



U-46 TAP Purpose

- Support and focus professional growth and development in a quest for distinguished levels of performance
- Unify teachers and administration in its pursuit to maximize student learning
- Ensure a quality professional staff
- Provide choice for licensed staff
- Provide a differentiated appraisal plan for eleven different licensed staff constituents as well as tenured and pre-tenured licensed staff



U-46 TAP Values

Values

Trust: a firm belief in the reliability or truth or strength of a person

Fairness: free from bias, dishonesty, or injustice

Professionalism: having or showing the skill of a professional; competent

Collaboration: to work jointly

Continuous Learning: to continually study to acquire new knowledge

Teaching and Learning: methods of helping all students to learn successfully

Equity (Appropriateness): fairness; the application of general principles of justice to correct or supplement the law



U-46 TAP Beliefs

Beliefs

- Presumption of competence
- Supportive and non-punitive
- Data and evidence driven
- Self-evaluative and reflective goal setting
- Professional development choice
- Relevant and meaningful professional development options
- Ongoing cycle of learning and development
- Conversation based
- Focused on strengths and areas for growth

Formal Observation Cycle

- Two calendar weeks from Planning Conference to Reflective Conference
- At least three weeks between Formal Observation Cycles from Reflective Conference to the next Planning Conference
- Lesson time and components of focus are mutually agreed upon
- Teacher and appraiser evidence aligned to the Level of Performance rubric

Informal Observation Cycle

- Approximately 15-20 minutes
- May be unannounced
- Components of focus are not predetermined
- Reflective conference occurs within three days of the Observation
- Teacher and appraiser evidence aligned to the Level of Performance rubric

Student Learning Objective (SLO) Process

- Professional Practice is **70%**, SLO Process **30%**, of the Overall ISBE Summative Rating
- Every teacher shall complete **two (2) SLO Processes** during his or her respective **TAP Summative Appraisal Cycle**
- Incomplete or unfinished SLO Processes will automatically default to **UNSATISFACTORY** in the TAP Online System

Summative Conference

- Collaborative conversation to reflect on the collective professional practice of the teacher, aligned to the Level of Performance rubric
- Can include **teacher** and appraiser evidence and artifacts from:
 - Conferences
 - Observations
 - □ Portfolio (years 1 & 2)
 - Goal Setting (years 3 & 4)
 - Self-directed Professional Development (tenured staff)



Dates to Remember



- All appraisal cycles for both **Tenured** and **Pre-Tenured** teachers must conclude no later than **April 15**
- Summative Conferences may be conducted no earlier than **March 1** and no later than **May 15**
- **Pre-Tenured** teachers must complete two (2) SLO Processes by **March 1**
- **Tenured** Teachers must complete two (2) SLO Processes by **April 15** of the year of the Summative Appraisal Conference

What could support look like?



What? Who?

- One-on-one
- Small group/team/department
- Staff meeting
- SIP team meeting

How?

- By phone
- Via email
- In person



When?

- before/after school
- lunch/plan time
- PPDs/DCDs

Peer Assistance & Review (PAR)



PAR is a yearlong process that pairs any teacher not formally matched with a mentor with a Peer Consultant Teacher (PCT).

The program is designed to offer job-embedded support to teachers through instruction and the appraisal process.

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