OTES 2.0 Teacher Performance Rating Definitions

In accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3319.112, the rubric describes four levels of teacher performance. Each performance rating can also be described in more general terms as a holistic rating of teacher performance:

**Ineffective:**
This rating indicates the teacher fails to demonstrate minimum performance expectations.

A rating of Ineffective indicates the teacher consistently fails to demonstrate competency. The teacher is not effectively meeting the needs of his or her students. The teacher requires immediate assistance through ongoing intensive support.

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**Developing:**
This rating indicates the teacher is working to utilize his or her growing knowledge and skills.

A rating of Developing indicates the teacher demonstrates competency in some of the teaching standards but needs improvement in others. The teacher attempts to meet the needs of the whole group. The Developing teacher is in the process of refining his or her skills and abilities. The teacher strives to improve his or her instructional and professional practice. The teacher may be making progress, but performance requires ongoing professional support for necessary growth to occur.

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**Skilled:**
This rating is the rigorous and expected performance level.

A rating of Skilled indicates the teacher consistently meets expectations for performance and fully demonstrates competency in most of the teaching standards. The teacher addresses the needs of groups of students. The Skilled teacher integrates knowledge, skills and abilities needed for effective classroom instruction. The teacher consistently strives to improve his or her instructional and professional practice. The Skilled teacher demonstrates purposefulness, flexibility and consistency.

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**Accomplished:**
This rating is the highest level of achievement.

A rating of Accomplished indicates the teacher consistently meets expectations for performance and fully demonstrates competency in most or all of the teaching standards. The teacher addresses the needs of individual students. The Accomplished teacher uses a strong foundation of knowledge, skills and abilities to innovate and enhance their classroom, building and potentially the profession. The teacher consistently strives to improve his or her instructional and professional practice and contributes to the school, building or district through the development and support of colleagues. The Accomplished teacher is a leader who empowers and influences others.