

WHAT'S CHANGING IN OHIO EDUCATION

Educator Evaluations

As Ohio implements new learning standards and tests to raise academic achievement levels for all its students, it is more important than ever to have high-quality teaching in every classroom and excellent leadership for every school.

But current teacher and principal evaluation systems around the state are inconsistent and do not provide enough information to help teachers truly improve their teaching.

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What is changing?

Under state law, Ohio is implementing new teacher and principal evaluation systems that identify how well teachers and principals are performing, then provide specific feedback and support to those who need help being more effective. The Ohio Teacher and Principal Evaluation Systems base half of the teacher's or principal's effectiveness on growth, or how much the teacher's or principal's students are growing in knowledge during the year – not just on achievement or how students do on one test at one point in time. The performance rating rubrics are based on the *Ohio Standards for Principals* and the *Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession* and will be used to determine ratings on each of the standards.

When will the change happen?

Ohio's 614 school districts must adopt teacher and principal evaluation policies that align with the state adopted framework and legislation by July 1, 2013. More than 70 districts already are using new educator evaluation systems. Most of Ohio's remaining districts will implement the system beginning in the 2013-2014 school year.

How will it work?

Teachers will be evaluated on multiple components in both performance and student growth. This includes collaboration and communication with parents and colleagues as well as professionalism. Performance and student growth will each count for 50 percent of the teacher's final evaluation rating, which will be Accomplished, Proficient, Developing or Ineffective.

In the classroom, teachers will be observed by state-credentialed evaluators, usually their principals or trained peer evaluators, based on the seven *Ohio Standards for the Teaching Profession*. Each teacher rated Accomplished, Proficient or Developing, based on student performance from the previous year, will start the year with a professional growth plan that is written in partnership with his or her evaluator. The evaluator will write a professional improvement plan for each teacher rated Ineffective. Progress will be monitored during formal conversations throughout the year.

Principal performance is 50 percent based on principal performance as described in the *Ohio Standards for Principals*, and 50 percent based on student growth measures. Proficiency on the standards includes professional goal-setting, communication and professionalism, and skills and knowledge.