supported. Additionally, this year professional development for the district's lead evaluators will focus on the implementation of the Triple E Framework as a methodology for coaching and feedback in the context of hybrid and remote instruction.

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

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

The ultimate goal of instruction this year is to ensure that students engage with their teachers and each other to maintain continuity of learning, to attend to student emotional health, and to sustain social connections. Administrators and teachers are working together closely and intensively to ensure that the interaction between teachers and their students keeps students connected to their school and learning. In this respect, the elimination of the informal observation creates opportunities for targeted practices to promote student engagement and continuity of learning in several significant ways.

(1) Expanded benchmarking: This year, the district has expanded its use of the STAR ELA and math assessments to all students in grades 2-8 to create baseline performance measures and subsequent assessments to track student growth. In grades K-1, district benchmarking in ELA and math has been adjusted to align to the 2020-2021 instructional scope and sequence. In grades 9-12, course grades are tracked and monitored for fluctuations in student performance within the current school year and in comparison to the previous year. On a weekly basis, all buildings hold student support team meetings to monitor and respond to these benchmarking and curriculum-based measures. The elimination of the informal observation by independent evaluators allows administrators to focus on working with their faculty and support staff and tailoring data-based interventions to the context of hybrid and remote instruction.

(2) Current and strategic planning: The shared decision-making teams of each building have retooled annual plans to accommodate changes brought about by the COVID-19 health emergency. Student participation is being closely monitored and significant administrative time is being dedicated to employ strategies for maintaining school-family ties: regular communication via email, messaging, phone, social media; home visits; organization of school events and outreach in an effort to support students and families.

(3) Surveying: A key indicator of effectiveness will be tracking teacher growth and development in the area of technology integration. In June 2020, the district administered a survey to teachers identifying their areas of strength and growth with technology use. This same survey will be administered this year, at mid-year and end-of year. The consistent use of one surveying tool will yield data on change over time as a result of professional learning and collaborative practices.

(4) Student engagement and attendance: At all levels, student attendance and participation data is tracked and monitored. This is ongoing. Administrators coordinate this process with school counselors, psychologists, and support and intervention staff. In the broadest sense, the impact of this variance to reduce the number of observations to only formal observations by lead evaluators will be monitored and measured by the extent to which we can maintain and increase current levels of student participation in instruction. Students need to attend and participate, and for this to happen, teachers need to have a dynamic and fluid set of tools to engage learners at all levels. Now more than ever, administrators need the latitude and flexibility to respond to and support faculty in this unprecedented set of circumstances and plan for the rapid transformation of learning and teaching in the years to come.

Our building and district administrators are committed to the health and safety of our students, staff, and community. Our strict health and safety protocols in response to the pandemic require extensive attention to detail each day. This commitment builds trust and confidence in a safe environment for our school communities to engage in collaborative professional learning to support our rigorous curriculum and high standards for teaching and learning in the Vestal Central School District.

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

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

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**Category and Overall Ratings**

For guidance on APPR scoring, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

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

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

**Variance Request**

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

*Any teachers not covered by this variance request*

**Please make the appropriate selection below.**

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



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**Additional Requirements for Teachers**

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

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

- A form for development of a Teacher Improvement Plan,
- A timely and expeditious process for resolving educator's appeals of APPR ratings,
- A process for training all evaluators of applicable educators.

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

**Variance Request**

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

*Any teachers not covered by this variance request*

**Choose the appropriate response below.**

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

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**Applicability of Variance****Need for Variance****Please make the appropriate selection below.**

- ☒ The submission of this variance application is prompted by the impact of COVID-19 on the LEA.

**Instructional Model**

- ☐ The processes identified in this variance application need only apply if an in-person instructional model is implemented.
- ☐ The processes identified in this variance application need only apply if a remote instructional model is implemented.
- ☐ The processes identified in this variance application need only apply if a hybrid instructional model is implemented.
- ☒ The processes identified in this variance application apply regardless of the instructional model implemented.

**Variance Duration**

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

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

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

- ☒ 2020-21

**Upload APPR Variance Certification Form**

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

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

APPR Variance Certification 1-28-21.pdf

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

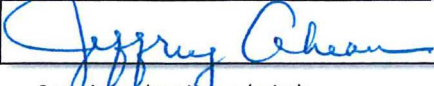
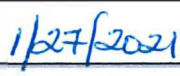
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- ☒ Assure that all information provided in this variance application is true and accurate as of the date that the variance application is submitted.
- ☒ Assure that once this application is approved by the Department, it shall be considered part of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

**Signatures, dates**

Superintendent Signature:

Date:


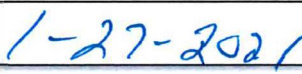
 

Superintendent Name (print):

Jeffrey Ahearn

Teachers Union President Signature:

Date:

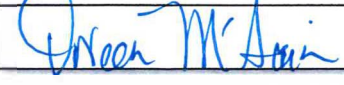
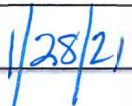
 

Teachers Union President Name (print):

Joseph Herringshaw

Administrative Union President Signature:

Date:

Administrative Union President Name (print):

Doreen McSain

Board of Education President Signature:

Date:

Board of Education President Name (print):

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October 30, 2020

**Revised**

Jeffrey Ahearn, Superintendent  
Vestal Central School District  
201 Main Street  
Vestal, NY 13850

Dear Superintendent Ahearn:

Congratulations. I am pleased to inform you that your Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan meets the criteria outlined in Education Law §3012-d and Subpart 30-3 of the Commissioner's Regulations and has been approved. As a reminder, we are relying on the information you provided on your APPR form, including the certifications and assurances that are part of your approved APPR plan. If any material changes are made to your approved plan, your district/BOCES must submit such material changes to us for approval. Please see the attached notes for further information.

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

The New York State Education Department and I look forward to continuing our work together, with the goal of ensuring that every school has world-class educators in the classroom, every teacher has a world-class principal to support his or her professional growth, and every student achieves college and career readiness.

Thank you again for your hard work.

Sincerely,

Betty A. Rosa  
Interim Commissioner

Attachment

c: Allen Buyck

**NOTE:**

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

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**Disclaimers**

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

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

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

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

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

**APPR Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below**

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

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**Required Student Performance Subcomponent**

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

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

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

**Student Learning Objectives (SLOs)**

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance.

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

**MEASURES**

*SLO measures may be either individually attributed or collectively attributed.*

*Individually attributed measures*

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

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*Collectively attributed measures*

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

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

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**ASSESSMENTS**

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

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

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

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

**HEDI Scoring Bands**

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

**SLO Assurances****Please check the boxes below.**

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



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**Common Branch Kindergarten Measures and Assessments**

Please indicate below which of the three available measure types will be used for kindergarten teachers, then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Kindergarten: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Kindergarten: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Kindergarten: Assessment Type(s)**

☒ State or Regents assessment(s)

**Kindergarten: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**Common Branch Grade One Measures and Assessments**

Please indicate below which of the three available measure types will be used for grade one teachers, then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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**Grade 1: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Grade 1: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Grade 1: Assessment Type(s)**

☒ State or Regents assessment(s)

**Grade 1: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**Common Branch Grade Two Measures and Assessments**

Please indicate below which of the three available measure types will be used for grade two teachers, then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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**Grade 2: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Grade 2: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Grade 2: Assessment Type(s)**

☒ State or Regents assessment(s)

**Grade 2: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**Common Branch Grade Three Measures and Assessments**

Please indicate below which of the three available measure types will be used for grade three teachers, then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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**Grade 3: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Grade 3: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Grade 3: Assessment Type(s)**

☒ State or Regents assessment(s)

**Grade 3: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**Grade Four**

Please identify below whether grade four instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade four teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please choose the option that best describes grade four in your LEA.**

☒ Common branch

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**Grade Four (Common Branch) Measure and Assessment(s)****Grade 4: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Grade 4: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Grade Four: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**Grade Four: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**Grade Five**

Please identify below whether grade five instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade five teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please choose the option that best describes grade five in your LEA.**

☒ Common branch

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**Grade Five (Common Branch) Measure and Assessment(s)****Grade 5: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Grade 5: District- or BOCES Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Grade 5: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**Grade 5: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents



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**Grade Six**

Please identify below whether grade six instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade six teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
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> District- or BOCES-wide

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

**Please choose the option that best describes grade six in your LEA.**

☒ Departmentalized - all core subjects use the same measure and assessment(s)

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**Grade Six (Departmentalized) Measure and Assessment(s)**

Grade six departmentalized with uniform measure and assessment(s) across core subjects

**Grade 6: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Grade 6: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Grade 6: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**Grade 6: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**Grade Seven**

Please identify below whether grade seven instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade seven teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please choose the option that best describes grade seven in your LEA.**

☒ Departmentalized - all core subjects use the same measure and assessment(s)

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**Grade Seven (Departmentalized) Measure and Assessment(s)**

Grade seven departmentalized with uniform measure and assessment(s) across core subjects

**Grade 7: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Grade 7: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Grade 7: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**Grade 7: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**Grade Eight Measures and Assessments**

Please identify below whether grade eight instruction is common branch or departmentalized; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for grade eight teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please choose the option that best describes grade eight in your LEA.**

☒ Departmentalized - all core subjects use the same measure and assessment(s)

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**Grade Eight (Departmentalized) Measure and Assessment(s)**

Grade eight departmentalized with uniform measure and assessment(s) across core subjects

**Grade 8: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**Grade 8: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Grade Eight: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**Grade Eight: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**High School English Language Arts***Note: Additional high school English courses may be included in the "Other Courses" section.*

**Please identify below whether all high school ELA teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by grade level; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for high school ELA teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).**

*An individually attributed SLO measure*> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please indicate whether grades 9 through 12 ELA teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by grade level.**

☒ All high school ELA teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s)

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**High School ELA (All Grades) Measure and Assessment(s)****High School ELA: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**High School ELA: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**High School ELA: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**High School ELA: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents



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**High School Regents Math***Note: Additional high school math courses may be included in the "Other Courses" section.*

**Please identify below whether all high school Regents math teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by course; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for high school Regents math teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).**

*An individually attributed SLO measure*> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please indicate whether high school Regents math teachers use the same measure or assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by grade level.**

☒ All high school Regents math teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s)

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**High School Regents Math (All Courses) Measure and Assessment(s)****High School Regents Math: Measure Type**

District- or BOCES-wide

**High School Regents Math: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**High School Regents Math: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**High School Regents Math: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**High School Regents Science***Note: Additional high school science courses may be included in the "Other Courses" section.*

**Please identify below whether all high school Regents science teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by course; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for high school Regents science teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).**

*An individually attributed SLO measure*> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please indicate whether high school Regents science teachers use the same measure or assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by grade level.**

☒ All high school Regents science teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s)

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District- or BOCES-wide

**High School Regents Science: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**High School Regents Science: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**High School Regents Science: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**High School Regents Social Studies: Measures and Assessments***Note: Additional high school social studies courses may be included in the "Other Courses" section.*

**Please identify below whether all high school Regents social studies teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by course; indicate which of the three available measure types will be used for high school Regents social studies teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).**

*An individually attributed SLO measure*> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please indicate whether high school Regents social studies teachers use the same measure or assessment(s) or if the measures and assessments vary by grade level.**

☒ All high school Regents social studies teachers use the same type of measure and assessment(s)

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District- or BOCES-wide

**High School Regents Social Studies: District- or BOCES-Wide Measure**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**High School Regents Social Studies: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**High School Regents Social Studies: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

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**Other Courses**

Please identify below the 'other courses' in your LEA; indicate which of the six available measures will be used for each group of teachers; and then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s), and applicable assessment(s).

*An individually attributed SLO measure*

> Teacher and course-specific

- **Teacher and course-specific results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students in the teacher's course in the current school year.

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*

> School- or program-wide

- **School- or program-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students in a school or program who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses in the current school year.
- **School- or program-wide linked results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of students enrolled in the teacher's course in the current school year taking assessments in other grades/subjects.

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of teachers will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of teachers' courses across buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

Complete the following, as applicable, for all 'other teachers' in additional grades/subjects (you may combine into one course listing any groups of teachers for whom the measure and assessment(s) are the same including, for example, "All courses not named above"):

Column 1: lowest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 2: highest grade that corresponds to the course

Column 3: subject of the course

Column 4: measure used

Columns 5-7: assessment(s) used

Follow the examples below to list other courses.

	(1) lowest grade	(2) highest grade	(3) subject	(4) measure	(5-7) assessment(s)
All Other Courses	K	12	All courses not named above	District- or BOCES-wide results	ELA Regents, Algebra I Regents
K-3 Art	K	3	Art	Teacher and course-specific results	Questar III BOCES
Grades 9-12 English Electives	9	12	English Electives	School- or program-wide linked results	All Regents given in LEA

To add additional courses, click "Add Row".

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Grade From	Grade To	Subject	Measure	State or Regents Assessment(s)	Locally-developed Course-Specific Assessment(s)	Third Party Assessment(s)
K	12	All courses not named above	District- or BOCE S-wide results	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELA Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Algebra I Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Living Environment Regents <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> US History Regents		



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**Use of the Optional Subcomponent and Student Performance Category Weighting**

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

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

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

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**Optional Student Performance Subcomponent**

For guidance on the Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance measure, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

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

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

Options for measures and associated assessments include:

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

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

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

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**Teacher Observation Category**

For guidance on the Teacher Observation category, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

**Teacher Practice Rubric**

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

Rubric Name	If more than one rubric is utilized, please indicate the group(s) of teachers each rubric applies to.
NYSUT Teacher Practice Rubric	(No Response)

**Rubric Assurances**

Please check all of the boxes below.

- ☒ Assure that all observable NYS Teaching Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual observations.
- ☒ Assure that the process for assigning points for the Teacher Observation category will be in compliance with the locally-determined subcomponent weights and overall Observation category score and rating based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☒ Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all classroom teachers in a grade/subject across the LEA, provided that LEAs may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for teachers who teach different grades and/or subjects during the school year as indicated in the table above.
- ☒ Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all observations of a classroom teacher across the observation types in a given school year.

**Process for Weighting Rubric Domains/Subcomponents**

For guidance on the Teacher Observation category, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

Please describe the process for rating and scoring the selected practice rubric consistent with the Department's regulations.

Your description should provide the complete process, including the following:

- The process for designating observable components (please note: all educators of the same grade/subject must be evaluated based on the same set of observable components);
- The level at which components of the chosen rubric are rated (i.e., domain, subdomain, indicator, etc.);
- How the final score and rating for each observable component of the practice rubric is determined for each observer; and
- How the final score for the required (i.e., lead evaluator/evaluator; independent evaluator) and/or optional (peer observer, as applicable) subcomponent of the Observation category is determined based on the final score and rating for each observable component.

**Example:** All subcomponents of Domains 2-4 of the Danielson rubric have been negotiated as observable. Domains 2 and 3 are weighted as 40% each, and Domain 4 is weighted as 20%. For each observation, all observed subcomponents in a domain are weighted equally and averaged to create a domain score, which is then weighted as above and averaged to reach a final score for each observation. Scores for each observation are weighted equally and averaged to reach a final score for each observation type. The district will ensure that all subcomponents designated as observable will be observed at least once across the observation cycle.

All components are indicators derived from the NYSUT Teacher Practice Rubric negotiated as observable and are uniformly applied to all faculty. For each observation, all indicators are weighted equally and averaged to create a final score for each observation. For tenured teachers, the final score of the formal observation is weighted at 90% and the final score for the informal observation is weighted at 10%. These weighted scores are combined to reach a final score and rating for the overall observation category. For probationary teachers who receive two formal observations, the final score of each formal observation is weighted equally at 45% and the final score for the informal observation is weighted at 10%. These weighted scores are combined to reach a final score and rating for the overall observation category.

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**Scoring Assurances****Please check each of the boxes below.**

- ☒ Assure that each set of observations (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted observation score will then be converted into a HEDI rating using the ranges indicated below.
- ☒ Assure that once all observations are complete, the different types of observations will be combined using a weighted average consistent with the weights specified below, producing an overall Observation category score between 0 and 4. In the event that a teacher earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all observations, a score of 0 will be assigned.

**Teacher Observation Scoring Bands**

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

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

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

**HEDI Ranges**

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

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

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.50	4.00

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

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.50	3.49

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

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	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.50	2.49

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

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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**Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting****Required Subcomponent 1: Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrators**

- At least 80% of the Teacher Observation category score

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

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

**Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)**

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

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

*\* If the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the use of one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the observation(s) required to be performed by the principal/supervisor or other trained administrator. If the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the processes described in that application.*

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

Principal/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer Observer(s) [Optional]	Grades and subjects for which this weighting will apply
90%	10%	0% (N/A)	(No Response)

**Observation Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

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

**At least one observation must be conducted by building principal or other trained administrator and at least one of the required observations must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).**

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

**Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by principal(s) or other trained administrators, as well as the method of observation, in the table below.**

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<b>TEACHERS</b> <i>Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all teachers or to a subgroup of teachers.</i>	<b>SUBGROUP</b> <i>If "Subgroup of Teachers" is selected in the previous column, indicate which teachers the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.</i>	<b>UNANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations</b>	<b>UNANNOUNCED Observation Method</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED Observation Method</b>
Subgroup of Teachers	Tenured	N/A	N/A	1	Live
Subgroup of Teachers	Probationary	N/A	N/A	2	Live

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

At least one observation must be conducted by impartial independent trained evaluator(s) and at least one of the required observations must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).

- Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA.
- They may be employed within the LEA, but may not be assigned to the same school building as the teacher being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs, or peers (e.g., teacher leaders on career ladder pathways), so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the teacher being evaluated.
- LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one observation by impartial independent trained evaluator(s).
- The frequency and duration of observations are locally determined.
- Observations may occur in person or by live or recorded video, as determined locally.

*\* If the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the use of one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the observation(s) required to be performed by the principal/supervisor or other trained administrator. If the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the processes described in that application.*

**Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by impartial independent trained evaluator(s), as well as the method of observation, in the table below.**

<b>TEACHERS</b> <i>Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all teachers or to a subgroup of teachers.</i>	<b>SUBGROUP</b> <i>If "Subgroup of Teachers" is selected in the previous column, indicate which teachers the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.</i>	<b>UNANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations</b>	<b>UNANNOUNCED Observation Method</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED Observation Method</b>
Subgroup of Teachers	Tenured	1	Live	N/A	N/A
Subgroup of Teachers	Probationary	1	Live	N/A	N/A

**Independent Evaluator Assurances**

**Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

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**Please also check each of the following boxes.**

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



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**Optional Subcomponent: Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s)**If selected, at least one observation must be conducted by trained peer observer(s).

- Peer teachers are trained and selected by the LEA.
- Trained peer teachers must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.
- Observations may occur in person or by live or recorded video, as determined locally.

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced observations by trained peer observer(s), as well as the method of observation, in the table below.

If the optional subcomponent will not be used, please indicate "N/A" for the minimum number and "N/A" for the observation method for both unannounced and announced observations for "All Teachers."

<b>TEACHERS</b> <i>Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all teachers or to a subgroup of teachers.</i>	<b>SUBGROUP</b> <i>If "Subgroup of Teachers" is selected in the previous column, indicate which teachers the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.</i>	<b>UNANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations</b>	<b>UNANNOUNCED Observation Method</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED Minimum Number of Observations</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED Observation Method</b>
All Teachers (enter 'N/A' in the next column)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Peer Observation Assurances**

Please check all of the boxes below.

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

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**Category and Overall Ratings**

For guidance on APPR scoring, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

**Category Scoring Ranges**

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

**Student Performance Category**

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

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

**Teacher Observation**

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

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

**Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating**

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

		<b>Teacher Observation Category</b>			
		<b>Highly Effective (H)</b>	<b>Effective (E)</b>	<b>Developing (D)</b>	<b>Ineffective (I)</b>
<b>Student Performance Category</b>	<b>Highly Effective (H)</b>	H	H	E	D
	<b>Effective (E)</b>	H	E	E	D
	<b>Developing (D)</b>	E	E	D	I
	<b>Ineffective (I)</b>	D	D	I	I

**Category and Overall Rating Assurances**

Please check all of the boxes below.

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

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**Additional Requirements**

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

**Teacher Improvement Plan Assurances**

**Please check each of the boxes below.**

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

**Teacher Improvement Plan Forms**

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

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

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

TIP 3012-D Review Room 2020.pdf

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**Appeal Assurance****Please check the box below.**

- ☒ Assure the LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the regulations and that they provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal.

**Appeals**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Describe the procedure for ensuring that appeals of annual performance evaluations will be resolved in a timely and expeditious manner.****Appeals Process**

1. Appeals for Tenured Teachers: Appeals of annual professional performance reviews shall be limited to those that rate a tenured teacher as ineffective or developing only.
2. Appeals for Probationary Teachers: Appeals of annual professional performance reviews shall be limited to those that rate a probationary teacher as ineffective only. Furthermore, for probationary teachers appeals are restricted to those evaluations which are completed prior to the final year of his/her probationary term. (e.g., a teacher serving a four year probationary appointment may file an appeal for the evaluation corresponding to year one, two, or three of her/his probationary term, but not year four of the probationary term.)
3. Purpose: The purpose of the appeals procedure shall be to equitably settle disputes for eligible teachers in Category A (Tenured) or B (Probationary) above.
4. Structure: A teacher eligible to file an appeal may only challenge the following in an appeal:
  1. The substance of the annual professional performance review; which shall include the instance of a teacher rated ineffective on the Student Performance Category but rated highly effective on the Observation/School Visit Category based on an anomaly as determined locally.
  2. The District's adherence to the APPR process and procedures as approved by the Superintendent of the Vestal Central Schools and the Vestal Teachers' Association.
  3. Adherence to the regulations of the Commissioner.
  4. Compliance with the terms of the Teacher Improvement Plan (TIP).
5. Burden of Proof: In an appeal, the teacher has the burden of demonstrating a clear legal right to the relief or remedy requested and the burden of establishing the facts upon which teacher seeks a relief or remedy. The parties acknowledge and agree that the deciding authority at any level of appeal may recommend a relief or remedy which is a modification of the requested relief or remedy. In this event, if the parties agree with the recommended modification, the matter would be considered resolved.
6. Levels of Appeal: There shall be three levels of Appeal.

**Level 1 – Lead Evaluator**

- (Informal) Following a qualifying event, the teacher shall be entitled to schedule a follow up meeting to informally discuss with the lead evaluator any and all issues related to such qualifying event.
- (Formal) Any appeal must be submitted to the lead evaluator in writing no later than ten (10) instructional days of the date when the teacher receives his/her annual professional performance review. If a teacher is challenging the issuance or implementation of a teacher improvement plan, the appeal must be submitted in writing within ten (10) instructional days of issuance of such plan or of the time when the teacher knew or should have known of an alleged breach in the implementation of such plan.
- When filing an appeal, the teacher must submit a detailed written description of the specific grounds for the appeal, as well as the performance review and/or improvement plan being challenged. Along with the appeal, all supporting documentation must be submitted, or specifically noted, if pending. In addition, the teacher shall identify the relief or remedy sought in the appeal. Any grounds for appeal or any supporting documentation/information not submitted or noted at the time the appeal is filed shall not be considered.
- Within ten (10) instructional days of receipt of an appeal, the evaluator responsible for the issue(s) being appealed must submit a detailed written response to the appeal. As part of the evaluator's written response, she/he must indicate whether the relief or remedy sought is granted or denied. Along with the response, all supporting documentation must be submitted, or specifically noted if pending, as well as any additional documents or materials relevant to the response. Any supporting documentation/ information not submitted or noted at the time the response is issued shall not be considered in the deliberations related to the resolution of the appeal. The teacher initiating the appeal, and the VTA President, shall receive copies of the response and any and all additional information submitted with the response.

**Level 2 – Procedural Review Panel (hereinafter "Panel")**

1. Within five (5) instructional days of receipt of the Level 1 response, if a teacher is not satisfied with such response, the teacher may submit the appeal to the Panel, which shall be comprised of one teacher chosen by the VTA President and one administrator selected by the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. The Panel will be provided all documentation submitted in both the appeal and the lead evaluator's response from Level 1 of this process. The Panel's scope of responsibility shall be limited to procedural matters only. If the appeal pertains to the substance of the evaluation, or if the appeal pertains in part to the substance of the evaluation then the substantive portion of the appeal will be heard by the

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superintendent (Level 3) once the Panel completes a procedural review and a recommendation is made.

2. Within five (5) instructional days of receipt of the teacher's appeal, the Panel will convene a meeting at which the teacher (and representative at the option of the teacher) and the lead evaluator (and representative at the option of the lead evaluator) will be allowed to present oral arguments in support of the appeal and the Level 1 response, respectively.

3. The Panel shall gather all information submitted by the teacher and provided by the lead evaluator. The Panel shall also prepare a written summary of the information from the meeting. All information shall be reviewed in light of the procedural requirements of the APPR process. Upon completion of the collection and review of the information, the panel shall forward the information to the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction. The submission to the Assistant Superintendent for Instruction shall occur within five (5) instructional days of the meeting. The Assistant Superintendent for Instruction shall determine whether there were any procedural violations and whether the relief or remedy requested is granted or denied. The Assistant Superintendent for Instruction shall convey the determination in writing to the teacher, the lead evaluator, the VTA President and the Superintendent of Schools within five (5) instructional days of receipt of the written summary prepared by the Panel.

**Level 3 - Superintendent**

- Within five (5) instructional days of receipt of the Level 1 or Level 2 response, if a teacher is not satisfied with such response, the teacher may submit the appeal to the Superintendent of Schools. The Superintendent will be provided all documentation submitted in the appeal, as well as the lead evaluator's response and Advisory Panel's recommendation.
- Within five (5) instructional days of receipt of the teacher's appeal, the Superintendent will conduct a hearing at which the teacher (and representative at the option of the teacher) and the lead evaluator (and representative at the option of the evaluator) will be allowed to present oral arguments in support of the appeal the response and recommendation
- Within five (5) instructional days of the Superintendent hearing, the Superintendent will issue a written determination to the teacher, the VTA President, and the lead evaluator. The written determination shall indicate whether the relief or remedy sought is granted. The decision of the superintendent is final.

**Scope of Appeal Process**

The parties acknowledge that nothing in the foregoing appeal process shall diminish the authority of the Superintendent of Schools and the Board of Education to interrupt a probationary appointment, deny tenure, or prefer charges for the purpose of proceeding to a hearing pursuant to 3020-a and 3020-b of the Education law, unless such action would be contrary to applicable law or regulation.

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**Training Assurance****Please check the box below.**

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

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

The process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators must include:

- 1) the process for training lead evaluators and evaluators, including impartial independent observers and peer observers;
- 2) the process for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators;
- 3) the process for ensuring inter-rater reliability; and
- 4) the nature (content) and the approximate duration (how many hours, days) of such training.

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**Describe the process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent observers and peer observers, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators.**

Training and Certification of All Evaluators, including Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Observers

**A) Criteria for the Training and Certification of All Evaluators, including Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Observers.**

The district ensures that all evaluators are appropriately trained. The training provided to all evaluators, including lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent observers, will be the same to ensure inter-rater reliability and close adherence to the district's instructional models and expectations. The Board of Education will annually certify, or re-certify, all evaluators. Any individual who fails to receive required training or achieve certification or recertification, as applicable shall not conduct or complete an evaluation. All initial training and annual retraining of all evaluators shall include the nine elements required under Regents rule 30-3.10:

- (1) the New York State teaching standards and their related elements and performance indicators and the leadership standards and their related functions, as applicable;
- (2) evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research;
- (3) application and use of any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the district to evaluate its teachers or principals;
- (4) application and use of the State-approved teacher or principal rubric(s) selected by the district for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a teacher or principal's practice;
- (5) application and use of any assessment tools that the district utilizes to evaluate its classroom teachers or building principals;
- (6) application and use of any locally selected measures of student performance in the optional subcomponent of the student performance category used by the district to evaluate its teachers or principals;
- (7) use of the statewide instructional reporting system;
- (8) the scoring methodology utilized by the department and/or the district to evaluate a teacher or principal under this Subpart, including the weightings of each subcomponent within a category; how overall scores/ratings are generated for each subcomponent and category and application and use of the evaluation matrix(es) prescribed by the commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the teacher's or principal's overall rating and their category ratings; and
- (9) specific considerations in evaluating teachers and principals of English language learners and students with disabilities.

**B) Process for Initial Training and Certification of All Evaluators, including Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Observers.**

Initial training of all evaluators, including lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent observers, consists of approximately twelve (12) hours of instruction. Training for all evaluators of teachers will be provided by the district and/or Broome-Tioga BOCES. In addition to participating in learning opportunities consistent with the nine required elements for certification participants will receive in depth training in the following areas:

- Instruction in 3012-D and the Annual Professional Performance Review regulations and district plans
- Orientation to and practice in observation techniques and evidence collection
- Orientation to district forms and protocols, including lesson planning documents and evidence reporting documents.
- Overview of district-wide instructional models and expectations to support coaching and feedback.

**C) Process for Annual Retraining and Recertification of All Evaluators, including Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Observers.**

Annual refresher training for all previously certified evaluators of teachers, including lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent observers, consists of approximately eight (8) hours of training over time, which includes an initial session and subsequent sessions to maintain interrater reliability and promote quality feedback which will include, but is not limited to:

- Review of district-wide annual professional development initiatives in the area of lesson planning, instruction, and curriculum design.
- Coordinated sharing and review of district developed evidence collection documents for the purposes of scoring calibration and inter-rater reliability.
- Data analysis of scoring trends among district evaluators and regionally, across multiple districts.
- Review of subcomponents of the rubrics.
- Use of videos/simulations to collect evidence, calibrate scoring, and maintain inter-rater reliability.
- Simulated practice through individual or team "coaching the evaluator" and facilitated "observation rounds."
- Retraining and coaching on providing quality feedback to teacher.
- Retraining and coaching on quality TIP processes.



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**Teacher Evaluation Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

**Assessment Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

**Data Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

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**Required Student Performance Subcomponent**

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

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

**Required Student Performance Measures**

**Student performance for principals may be measured by either a student learning objectives (SLO) or an Input Model where the principal's overall rating shall be determined based on evidence of principal practice that promotes student growth related to the Leadership Standards.**

**STUDENT LEARNING OBJECTIVES**

For guidance on SLOs, see NYSED SLO Guidance.

*SLO measures may be either individually attributed or collectively attributed.*

*Individually attributed measures*

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

> Principal and building/program-specific

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

*Collectively attributed measures*

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

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

> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of principals will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of principals' buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**ASSESSMENTS**

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

- **State assessment(s); or**  
Assessment(s) that are selected from the list of State-approved:
- **third party assessments;** or
- **locally-developed assessments** (district-, BOCES- or regionally-developed).

**INPUT MODEL**

*Selection of the Input Model will require:*

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

**Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

**Required Student Performance for Principals****Please choose the option that best describes the required student performance subcomponent for principals in your LEA.**

- ☒ The same measure(s) and assessment(s) will be used for all principals
- ☐ Different measure(s) and assessment(s) will be used for different grade configurations/programs

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**All Principals**

Please indicate how student performance will be measured for principals, then choose the specific measure, corresponding assessment type(s) and assessment(s), as applicable.

**Student performance based on a Student Learning Objective (SLO)***An individually attributed SLO measure*> Principal and building/program-specific

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

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of principals will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of principals' buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Student Performance based on an Input Model***An input model uses evidence of principal practice that promotes student growth related to the Leadership Standards.*

Selection of the Input Model will require:

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

**All Principals: Measure Type**

Student Learning Objective (SLO)

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**Principal Student Learning Objective**

Please indicate the type of SLO that will be used for principals, then choose the corresponding assessment type(s) and assessment(s).

**Student performance based on a Student Learning Objective (SLO)***An individually attributed SLO measure*> Principal and building/program-specific

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

*A collectively attributed SLO measure*> District- or BOCES-wide

- **District- or BOCES-wide results:** scores and ratings will be based on the growth of all students across buildings/programs in an LEA who take the applicable assessments in the current school year.
- **District- or BOCES-wide group or team results:** scores and ratings for a group or team of principals will be based on the growth of students in the group/team of principals' buildings/programs in an LEA in the current school year.

**Please choose the type of SLO applicable to principals.**

District- or BOCES-wide results

**Principal Assessments****All Principals: Assessment Type(s)**☒ State or Regents assessment(s)**All Principals: State or Regents Assessment(s)**

- ☒ ELA Regents
- ☒ Algebra I Regents
- ☒ Living Environment Regents
- ☒ US History Regents

**HEDI Scoring Bands**

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

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**Use of the Optional Subcomponent and Student Performance Category Weighting**

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

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

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

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**Optional Student Performance Subcomponent**

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

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

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

Options for measures and associated assessments include:

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

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

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

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**Principal School Visit Category**

For guidance on the Principal School Visit category, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

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

**Principal Practice Rubric**

**Select a principal practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess performance based on ISLLC 2008 Standards.**

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

**Rubric Assurances**

**Please check all of the boxes below.**

- ☒ Assure that all observable ISLLC 2008 Leadership Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual school visits.
- ☒ Assure that the process for assigning points for the Principal School Visit category will be in compliance with the locally-determined subcomponent weights and overall School Visit category score and rating based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.
- ☒ Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all principals in the same or similar programs or grade configurations across the LEA, provided that LEAs may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for a principal assigned to different programs or grade configurations as indicated in the table above.
- ☒ Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all school visits for a principal across the school visit types in a given school year.

**Process for Weighting Rubric Domains/Subcomponents**

For guidance on the Principal School Visit category, see NYSED APPR Guidance.



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Please describe the process for rating and scoring the selected practice rubric consistent with the Department's regulations.

Your description should provide the complete process, including the following:

- The process for designating observable components (please note: all principals of the same building configuration/program must be evaluated based on the same set of observable components);
- The level at which components of the chosen rubric are rated (i.e., domain, subdomain, indicator, etc.);
- How the final score and rating for each observable component of the practice rubric is determined for each observer; and
- How the final score for the required (i.e., lead evaluator/evaluator; independent evaluator) and/or optional (peer principal, as applicable) subcomponent of the School Visit category is determined based on the final score and rating for each observable component.

**Example:** All subcomponents of Domains 1-4 of the MPPR rubric have been negotiated as observable. Domains 1, 2 and 3 are weighted as 30% each, and Domain 4 is weighted as 10%. For each school visit, all observed subcomponents in a domain are weighted equally and averaged to create a domain score, which is then weighted as above and averaged to reach a final score for each school visit. Scores for each school visit are weighted equally and averaged to reach a final score for each school visit type. The district will ensure that all subcomponents designated as observable will be observed at least once across the school visit cycle.

The Multidimensional Rubric consist of six domains. Each domain consists of sub-domains. The observable domains will be weighted as follows:

- Domain 1 – Shared Vision of Learning (20%)
- Domain 2 – School Culture and Instructional Program (30%)
- Domain 3 – Safe, Efficient, Effective Learning Environment (20%)
- Domain 4 – Community (10%)
- Domain 5 – Integrity, Fairness, Ethics (10%)
- Domain 6 – Political, Social, Economic, Legal and Cultural Context (10%)

Each observed sub-domain of the Multidimensional rubric shall receive a score of between 1 and 4. Only the observed sub-domains of each domain shall be scored. The scores of the sub-domains will be averaged equally to assign a score to the domain that will be weighted. The weighted scores for each domain shall be totaled and averaged.

**Scoring Assurances**

Please check each of the boxes below.

- ☒ Assure that each set of school visits (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted school visit score will be converted into a HEDI rating using the ranges indicated below.
- ☒ Assure that once all school visits are complete, the different types of school visits will be combined using a weighted average consistent with the weights specified below, producing an overall School Visit category score between 0 and 4. In the event that a principal earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all school visits, a score of 0 will be assigned.

**Principal School Visit Scoring Bands**

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

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

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

**HEDI Ranges**

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

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

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective:	3.50	4.00

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

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Effective:	2.50	3.49

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

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Developing:	1.50	2.49

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

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Ineffective:	0.00	1.49

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**Principal School Visit Subcomponent Weighting****Required Subcomponent 1: School visits by Supervisor(s) or Other Trained Administrators**

- At least 80% of the Principal School Visit category score

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

- At least 10%, but no more than 20%, of the Principal School Visit category score

**Optional Subcomponent: School visits by Trained Peer Principal(s)**

- No more than 10% of the Principal School Visit category score when selected

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

*\* If the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the use of one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the school visit(s) required to be performed by the Superintendent/supervisor or their designee. If the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the processes described in that application.*

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

Supervisor/Administrator [Required]	Independent Evaluator(s) [Required]	Peer School Visit(s) [Optional]	Grade configurations for which this weighting will apply
90%	10%	0% [N/A]	(No Response)

**School Visit Assurances**

Please check all of the boxes below.

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

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

At least one school visit must be conducted by supervisor or other trained administrator and at least one of the required school visits must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).

- LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one school visit by superintendent or other trained administrator.
- Nothing shall be construed to limit the discretion of a board of education or superintendent of schools from conducting additional school visits for non-evaluative purposes.
- The frequency and duration of school visits are locally determined.
- School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.

**Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced school visits by supervisor(s) or other trained administrators in the table below.**

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<b>PRINCIPALS</b> <i>Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all principals or to a subgroup of principals.</i>	<b>SUBGROUP</b> <i>If "Subgroup of Principals" is selected in the previous column, indicate which principals the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.</i>	<b>UNANNOUNCED</b> <b>Minimum</b> <b>Number of</b> <b>School Visits</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED</b> <b>Minimum</b> <b>Number of</b> <b>School Visits</b>
All Principals (enter 'N/A' in the next column)	N/A	0	1

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

At least one school visit must be conducted by impartial independent trained evaluator(s) and at least one of the required school visits must be unannounced (across both required subcomponents).

- Impartial independent trained evaluators are trained and selected by the LEA.
- They may be employed within the LEA but may not be assigned to the same school building as the principal being evaluated. This could include other administrators, department chairs/directors, or peers, so long as they are not from the same building (defined as same BEDS code) as the principal being evaluated.
- LEAs may locally determine whether to use more than one school visit by impartial independent trained evaluator(s).
- The frequency and duration of school visits are locally determined.
- School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.

\* If the LEA is granted an annual Rural/Single Building District Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the use of one or more evaluators selected and trained by the LEA, who are different than the evaluator(s) who conducted the school visit(s) required to be performed by the Superintendent/supervisor or their designee. If the LEA is granted an annual Undue Burden Independent Evaluator Hardship Waiver by the Department, this subcomponent will be satisfied through the processes described in that application.

**Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced school visits by impartial independent trained evaluator(s) in the table below.**

<b>PRINCIPALS</b> <i>Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all principals or to a subgroup of principals.</i>	<b>SUBGROUP</b> <i>If "Subgroup of Principals" is selected in the previous column, indicate which principals the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.</i>	<b>UNANNOUNCED</b> <b>Minimum</b> <b>Number of</b> <b>School Visits</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED</b> <b>Minimum</b> <b>Number of</b> <b>School Visits</b>
All Principals (enter 'N/A' in the next column)	N/A	1	0

**Independent Evaluator Assurances**

**Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

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**Please also check each of the following boxes.**

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

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**Optional Subcomponent: School Visits by Trained Peer Principal(s)**If selected, at least one school visit must be conducted by trained peer principal(s).

- Peer principals are trained and selected by the LEA.
- Trained peer principals must have received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the prior school year.
- School visits may not occur by live or recorded video.

Indicate the minimum number of unannounced and announced school visits by trained peer principal(s) in the table below.

If the optional subcomponent will not be used, please indicate "N/A" for the minimum number for both unannounced and announced school visits for "All Principals."

<b>PRINCIPALS</b> <i>Indicate whether the number and method selected applies to all principals or to a subgroup of principals.</i>	<b>SUBGROUP</b> <i>If "Subgroup of Principals" is selected in the previous column, indicate which principals the number and method selected applies to; otherwise, enter "N/A." For additional subgroups, add another row.</i>	<b>UNANNOUNCED</b> <b>Minimum Number of School Visits</b>	<b>ANNOUNCED</b> <b>Minimum Number of School Visits</b>
All Principals (enter 'N/A' in the next column)	N/A	N/A	N/A

**Peer Principal School Visit Assurances**

Please check all of the boxes below.

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

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**Category and Overall Ratings**

For guidance on APPR scoring, see NYSED APPR Guidance.

**Category Scoring Ranges**

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

**Student Performance Category**

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

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

**Principal School Visit Category**

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

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

**Scoring Matrix for the Overall Rating**

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

		<b>Principal School Visit Category</b>			
		<b>Highly Effective (H)</b>	<b>Effective (E)</b>	<b>Developing (D)</b>	<b>Ineffective (I)</b>
<b>Student Performance Category</b>	<b>Highly Effective (H)</b>	H	H	E	D
	<b>Effective (E)</b>	H	E	E	D
	<b>Developing (D)</b>	E	E	D	I
	<b>Ineffective (I)</b>	D	D	I	I

**Category and Overall Rating Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

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**Additional Requirements**

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

**Principal Improvement Plan Assurances**

**Please check each of the boxes below.**

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

**Principal Improvement Plan Forms**

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

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

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

PIP 3012-D Review Room 2020.pdf



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**Appeal Assurance****Please check the box below.**

- ☒ Assure the LEA has collectively bargained appeal procedures that are consistent with the regulations and that they provide for the timely and expeditious resolution of an appeal.

**Appeals**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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**Describe the procedure for ensuring that appeals of annual performance evaluations will be resolved in a timely and expeditious manner.**Principal Appeals Process

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Appeals For Tenured And Probationary Principals:

- Tenured Principals: Appeals of annual professional performance reviews shall be limited to those that rate a principal as Ineffective or Developing only.
- Probationary Principals: Appeals of annual professional performance reviews shall be limited to those that rate a principal as Ineffective only. Furthermore, appeals are restricted to those evaluations which are completed prior to the final year of his/her probationary term. (e.g., a principal serving a four year probationary appointment may file an appeal for the evaluation corresponding to year one, two, or three of his/her probationary term.)

What May Be Challenged In An Appeal:

Appeal procedures should limit the scope of appeals under Education Law §3012-d to the following subjects:

1. The substance of the annual professional performance review, which shall include the following:
2. In the instance of a principal rated Ineffective on the Student Performance Category but rated Highly Effective on the Observation/School Visit Category, based on an anomaly, as determined locally (Subpart 30-3.12 (a) (1) of the Rules of the Board of Regents);
3. The school district's or board of cooperative educational services' adherence to the standards and methodologies required for such reviews;
4. The adherence to the Commissioner's regulations, as applicable to such reviews;
5. Compliance with any applicable locally negotiated procedures applicable to annual professional performance reviews or improvement plans; and
6. The school district's issuance and/or implementation of the terms of the principal improvement plan.

Prohibition Against More Than One Appeal

A principal may not file multiple appeals regarding the same performance review or improvement plan. All grounds for appeal must be raised with specificity within one appeal. Regarding the implementation of the improvement plan, an improvement plan may be appealed upon each alleged breach thereof. All grounds for appeal must be raised with specificity within such appeal. Any grounds not raised at the time the appeal is filed shall be deemed waived.

Burden Of Proof

The principal shall provide documentation and evidence to support the appeal which shall be used by the reviewer to substantiate the decision to deny or affirm the appeal.

Levels Of Appeal

There shall be two levels of appeals:

1. Level one (1) shall be decided by the Superintendent of Schools.
2. Level two (2) shall be decided by an administrator selected from a list provided by the District Superintendent of the Broome-Tioga BOCES. Such administrators must be trained in the Multidimensional Rubric.

Timeframe For Filing Appeal

Level 1 appeals must be submitted in writing no later than 15 school days of the date when the principal receives her /his final annual professional performance review. If a principal is challenging the issuance of principal improvement plan, appeals must be filed with 15 school days of issuance of such plan or a violation of the implementation of the improvement plan. The failure to file an appeal within these timeframes shall be deemed a waiver of the right to appeal and the appeal shall be deemed abandoned.

When filing an appeal, the principal must submit a detailed written description of the specific areas of disagreement over his/her performance review, or the issuance and/or implementation of the terms of her/her improvement plan and any additional documents or materials relevant to the appeal. The performance review and/or improvement plan being challenged must also be submitted with the appeal. Any information not submitted at the time the appeal is filed shall not be considered during the appeal process. All documents and materials must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools.

Within ten (10) school days of the date that the principal files an appeal, the Superintendent shall submit a detailed written response addressing those areas appealed by the principal. Any information not submitted at this time shall not be considered during the appeal process. All documents must be submitted to the Superintendent of Schools and a copy given to the principal.

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Timeframe For Level 1 Response

The Superintendent shall consider all documents and materials submitted by the principal, and all documents and materials submitted by the lead evaluator. Within 15 school days of receipt of the appeal, the Superintendent shall provide a detailed written response to the appeal. The written response shall include copies of all documents and materials submitted by the principal and the lead evaluator. Copies of the written response and all accompanying documents and materials shall be provided to the principal and the lead evaluator.

Appeal Of Level 1 Decision By The Superintendent Of Schools

If the principal is not satisfied with the Level 1 response, the principal may request an appeal (Level 2) to an administrator to be selected from a list provided by the District Superintendent of the Broome-Tioga BOCES. Such requests must be made no later than 15 school days after receipt of the Level 1 response. Administrators on the list hearing such appeals must be trained in the Multidimensional Rubric. The list provided by the District Superintendent of the Broome-Tioga BOCES shall be comprised of three names. The principal shall have the opportunity to eliminate one name from the list. The lead evaluator shall have the opportunity to eliminate one name from the list. The remaining name shall be the administrator responsible for the Level 2 appeal.

Timeframe For Level 2 Response

The Level 2 administrator shall consider all documents and materials submitted by the principal, all documents and materials submitted by the lead evaluator, and all documents and materials from the Level 1 response. Within 15 school days of receipt of the appeal, the Level 2 administrator shall provide a detailed written response to the appeal and a decision to sustain or deny the appeal from the principal. If the decision is to sustain the appeal, the overall composite rating and the HEDI rating will be voided. The written response shall include copies of all documents and materials submitted by the principal, the lead evaluator and from the Level 1 decision. Copies of the written response and all accompanying documents and materials shall be provided to the principal and the Superintendent of Schools. The decision of the Level 2 administrator shall be binding on all parties and final.

Addendum To Evaluation

Regardless of the outcome of the appeals process, the principal shall be permitted to prepare and attach an addendum to an evaluation.

Exclusivity Of §3012-D Appeal Procedure

The 3012-d appeal procedure shall constitute the exclusive means for initiating, reviewing and resolving any and all challenges and appeals related to a principal performance review and/or improvement plan. A principal may not resort to any other contractual grievance procedures for the resolution of challenges and appeals related to a professional performance review and/or improvement plan, except as otherwise authorized by law.

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**Training Assurance****Please check the box below.**

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

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

The process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent evaluators and peer principals, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators must include:

- 1) the process for training lead evaluators and evaluators, including impartial independent evaluators and peer principals;
- 2) the process for the certification and re-certification of lead evaluators;
- 3) the process for ensuring inter-rater reliability; and
- 4) the nature (content) and the approximate duration (how many hours, days) of such training.

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**Describe the process for training evaluators, including impartial and independent evaluators and peer principals, and certifying and re-certifying lead evaluators.**

Training and Certification of All Evaluators, including Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Observers

**Criteria for the Training and Certification of All Evaluators, including Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Observers.**

The district ensures that all evaluators are appropriately trained. The training provided to all evaluators, including Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Observers, will be the same to ensure inter-rater reliability and close adherence to the district's instructional models and expectations. The Board of Education will annually certify, or re-certify, all evaluators. Any individual who fails to receive required training or achieve certification or recertification, as applicable shall not conduct or complete an evaluation. Training for all evaluators, in accordance with the requirements of Education Law 3012-d, is aligned to all nine required elements for certification:

1. The Leadership Standards and their related functions, as applicable
2. Evidence-based observation techniques that are grounded in research
3. Application and use of any methodology as part of an SLO and any optional second measures of student performance used by the LEA to evaluate its principals
4. Application and use of the State-approved principal rubric(s) selected by the LEA for use in evaluations, including training on the effective application of such rubrics to observe a principal's practice
5. Application and use of any assessment tools that the LEA utilizes to evaluate its building principals
6. Application and use of any locally selected measures of student growth used in the Optional subcomponent of the Student Performance category used by the LEA to evaluate its principals
7. Use of the Statewide Instructional Reporting System
8. The scoring methodology utilized by the Department and/or the LEA to evaluate a principal under this Subpart, including the weightings of each subcomponent within a category; how overall scores/ratings are generated for each subcomponent and category and application and use of the evaluation matrix(es) prescribed by the Commissioner for the four designated rating categories used for the principal's overall rating and their category ratings
9. Specific considerations in evaluating principals of English language learners and students with disabilities

**A) Process for Initial Training and Certification of Lead Evaluators, Evaluators, and Independent Observers.**

Initial training of all evaluators consists of approximately six (6) hours of instruction. Training for all evaluators will be provided by Broome-Tioga BOCES and the district. In addition to participating in learning opportunities consistent with the nine required elements for certification participants will receive in depth training in the following areas:

- Instruction in 3012-D and the Annual Professional Performance Review regulations and district plans
- Orientation to and practice in observation techniques and evidence collection
- Orientation to district forms and protocols, including strategic planning processes and evidence reporting documents.
- Overview of district and regional leadership models and expectations to support coaching and feedback.

**B) Process for Annual Re-Certification of Lead and Impartial/Independent Evaluators**

Annual refresher training for all previously certified evaluators of principals, including lead evaluators, evaluators, and independent observers, consists of approximately three (3) hours of training over time, which includes an initial session and subsequent sessions to maintain interrater reliability and promote quality feedback which will include, but is not limited to:

- Review of district and regional professional development initiatives in the area of lesson planning, instruction, and curriculum design.
- Coordinated sharing and review of district developed evidence collection documents for the purposes of scoring calibration and inter-rater reliability.
- Data analysis of scoring trends among district evaluators and regionally, across multiple districts.
- Review of domains and subdomains of the rubric.
- Use of videos/simulations to collect evidence, calibrate scoring, and maintain inter-rater reliability.
- Simulated practice through individual or team "coaching the evaluator" and facilitated "observation rounds."
- Retraining and coaching on providing quality feedback to principals.
- Retraining and coaching on quality PIP processes.

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**Principal Evaluation Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

**Assessment Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

**Data Assurances****Please check all of the boxes below.**

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

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**Upload APPR LEA Certification Form**

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

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

APPR3012d\_DistrictCertificationForm.pdf

**VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Teacher Improvement Plan**

Teacher:	School:
Grade/Subject Area:	School Year to Commence:
Principal or Lead Evaluator:	
Date of Implementation:	
Completion Date:	

Record of Meetings:

Mid-Year Meeting Date:	Notes:
Additional Meeting(s) (As necessary) Date:	Notes:
Additional Meeting(s) (As necessary) Date:	Notes:
End-of-Year Meeting Date:	Notes:

**1. Identification of areas of strength teacher brings to the plan.**

**2. Identification of areas in need of improvement. Attach related documentation.**

**3. Timeline for implementation of the improvement plan. Must include a minimum of one formative meeting (mid-year meeting) in addition to the required annual summative meetings and observations.**



**4. Manner in which improvement will be assessed.**

**5. Activities to support improvement in targeted areas of need.**

_____ Signature of Principal or Lead Evaluator	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Teacher	_____ Date
_____ Signature of Superintendent	_____ Date

**VESTAL CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Principal Improvement Plan**

Principal:	School:
Grades in Bldg:	School Year to Commence:

Timeline	Start Date:	Progress Meeting Date(s):	Completion Date:
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**1. Identification of needed areas of improvement:**

**2. Specific improvement goal/outcome statements:**

**3. Timeline for achieving improvement goals/outcomes:**

**4. Activities for achieving improvement goals/outcomes:**

**5. Formal, final written summative assessment shall be completed by April 1 and an opportunity shall be provided for the principal to provide written comment.**

Signature of Assistant Superintendent for Instruction: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Principal: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature of Superintendent: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**LEA CERTIFICATION FORM: Please download, sign, and upload this form to complete the submission of your LEA's Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR) plan.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

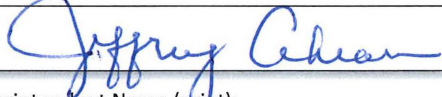
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- Assure that it is possible for a teacher or principal to obtain each point in the scoring ranges, including 0, for each subcomponent and that the LEA shall ensure that the process by which weights and scoring ranges are assigned to subcomponents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

#### Signatures, dates

Superintendent Signature:

Date:

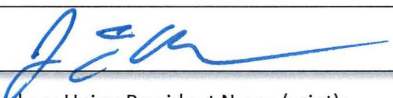
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Superintendent Name (print):

Jeffrey Ahearn

Teachers Union President Signature:

Date:

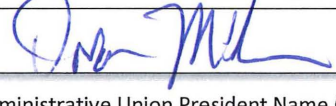
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Teachers Union President Name (print):

Joseph Herringshaw

Administrative Union President Signature:

Date:

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Administrative Union President Name (print):

Doreen McSain

Board of Education President Signature:

Date:

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Board of Education President Name (print):

Mario Nunes