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## **TEACHER GROWTH, SUPERVISION AND EVALUATION POLICY**

The Teacher Growth, Supervision and Evaluation Policy aims to ensure that each teacher's actions, judgments and decisions are in the best educational interests of students and support optimum learning. (as per School Act)

This policy becomes a mandated dialogue between teachers and the Head of School/APA regarding the professional development plans for each teacher based on both strengths and weaknesses as identified by the teacher and as reviewed and/or approved by the Head of School. This means a career-long process whereby a teacher annually develops and implements a plan to achieve professional learning objectives or goals that are consistent with the <u>teaching quality standard</u>. Each teacher will have copies of the ministerial order which approves a teaching quality standard applicable to the provision of basic education in Alberta and the School Act Policy 2.1.5 which relates to teacher growth, supervision and evaluation.

## **Teacher Growth**

Teachers are responsible for completing an Annual Teacher Professional Growth Plan that:

- Reflects goals and objectives based on an assessment of learning needs by the individual teacher.
- Shows a demonstrable relationship to the teaching quality standard.
- Takes into consideration the education plans of the school, the school board and the Government.

This plan will be submitted for review and/or approval by the end of September and review again by June of the following year. An annual teacher professional growth plan may be a component of a long-term, multi-year plan. If a teacher has not completed an annual teacher professional growth plan as required or if the teacher has not made any attempt to put the plan into action, the teacher may be subject to disciplinary action.

## **Supervision**

There will be ongoing supervision of teachers by the Head of School/APA, including:

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- Providing support and guidance to teachers through regular classroom visits, through discussions regarding the classroom visits and through ongoing interaction with teachers throughout the school year.
- Observing and receiving information from any source about the quality of teaching a teacher provides to students.
- Identifying the behaviours or practices of a teacher that for any reason may require an evaluation.
- No formal record of ongoing supervision will be placed in a teacher's permanent file.

## **Evaluation**

During the teacher's intern status, a formal evaluation will take place the first year (for all teachers) and the teacher will be evaluated by Alberta Education for permanent status (for Interim Professional Certificate Holders Only) during the second year. Further evaluation of a teacher by the Head of School/APA may be conducted:

- Upon written request by the teacher.
- For purposes of gathering information related to a specific employment decision.
- For purposes of assessing the growth of the teacher in specific areas of practices.
- When, on the basis of information received through supervision, the Head of School/APA
  has reason to believe that the teaching of the teacher may not meet the teaching quality
  standard.

On initiating an evaluation, the Head of School/APA must communicate explicitly in writing to the teacher:

- the reasons for and purposes of the evaluation;
- the process, criteria and standards to be used;
- the timelines to be applied; and
- the possible outcomes of the evaluation.

Upon completion of an evaluation, the Head of School/APA must provide the teacher with a copy of the completed evaluation report. The teacher must provide the Head of School/APA with proof of receipt of the evaluation.

Where, as the result of an evaluation, the Head of School/APA determines that a change in the behaviour or practice of a teacher is required, the Head of School/APA must provide the teacher with a notice of remediation and may stipulate that the remediation strategies stated in that



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notice replace the obligation of the teacher to develop and implement an annual teacher professional growth plan.

This policy does not restrict the Head of School/APA from taking disciplinary action or other action, as appropriate, when the Head of School/APA has reasonable grounds for believing that the actions or practices of a teacher endanger the safety of students, constitutes neglect of duty, a breach of trust, or a refusal to obey a lawful order of the school authority or constitute conduct detrimental to the school or the school society.

The Head of School/APA will present a formal evaluation on every new teacher as well as general observations to the Human Resource Subcommittee and Registered Management Committee on an annual basis in the following areas:

- teachers' personal professional growth
- status of professional development
- observations on teacher professional growth