

Procedure Title	Performance Appraisal: Professional Student Services Personnel		
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References			

1.0 RATIONALE

- 1.1 Bluewater District School Board is committed to providing fair, effective, consistent and comprehensive feedback on the employee's work performance.
- 1.2 Through dialogue with their supervisor, employees will be provided with:
 - a) an opportunity to reflect on their accomplishments;
 - b) a comprehensive evaluation of their work performance; and
 - c) a forum for reviewing goals and objectives, identifying job expectations and establishing goals and recommendations for growth for the upcoming year.
- 1.3 Performance appraisals provide an opportunity for identifying and discussion areas for improved performance and any support that an employee may require, as well as training and development needs.

2.0 GENERAL

- 2.1 Performance appraisals for Professional Student Services Personnel (PSSP) will be conducted on a five-year evaluation cycle.
- 2.2 An interim review may be conducted at any time during the five-year evaluation cycle, as determined by the supervisor.
- 2.3 If concerns arise, they should be addressed immediately, as opposed to waiting until the performance appraisal meeting.
- 2.4 PSSP who are new to the board will receive a performance appraisal once during the six-month probation period.
- 2.5 If a PSSP is on an extended leave during all or part of a year that is scheduled as an evaluation year, any performance appraisal that would otherwise be carried out during that period will be initiated, commencing with the pre-appraisal meeting, within sixty business days following return from leave.

3.0 ANNUAL LEARNING PLAN

- 3.1 The PSSP will develop and submit an Annual Learning Plan (ALP) using AF 7130 "Annual Learning Plan", outlining goals, in addition to training and development needed for the upcoming year. In an appraisal year, the supervisor and the PSSP will engage in a performance discussion prior to October 31.

- 3.2 The AF 7130 "Annual Learning Plan" will be submitted each year to the immediate supervisor and review of the AF 7130 will be part of the performance appraisal process at both the pre-appraisal and performance appraisal meetings.
- 3.3 If necessary, during a non-appraisal year, a meeting will be arranged by the supervisor to discuss the employee's Annual Learning Plan (AF 7130).

4.0 PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL PROCEDURE

- 4.1 Each supervisor will notify the PSSP who is in their evaluation year.

4.2 PRE - APPRAISAL MEETING

- i) Each supervisor should set-up a pre-appraisal meeting for PSSP, in their evaluation year, to review and familiarize them with the performance appraisal process, ensure the expectations of the performance appraisal are clearly understood and to discuss any procedural issues and aspects of professionalism.
- ii) This meeting will initiate the performance appraisal evaluation period. The performance appraisal evaluation period will be from September through August. The performance appraisal will be completed by August 31 of the appraisal year.

4.3 DATA COLLECTION

- i) The supervisor shall review any evidence that they have collected during the performance appraisal evaluation period which demonstrates the employee's work performance. Evidence for each performance appraisal may include, but is not limited to, information obtained from: reviewing information concerning job requirements; reviewing the job description and the core competencies for the employee's position; viewing and scripting of performance; reviewing materials such as records, plans, resources; discussion of professional learning activities.

4.4 PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL MEETING

- i) At the conclusion of the performance appraisal evaluation period, the supervisor will review the data collected and arrange the performance appraisal meeting.
- ii) The employee shall come to the performance appraisal meeting with a summary of accomplishments and progress on goals and training from the previous year's AF 7130 "Annual Learning Plan".
- iii) Goals for the upcoming appraisal year will be discussed the year prior to the performance appraisal meeting.
- iv) The purpose of the performance appraisal meeting is to:
 - a. Discuss the employee's general work performance over the past year, progress on established goals, as well as any specific areas that require improvement;
 - b. Discuss implications of the supervisor's review, including performance rating;
 - c. Provide evidence that documents the evaluation of each core competency and goal;
 - d. Set goals and discuss training and development needs for the following evaluation period using Administrative Form AF 7130 "Annual Learning Plan". The goals must be specific and measurable within a defined time frame. They should relate specifically to the employee's area of responsibility, be realistic, yet challenging, and be consistent with the board's policies and practices.

4.5 PERFORMANCE APPRAISAL FINAL REPORT AND RATING

- i) The PSSP's final performance appraisal report will be documented using AF 7134 "Professional Student Services Personnel - Performance Appraisal Final Report", which will contain the following:
 - a. An evaluation of the employee (accompanied by explanation(s) for each core competency, as well as an overall rating, according to the following rating scale:

- M** Meets Expectations (employee completes job assignments as expected)
- DNM** Does Not Meet Expectations (Employee is not meeting expected performance standards and needs to make significant improvement in job performance)
- DN** Development Needed (Employee needs to make some specific improvements in job performance)
- N/A** Not Applicable (If a particular factor is not applicable to the employee being evaluated, a notation of N/A may be inserted)

- ii) AF 7134 "Professional Student Services Personnel - Performance Appraisal Final Report" will be signed and dated by the supervisor who conducted the performance appraisal meeting, and a copy will be provided to the PSSP at the conclusion of the performance appraisal meeting.
- iii) The PSSP will be given an opportunity to review the evaluation and provide written comments within five (5) working days after the completed/signed AF 7134 "Professional Student Services Personnel - Performance Appraisal Final Report" is presented to them. The PSSP will sign and date the form indicating that they have received a copy of it.
- iv) A copy of the final AF 7134 "Professional Student Services Personnel - Performance Appraisal Final Report" and AF 7130 "Annual Learning Plan" will be distributed to the employee, the immediate supervisor and the Executive Officer of Human Resources Services (for placement in the personnel file).

5.0 DOES NOT MEET EXPECTATIONS RATING

- 5.1 In instances where a PSSP appraisal results in a Does Not Meet Expectations rating on AF 7134 "Professional Student Services Personnel - Performance Appraisal Final Report", the following additional procedures will be adhered to:
- i) If the employee receives any "Does Not Meet Expectations" rating(s), the supervisor, seeking input from the employee, will complete AF 7132 "Performance Appraisal Improvement Plan" outlining how the employee will improve performance, including specific goals, any required training and development, and time frames for completion.
 - ii) If the supervisor is recommending an overall rating of Does Not Meet Expectations, the supervisor will complete AF 7132 "Performance Appraisal Improvement Plan" and designate an appropriate time frame for re-evaluation. In this situation, the performance appraisal must be discussed with the appropriate Superintendent and must be sent to Executive Officer of Human Resources Services for review prior to being presented to the employee.