

**Multidimensional Leadership Performance System
Administrator Evaluation: Postings and Assurances
State Approved Evaluation Tool**

Research Base for the Evaluation Framework, Instrument, and Process [Section 1249b(2)(a)]

Evidence of Reliability, Validity, and Efficacy [Section 1249b(2)(c)]

The research base, evidence of reliability, validity and Efficacy is found in *The Reflective Leader: Implementing a Multidimensional Leadership Performance System in Appendix A: Multidimensional Leadership Performance Domains Cross-Referenced to Contemporary Leadership Research*.

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Evaluation Framework and Rubric [Section 1249b(2)(d)]

Step 1: Orientation

Two-day (12 hour) district provided orientation and training from ICLE on the evaluation model that includes district expectations that are subject to the evaluation system. An annual orientation or refresher orientation should occur. All leaders and evaluators have access to the content and processes that are subject to the system. Each school leader is expected to engage in personal reflection on the connection between practice and the domains/sub-domains in the system.

Step 2: Pre-Evaluation Planning

After the orientation process, the leader and the evaluator prepare for a formal conference. The leader's self-assessment moves to a more specific identification of improvement priorities. The leader will complete the MLP Reflection Guide, consider the results of the prior year evaluation process, and, if collected reflect on perception

data. From this analysis the leader will prioritize three to five leverage areas (sub-domains) of focus. This will serve as the basis for creating the preliminary professional growth plan.

Step 3: Initial Meeting between Leader and Evaluator

The Evaluator will be responsible to hold a meeting with the Leader to discuss the results of the self-evaluation, rating levels, supporting documents, artifacts, focus areas, data, and preliminary professional growth plan and to determine the leader's current level of performance

Step 4: Monitoring, Data Collection and Application to Practice

During the span between the initial meeting, the mid-year evaluation and the year end evaluation meeting, the leader will collect the data agreed upon in step 3, as well as any additional data. The supervisor will engage the leader in reflective dialogue using the Coaching Protocol to support the leader.

Step 5: Midyear Evaluation

Leaders will meet individually with their evaluator to discuss the formative progress toward achieving annual goals. This meeting provides the leader an opportunity to share the connections, or not, of his/her targeted leadership actions, the deliberate practice identified within the professional growth plan, and most importantly the impact of these actions on student achievement.

Step 6: Prepare a Consolidated Performance Assessment

The leader will synthesize the information obtained in Steps 4 and 5. This summary of data and artifacts will be used to judge the overall performance of the leader. This will be provided one-month in advance of the final meeting to the leader's evaluator at which the performance levels will be discussed.

Step 7: Year-End Meeting/Summative Assessment

The leader will meet with the evaluator at the end of the year to discuss the progress in completing the evaluation process. At this meeting the leader and the evaluator will discuss the degree of goal attainment, performance levels and recommendations for the professional growth plan. The Summative Assessment will be kept in the leader's personnel file.

The Multidimensional Leadership Performance System Matrix, process for training and the Research Base Documentation is provided on the Educator Evaluation Page of the Michigan Department of Education website and can also be found at the following link:

<http://leadered.com/michigan.php>

Description of Process for Conducting Classroom Observations, Collecting Evidence, Conducting Evaluation Conferences, Developing Performance Ratings, and Developing Performance Improvement Plans [Section 1249(2)(e)]

Leaders and Evaluators will be trained on the Matrix and utilize the Self-Reflection Guides provided at the training and included with all necessary forms to include:

- Self-Evaluation Forms
- MLP Questionnaire
- Professional Growth Plan
- MLP Domain Matrix
- Coaching Protocol
- Reflection Questions
- Mid-Year & Summative Evaluation Forms
- Scoring Guide
- Implementation Rubric

All Domain and Sub-Domain Guides, examples of evidence to support ratings are based on 4 categories in the Matrix: Highly Effective, Effective, Minimally Effective and Ineffective.

Rate each sub-domain as HE, E, ME, or I. The evaluator locates the level by utilizing the Matrix and supporting evidence listed on Self-Evaluation Forms.

The rating rubrics provide criteria that distinguish among the proficiency levels on the sub-domain. The rating for each sub-domain is the lowest rating for which the descriptors are representative of the leader's performance. The ratings on the domains aggregate to a rating on the Domains using Tables 1 through 4 on page 48-49 of *The Reflective Leader*. The ratings on the domains aggregate to an overall leadership performance rating using tables and formulas from the scoring guide.

The rubrics are designed to give leaders formative as well as summative assessments of where they stand in all leadership performance areas and detailed guidance on how to improve. Moreover, these will be the foundation of the leader and evaluator coaching and mentoring protocols. When you have a rating for each sub-domain, then you generate the Domain Rating.

The final step is the domain ratings are translated into a point scale in Table 5 on page 50 of *The Reflective Leader*. At the MLP Scoring stage the model shifts to a weighted point system. Points are assigned to weight ratings, direct weights are employed, and scored are converted to a numerical scale.

- A Domain Rating of Highly Effective is 3 points
- A Domain Rating of Effective is 2 points
- A Domain Rating of Minimally Effective is 1 point
- A Domain Rating of Ineffective is 0 points

Once all of the above are scored to receive the MLP System Score based on this scale:

- 240-300 Highly Effective
- 151-239 Effective
- 75-160 Minimally Effective
- 0-74 Ineffective

The Professional Growth Plan comprises the essential elements on the template to include:

- Problem of Practice Statement
- SMART Goals
- Theory of Action
- Strategy in Action
- Results Indicator
- Desired Benefit
- Timeline
- Sources of Data to Monitor

This plan also includes:

- Scheduling a frequent system of classroom observations.
- Work with staff to create a series of targets to use as a classroom observation guide.
- Create a common reading comprehension rubric.
- Provide staff professional development in the use of the rubric.
- Schedule distributed practice sessions in teacher use of the rubric to achieve a high level of inter-rater reliability.
- Provide staff professional development in focus areas
- Provide follow-up coaching and mentoring of teachers to support the implementation of the professional development.