

DIRECTIONS FOR USE OF STANDRDS RUBRIC FOR STAFF EVALUATION EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

General Instructions

The Standards of Effective Teaching guide the process of professional development and evaluation for teachers. For non-tenured teachers and tenured teachers choosing an annual evaluation, the general expectations for using this tool to assess teacher performance are as follows:

- 1. The administrator will conduct an observation of at least 25-30 minutes.
- 2. Both the administrator and the teacher will fill out a separate rubric continuum after the observation. Each will check the point on the continuum that best describes observed behavior or overall performance.

Example: Fall Observation: Check the "F" Spring Observation: Check the "S"

SKILL AREA	PERFORMANCE LEVEL					
	Below Standard		Meets	Standard	Excee	ds Standard
	The classroon disorganized, learning	n is cluttered, not conductive to	Classroom is safe, resources are acce			s physical highly creative imize learning
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- 3. The administrator will write a brief explanation on the form of any area in which a teacher is marked "Below Standard."
- 4. The administrator will hold a conference with the teacher focused on the observation and other things known about the overall job performance.
- 5. The administrator's original copy of the evaluation is sent to Human Resources for the teacher's Personnel File.

Timelines

- 1. For non-tenured teachers, the first evaluation is completed by December 31 each school year; and the second evaluation is completed by March 15 each school year.
- 2. If a teacher may be recommended for contract non-renewal, the second observation is completed by May 1.
- 3. For tenured teachers, the evaluation is completed by May 15 each school year.
- 4. The conference following the observation is completed within ten school days of the observation, preferably sooner.
- 5. The Standards of Effective Teaching evaluation including the attached Summary Evaluation are completed by the administrator, and sent to the Human Resource Department for the teacher's Personnel File by June 30 of each school year.



STANDARDS OF EFFECTIVE FOR EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHERS

Teacher's Name:	School Year:				
Evaluator's Name:	Site:				
	To: A.M. \(\subseteq \text{ P.M.} \(\subseteq \text{ Date:} \)				
Check probationary year or tenured status:					
☐ First-Year Probationary ☐ Second-Year Pro	bationary Third-Year Probationary Tenured				
Instructions: Check the continuum that best describes observed behavior or overall performance. Because job descriptions vary, all skill areas may not apply. Those skill areas should be left blank.					
Fall Observation: Check the "F"	Spring Observation: Check the "S"				

DOMAIN 1: THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT

SKILL AREA	SKILL AREA PERFORMANCE LEVEL					
Environment of Respect and Rapport	Below Stand			Standard	Exceeds	Standard
Каррогі	Early childhood teacher interactions may include negative or demeaning responses		Early childhood teacher focuses on building positive relationships with children through friendly and mutually respectful interactions		Early childhood teacher strengthens relationships by communicating regularly with families in and outside of class	
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	Interactions may not be age or developmentally appropriate and/or disregard culture		Interactions are appropriate to developmental, cultural and socioeconomic differences		Takes time with each individual child showing care, respect and interest	
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DOMAIN 1: THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT (Continued)

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DOMAIN 1: THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT (Continued)

SKILL AREA	P	ERFORMANCE LEVEL	
Managing Classroom Procedures	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard
	Considerable instructional time is lost to transitions and non-instructional tasks	Flexible classroom routines are in place for smooth transitions and efficient handling of non-instructional tasks	Exceptionally smooth transitions and very minimal instructional time is lost to non-instructional tasks
	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	F□ S□
	Teacher is not well prepared for daily activities	Materials, equipment and activities are well prepared	Teacher is exceptionally well prepared for daily activities
	F□ S□	F□ S□	F□ S□
	Duties and/or responsibilities for assistants and volunteers are unclear or not set and performance feedback is not given	Clear expectations are set and performance feedback is given to assistants and volunteers	Sets clear expectations and trains assistants and volunteers to effectively meet them as well as offers consistent performance feedback
Notes:	$F\square$ $S\square$	F□ S□	F□ S□

DOMAIN 1: THE CLASSROOM ENVIRONMENT (Continued)

Managing Student Behavior		SKILL AREA PERFORMANCE LEVEL					
Denavior	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard				
	Sets inappropriate or confusing expectations for children's behavior	Sets developmentally appropriate expectations for children's behavior based on individual needs	Shares expertise with colleagues/team members in managing student behavior				
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	Does not effectively monitor children's behavior	Aware of class and individual behavior and works to minimize disruptions	Highly aware of classroom activities and is proactive in classroom management				
	F□ S□	F□ S□	F□ S□				
	Response to inappropriate behavior is not: - timely - appropriate - effective - consistent - adapted to individual needs	Response to inappropriate behavior is: - timely - appropriate - effective - consistent - adapted to individual needs	Seeks additional training in best practices to manage inappropriate behavior				
	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	$F\square$ $S\square$				

DOMAIN 2: ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION

SKILL AREA	PERFORMANCE LEVEL					
Effective Instructional Practices	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard			
	Lessons lack some or all elements of effective early childhood education • Concrete, experiential learning • Emphasis in process over product • Imagination and creativity • Multisensory approach to learning	Implements effective individual and group instructional design including activities that: • Provide concrete, experiential learning • Emphasize the learning process rather than the product • Promote imagination and creativity • Are multisensory	Seeks additional training and implements new instructional practices which regularly meet all elements of effective early childhood education			
	F□ S□	F□ S□	F□ S□			
	Discourages	Encourages	Intentional about helping children develop self discipline, self help and problem solving skills			
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	Parent-child activities are not relevant to the needs of individual families	Parent-child activities are relevant to the needs of individual families	Seeks information from families to plan activities			
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	Displays inadequate knowledge about: - child development - parent-child relationships - early childhood education - specific disabilities -	Displays knowledge about: - child development - parent-child relationships - early childhood education - specific disabilities	Demonstrates extensive knowledge or expertise in: - child development - parent-child relationships - early childhood education - specific disabilities			
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DOMAIN 2: ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION (Continued)

SKILL AREA	PERFORMANCE LEVEL					
Effective Instructional Practices (Continued)	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard			
	Does not consistently assess the effectiveness of lessons and meeting objectives	Assesses the effectiveness of lessons, including degree to which objective was achieved	Assesses the effectiveness of lessons thoroughly and plans new lessons accordingly			
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Notes:						

DOMAIN 2: ELEMENTS OF EFFECTIVE INSTRUCTION (Continued)

SKILL AREA	PERFORMANCE LEVEL				
Clear and Accurate Communication	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard		
	Oral language is unclear. Vocabulary is incorrect or vague, leading to confusion	Oral language is clear and correct, appropriate to child's developmental level, disability, and interests	Oral language is clear, correct, enriching, and developmentally appropriate		
	F□ S□	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$		
	Directions and procedures are unclear	Directions and procedures are clear to children, contain an appropriate level of detail and are modified as needed	Directions and procedures are clear to children and communicated using a variety of methods		
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	Questions are often lower order- knowledge and comprehension- and require limited student response	Teacher uses an appropriate range of questions from simple understanding to analysis and evaluation	Questions lead to students creating their own conceptual frameworks		
	F□ S□	F□ S□	F□ S□		
	Few accommodations are made for second language learners and children are rarely encouraged to communicate	Accommodations are made for second language learners and children are encouraged to communicate functionally	Interpreters, families, and other resources are used to encourage functional communication		
	F□ S□	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$		
	Instructional feedback is vague or not given	Instructional feedback is constructive, given in a timely manner	Instructional feedback is individualized for language and learning differences		
	F□ S□	F□ S□	F□ S□		

DOMAIN 3: PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES

SKILL AREA	PERFORMANCE LEVEL					
Attendance/Attire/ Student Records	Below St	andard	Meets S	Standard	Exceeds	Standard
Statem Records	Has poor attendance and/or lesson plans are unavailable		Meets program expectations for on time attendance with effective lesson plans available if absent		Communicates with substitutes and co-workers before and after absences to stay informed	
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	Inappropriate attir	e	Appropriate attire			
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	Records and files or incomplete	are inaccurate	Records and files a complete	are accurate and		
	F□	s□	F□	s□		
Notes:						

SKILL AREA	PERFORMANCE LEVEL					
Informing and Engaging Families	Below St	andard	Meets S	Standard	Exceeds S	tandard
			Reinforces appropriate parental expectations for individual children		Initiates purpose conversation wit about their expect their children	h parents
	F□	$s\square$	F□	$s\square$	F□	s□
	Communicates inconsistently with parents		Communicates with and as needed	th parents regularly	Provides both po negative feedbac with great sensiti	k to parents
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	Rarely conveys the meaning and value of activities to parents		Interprets the meaning and value of activities to parents		Posts the objectives of activities and communicates consistently with parents after class	
	F□	$s\square$	F□	$s\square$	F□	s□
	Does not know or make information readily available to parents		Knowledgeable ab community resour families in accessi	ces and assists	Initiates family u and community t through handout etc.	resources
	F□	$S\square$	F□	$s\square$	F□	$s\square$
	New families are not appropriately welcomed and initiated		Introduces new far program in person respects parents ar	alized ways and	Encourages estat families to welco families and to h comfortable	ome new
	F□	$s\square$	F□	$s\square$	F□	$s\square$
	Offers little or no delivery of service		Teacher offers fles of service to famil		Offers exception in delivery of ser families	
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SKILL AREA	PERFORMANCE LEVEL					
Informing and Engaging Families (Continued)	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard			
	Rarely facilitates and encourages parents to be involved with and enjoy their children	Facilitates and encourages parents to be involved with and enjoy their children	Takes time to communicate and model ways for families to delight in their children			
	F□ S□	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$			
Notes:						

SKILL AREA PERFORMANCE LEVEL				
Commitment to Professional Growth	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard	
	Ignores or minimizes feedback	Open to feedback from colleagues and supervisors	Actively seeks feedback from colleagues and supervisors	
	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	F□ S□	
	Ignores best practice research	Maintains or seeks current information of best practices	Develops expertise and shares best practice information	
	F□ S□	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	
	Participates in professional development if required or at a minimal level	Seeks out and participates in opportunities for professional development	Regularly participates in professional development and shares information with others	
	F□ S□	F□ S□	F□ S□	
	Input from families and peers is not solicited or considered Feedback surveys are used to ad professional practice		A variety of parent, child, and peer feedback is sought and effectively implemented	
	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	F□ S□	
	Does not seek out or learn needed technology skills	Seeks out and learns needed technology skills	Teaches technology skills to others	
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Notes:				

KILL AREA PERFORMANCE LEVEL				
Collaboration with Peers and Service to the Profession	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard	
	Is an ineffective team member	Works effectively as a member of a school team and/or community based program	Takes leadership at the school or program site	
	$F\square$ $S\square$	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	
	Rarely collaborates with specialists	Effectively collaborates with specialists, including interpreters	Seeks specific help from specialists	
	$F\square$ $S\square$	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	
	Rarely offers assistance to other educators	Assists other educators when appropriate	Contributes to the profession by mentoring, publishing, etc.	
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	Avoids staff or team meetings or does not participate	Participates in staff or team meetings	Takes leadership for staff or team meetings	
	F□ S□	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	
Notes:				

SKILL AREA PERFORMANCE LEVEL				
Lead Teacher Responsibilities	Below Standard	Meets Standard	Exceeds Standard	
This section is not applicable:	Inconsistently facilitates staff meetings	Facilitates consistent staff meetings and child study in accordance with program standards	Facilitates exceptionally effective staff meetings	
N/A□	F□ S□	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	
	The processing of program paperwork and data is inaccurate and/or consistently late	Oversees the accurate and timely enrollment of children, response to parent feedback, data collection, etc.	Shares information with team and others to use data for program planning	
	F□ S□	F□ S□	F□ S□	
	Is inefficient and/or irresponsible in fiscal management	Monitors the program budget in a fiscally efficient and responsible manner	Seeks out additional revenues and resources to add to the budget	
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	Rarely takes leadership in problem solving or design of program systems	Takes leadership in problem solving with staff	Inspires high levels of staff commitment	
	F□ S□	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	
	Does not facilitate effective daily program operations	Facilitates the design of systems for daily program operation	Facilitates an exceptionally well run site	
	F□ S□	F□ S□	$F\square$ $S\square$	
	Rarely communicates with principals, site councils, or special education administrators	Acts as the ECSE site liaison with principals, site councils, and special education administrators	Has a good working relationship with principal or administrators and is able to solve site problems at that level	
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Notes:				

DUE PROCESS STANDARDS OF EFFECTIVE EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER

SKILI	ILL AREA PERFORMANCE LEVEL							
Due P	rocess		Below Sta	andard	Meets S	tandard	Exceeds	Standard
			Due Process proce followed	edures are not	Due Process proc followed complet timely manner		Due Process profollowed completimely manner. collaboration with other profession	etely and in a Content shows ith families and
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	1. 2.		pre-referral inte					
	3.	Involve p	arents as team n	nembers in pla	anning for Evalu	ation and any su	ibsequent child	l study
	4. 	Adap	ts and implements the evaluation	to meet the in	ndividual needs	nations/procedure of the child to appropriate re		ns
	5.	Commun	icates the results	s of the evalua	ation to parents/s	staff		
	6.	Determin	es the child's eli	igibility for se	ervice			
	7. 	Prese	a plan (IFSP, II nt level of perfor s of the child urable goals and restrictive envir factors: behavious aded School Yea ition Planning	objectives conment or, vision and		language, assist	ive technology	
	8.	Effective	ly schedules, pri	oritizes, and c	delivers direct ar	nd indirect service	ces as per plan	
	9.	Reports p	orogress as desig	ned in the Ind	lividual Plan and	I the law		
	10.	Follows r	requirements for	due process d	locumentation a	nd timelines		
	11.	Processes	documentation	for third party	y billing			



Standards of Effective Performance for Early Childhood Special Education Teacher

SUMMARY EVALUATION	
Please rate the overall performance of	Special Education Teacher
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School Year of Evaluation:	<u> </u>
Evaluation Period (Check One): Fall \square Spring \square	
Exceeds Standard	
Meets Standard	
Below Standard (If tenured, refer to the Teacher Assistance	e Program.)
Comments:	
Signed:Principal	Date:
This Performance Appraisal has been discussed with me and I later (Teachers may submit a letter for inclusion in their personnel fi	
Signed:	Date:
Signed: Early Childhood Special Education Teacher	

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