# Support Staff Evaluation

Engaging Your Staff Through High Quality Evaluation

#### Hello!

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## Goals for Today

Understand why evaluation of support staff is important and impactful for your district

Practical tools and suggestions to assist with crafting high quality evaluations

### What is our Why?

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**Our Students!** 

Every decision we make as district leaders is to provide better educational outcomes for the students and families that we serve...including evaluation

#### What is our Why?

Evaluation has a Ripple Effect:

I can't do good things for students/staff when I'm frustrated/annoyed/alienated because I don't know where I stand

OR

Engaged and empowered staff

Contributes to positive employee recognition



#### Who Are We Evaluating?

Non-Bargaining

Union

**Past Practice** 

**Employee Handbook or Board Policy** 



Check. Your. CBA.



(HINT: it's collaborative!)

Specific & Accountable

Evidence

Timebound

Input & feedback



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#### Specific & Accountable

Both staff & evaluator understand what is being evaluated and what the team member is accountable for

Can't do a good job if you don't know what's expected of you

How are you determining the competencies you are evaluating

Your district values should be evident

(HINT: it's collaborative!)

#### Evidence

Specific examples for the competencies that are being evaluated

Evaluation is not the time for ambiguity

Self-eval is helpful here

(HINT: it's collaborative!)

**Timebound** 

Includes calendar parameters

Start - Midpoint check in - End



(HINT: it's collaborative!)

Input & Feedback

Self-eval is a great component

Discuss, don't dictate (let's talk, not just what I saw)

### Start on Time, End on Time

- Create an Evaluation Calendar
- Assign responsibility to yourself or a member of your team to maintain this
- Enter all timebound aspects of evaluation into the calendar AND who gets notified
- In the summer, send out calendar reminders for the entire upcoming year
- HR meeting at start of year (in July or August) with evaluators to review rubric and process
- Be cognizant of start, midpoint and ending meetings and feedback
- What does CBA say?



**REMINDER!!** 

**CBA Position?** 

REQUIRED collaboration with the bargaining unit rep

You cannot unilaterally change an eval tool

- Collaborative effort with your department, your HR bestie, support staff
- Reflect on the values your district holds and adheres to mission/vision, strategic plan, Board
- Review current tool what works, what doesn't
- See what else is out there!



#### Common competencies/categories:

Teamwork mindset

Professional skill/knowledge

**Decision Making Ability** 

Communication

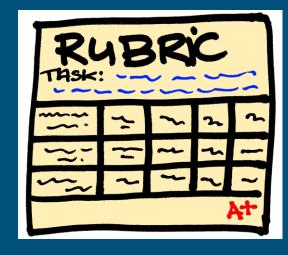
Attendance



# How Am I Assigning Evaluative Value?

Rubric

**Rating Scale** 



...CBA reminder to not change without collaborating with your Union!

Using a rubric keeps things transparent and open - no surprises!

#### Rubrics

Clear categories

4 rating scale is very common:

Unsatisfactory

**Needs Improvement** 

**Proficient** 

Excellent

Detail what you expect to see to reach that rating



#### Rubric – Non Bargaining Evaluations

	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Excellent
Interpersonal Skills	Interpersonal relationships are counter-productive to work unit or team	Often has difficulty getting along with others.	Usually interacts in a cooperative manner.	Consistently promotes and maintains a harmonious/productive work environment.
	functions.	Allows	Avoids disruptive behavior.	
		personal bias to affect job	·	Is respected and trusted and often
		relationships.	Deals with conflict and/or frustration appropriately.	viewed as a role model.
				Frequently fosters teamwork,
		Requires reminders regarding needs and sensitivities of others.	Treats others equitably.	cooperation, and positive work relationships.
				Handles conflict constructively.
Evidence				
Professional Behavior	Consistently fails to meet expected standards due to	Frequently lacks organization and	Work is planned to meet routine volume and	Work reflects maximum innovative use of time and resources to
	lack of effective organization, use of	planning of work and does not	timeliness and usually fulfills operational and	consistently surpass expectations and improve operations.
	equipment/resources, or inattention to customer	adequately use available	customer service needs.	Suggests /impals manufacture and
	service needs.	resources.  Often does not meet	Adheres to organizational work	Suggests/implements processes or initiatives that improve the function of the department or district
	Resists established work	standards in	policies/safety rules and	
	policies/safety rules and	complying with work	procedures with few	Serves as a role model with regard to
	procedures	policies/safety rules and/or care of equipment	exceptions	work policies and safety standards
	Does not follow guidelines		Consistently follows	Serves as an example to others for
	for professional appearance		guidelines for professional appearance	adhering to professional appearance guidelines

#### Rating Scale

Assign a point value to the ratings
Categories can have different weights

1	Unsatisfactory	Does not meet performance standards for this position
2	Needs Improvement	Meets some but not all of the performance standards for this position
3	Proficient	Meets and occasionally exceeds all of the performance standards for this position
4	Excellent	Meets and frequently exceeds all of the performance standards for this position

### Ratings - Next Steps

**Evaluation tool SHOULD include** 

Ratings thresholds for

- Improvement plans
- Dismissal

**Evaluation tool MAY include** 

Ratings thresholds for

Performance based salary increases

#### What If...Performance Issues

Your eval process must be honest and open

You are not helping your staff member, yourself or the district by ignoring or excusing performance issues

#### What If...

#### Can't Do

Evaluation Process should reflect deficiency

Evaluation Process should provide supports, coaching, goals to improve this aspect of performance

#### Won't Do

Evaluation Process should reflect deficiency

May need a disciplinary process intervention

May result in remediation or dismissal

### Real World Application

Scenario #1

Support staff team member for 8 years

Defensive when any deficiency is pointed out

Does not communicate with the team unless asked

Errors in work

You go to your HR bestie...

Hasn't been evaluated in 4 years

Results??



#### Real World Application

Scenario #2

Support Staff team member

Performs least skilled tasks for the team

Lowest salary category

Always on time, provides regular updates, never any errors in work

Annual evaluation; you spend 30 minutes together discussing performance

Results??

## Conclusions and Wrap Up

- Transparency
- Accountability
- ROI
- Best Practice

