

Policy

SUPERVISION

The board acknowledges that the purpose of supervision is to improve teacher performance in the classroom so that all students have an opportunity to achieve the Core Curriculum Content Standards.

Each teacher employed in this district as of the effective date specified in code shall be responsible for fulfilling requirements for continuing education and for making annual progress toward the goal of 100 clock hours of state-approved professional development every five years. Each teacher's professional improvement plan (PIP) shall incorporate appropriate steps toward this goal and shall be designed to assist teachers in obtaining and maintaining the knowledge and skills essential to student achievement of the state's Core Curriculum Content Standards. The professional improvement plan shall describe specific activities designed to provide guidance for that teacher in improving his/her performance. Such activities may include, but are not limited to, seminars, course work, day-long workshops, and classes on certain instructional approaches. Although supervisors shall develop professional improvement plans in collaboration with teachers, the Superintendent of Schools shall maintain final authority in determining their appropriate content.

Supervisory assistance and support in achieving the 100 clock hours of state-approved continuing education shall be offered in the context of the district's evaluation process, negotiated agreements, other policies, student safety and well-being, continuity of instruction, and budgetary constraints.

The Superintendent of Schools shall develop procedures for supervision of the teaching and administrative staff in performance of their duties that shall not be limited to the observations required for evaluation. Such supervision may include, but need not be limited to, review of lesson plans and teacher-made examinations; regularly scheduled curriculum conferences; and brief, informal classroom observations. The supervisor shall note the teacher's satisfactory fulfillment or non-fulfillment of continuing education requirements identified in the professional improvement plan.

This policy shall be distributed to each teaching staff member at the beginning of his/her employment.

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Key Words

Continuing Education, Professional Improvement Plans, Personnel Supervision, Supervision

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| Legal References: | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:4-15 | General rule-making power |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:4-16 | Incidental powers conferred |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:6-10 <u>et seq.</u> | Dismissal and reduction in compensation of persons under tenure in public school system ... |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1 | General mandatory powers and duties |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:27-3.1 through -3.3 | Non-tenured teaching staff; observation and evaluation; conference; purpose ... |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:28-5 | Tenure of teaching staff members |
| | <u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:29-14 | Withholding increments; causes; notice of appeals |
| | <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6:30-2.1(a)8 | Purpose and program descriptions |

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| <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:9-15.1 <u>et seq.</u> | Required Professional Development for Teachers |
| <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-4.4 | Evaluation of tenured teaching staff member |
| <u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:32-4.5 | Supervision of instruction: observation and evaluation of nontenured teaching staff members |

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts**Possible**

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| <u>Cross References:</u> | 2130 | Administrative staff |
| | *2131 | Chief school administrator |
| | 4000 | Concepts and roles in personnel |
| | 4010 | Goals and objectives |
| | *4112.6 | Personnel records |
| | *4116 | Evaluation |
| | *4117.41 | Nonrenewal |
| | *4131/4131.1 | Staff development; in-service education/visitations/conferences |
| | *4215 | Supervision |
| | *4216 | Evaluation |
| | *6143.1 | Lesson plans |
| | *6200 | Adult/community education |

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.