PDE 430

The PDE 430 is completed ONLY by the University Supervisor

Using the
Pennsylvania State wide Evaluation Form for Student Professional Knowledge and Practice
Pennsylvania Department of Education – PDE-430

HEADING AND SIGNATURE PAGE

1. The heading of the evaluation form contains biographical information regarding the Student Teacher/candidate being evaluated and the evaluation period.
2. The subjects being taught and grade level should be clearly listed.
3. Write the date on which the conference was held between the Student Teacher/candidate and the evaluator on the signature page of the PDE-430 form.
4. Clearly state the school year and the term in the appropriate place on the signature page.

CATEGORIES OF EVALUATION

1. PDE 430 has 4 major categories addressing evaluation of Student Teacher/candidate.
   i. Category I – Planning and Preparation
   ii. Category II – Classroom Environment
   iii. Category III – Instructional Delivery
   iv. Category IV – Professionalism

Each category has Student Teacher/candidate performance indicators that support the category’s evaluation on a continuum from Exemplary through Unsatisfactory. The “Student Teacher/Candidate’s Performance Appropriately Demonstrates” indicators are the criteria for the evaluation. Both the evaluator and the Student Teacher/candidate must be aware for the performance indicators being used in the evaluation before the evaluation takes place.

2. Each PDE 430 Category, I through IV, includes an explanation of the various aspects of teaching that aid in the further definition of the category.

LEVELS OF PROFICIENCY IN THE CATGORIES

1. The categories presented on the PDE 430 provide knowledge, to the evaluator and the Student Teacher/candidate, of performance expectations and the required levels of proficiency for each category. The category’s results are evaluated through the review of the defined “Student Teacher/Candidate’s Performance Demonstrates” indicators in each of the four categories.
2. The Student Teacher/candidate’s demonstrated performance indicators in each category should be checked or highlighted in a manner to assist the evaluator in determining the appropriate level of proficiency. **The judgment for the performance for the rating of any category is based on:**
   - the rater’s overall evaluation of performance in each category and
is not dependent on seeing each single performance indicator demonstrated successfully in order to receive a high level evaluation.
**SOURCES OF EVIDENCE**

1. The sources of evidence, gathered by the Student Teacher/candidate and the evaluator, should be considered by the evaluator to make a judgment about the Student Teacher/candidate’s performance/level of proficiency.

2. It is also the responsibility of the Student Teacher/candidate to ensure the availability of evidence required for each of the categories evaluated. The evaluator and the Student Teacher/candidate will share the sources at the conference date. The evaluator will mark, on the form next to the source of evidence, pertinent pieces of evidence that were reviewed during the evaluation of a Student Teacher/candidate’s performance/level of proficiency.

3. Since the evaluation form serves as a record keeping device in support of the recommendation for a successful performance assessment, it is important that the evaluator specify, next to the source of evidence, any evidence considered so that the Student Teacher, and other administrators reviewing the form, may have a sense of what was used to arrive at judgment on the level of proficiency.

4. Sources of evidence should have, where appropriate, written dates that the source of evidence occurred: for example, the date of the planning document or dates of classroom observations/visits. Types of evidence reviewed can be listed as well as titles, for example, Back-To-School Night presentation. It should include the number of sources; for example, if seven pieces of student work were collected for a particular source of evidence, that number should be included.

5. The space following each source of evidence allows an evaluator to document the important source(s) that were considered and captures the essential information about the source. If further space is required, an additional sheet may be attached.

**JUSTIFICATION FOR EVALUATION**

1. After reviewing the results of the Student Teacher/candidate’s performance indicators in each category, and the pertinent sources of evidence, the assessor will make a judgment for each category on the PDE 430. The appropriate box is then checked.

2. This is a key section as it provides the Student Teacher with a clear understanding of the evaluator’s decision based on observations and other specific sources of evidence. This section also provides further explanation of why the Student Teacher is receiving a particular rating for the category. The evaluator’s comments help to focus the Student Teacher on his/her specific strengths and areas for improvement. It is important to write statements that are clear, consistent, and specify key areas for improvement, if required.

The justification section may be expanded to whatever length the rater feels necessary to help the Student Teacher/candidate understand the rating, the reasons for it and steps that can be taken to improve performance, whenever required.

**EVALUATION**

1. The evaluation/signature page of the PDE 430 includes the school year and term during which the observation occurred. An appropriate overall judgment of the Student Teacher/candidate’s demonstrated performance will be made and checked, resulting in either a particular level of proficiency.

2. The signature of the evaluator, usually the Student Teacher/candidate’s supervisor, must be included. In addition, the signature of the Student Teacher/candidate and the appropriate signature dates must also be included. The Student Teacher/candidate does not have to agree with the judgments or statements of the evaluator in order to sign the form. The Student Teacher/candidate is obligated to sign the form once the evaluator has shared the contents of the form with the Student Teacher/candidate. Student Teacher/candidate may annotate the form with “I disagree with this rating.”
3. The Overall Justification for Evaluation section should specify any key areas for improvement, when used for the first assessment, and provide the Student Teacher with a clear understanding of the evaluator’s overall judgment of their performance. All written sections may be expanded in size in order to fully express the observations and recommendations to the Student Teacher/candidate. Additional pages may be added if necessary.

The level of proficiency indicated in each of the 4 categories were added to determine an overall rating/level of proficiency for the entire PDE 430 form and the single rating period. At least a satisfactory rating must have been achieved in each of the 4 categories.

The certifying officer must now verify that the candidate has achieved at least a satisfactory rating on the PDE 430 by so indicating on the PDE 338C, College/University Verification Form, which is used to recommend a candidate to the Commonwealth for certification.

GENERAL REQUIREMENTS

1. Each Student Teacher/candidate must be observed and evaluated using the PDE 430 a minimum of two times during their student teaching experience—once at the midpoint, and once at the end. Not that this is a minimum number of times and further evaluations may be completed, as the college/university desires. For example, if a candidate has two separate student teaching assignments, they may be observed at the midpoint and end of each assignment.

2. All evaluations with the PDE 430 are considered to be formative with the exception of the final one, which is considered to be the summative evaluation. All others are used in order to give the Student Teacher/candidate an opportunity to correct or improve any deficiencies.

The PDE 430 assessment instrument must be used a minimum of two times. A satisfactory rating (1) in each of the 4 categories, resulting in a minimum total of at least (4) points, must be achieved on the final summative rating to favorably complete the overall assessment. Note that all categories must have achieved at least a satisfactory rating in all cases.

3. A copy of the PDE 430 is kept in the Student Teacher/candidate’s college file. Student Teacher/candidate’s should have a copy of their completed PDE-430. However, copies of the PDE 430 should not be provided by the college to outside agencies, prospective employers, or other individuals, in any situation, as this in an internal document. The PDE 430 is a confidential document. Copies of the PDE 430 will be reviewed during state major program reviews.

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Pennsylvania Department of Education
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Student’s Last Name First Middle Student Identification

Subject(s) Taught Grade Level

This form is to serve as a permanent record of a Student Teacher’s professional performance evaluation during a specific time period based on specific criteria. This form must be used at least twice during the 12-week (minimum) student teaching experience.

PERFORMANCE EVALUATION

Directions: Examine all sources of evidence provided by the Student Teacher and bear in mind the aspects of teaching for each of the four categories used in this form. Check the appropriate aspects of student teaching, and indicate the sources of evidence used to determine the evaluation of the results in each category. Assign an evaluation for each of the four categories and then assign an overall evaluation of performance. Sign the form and gain the signature of the Student Teacher.

Category I: Planning and Preparation—Student Teacher demonstrates thorough knowledge of content and pedagogical skills in planning and preparation Student Teacher makes plans and sets goals based on the content to be taught/learned, their knowledge of assigned students and their instructional content.

Alignment: 354.33 (1)(i)(A), (B), (C), (G), (H)

Student Teacher’s performance appropriately demonstrates:

1. Knowledge of content
2. Knowledge of pedagogy
3. Knowledge of Pennsylvania’s K-12 Academic Standards
4. Knowledge of students and how to use this knowledge to impart instruction
5. Use of resources, materials, or technology available through the school or district
6. Instructional goals that show a recognizable sequence with adaptations or individual student needs
7. Assessment of student learning aligned to the instructional goals and adapted as required for student needs
8. Use of educational psychological principles/theories in the construction of lesson plans and setting instructional goals

Sources of Evidence (Check all that apply and include dates, types/titles and number)

- Lesson/Unit Plans ___________________________ - Student Teacher Interviews_________________________
- Resources/Materials/Technology ___________________________ - Classroom Observations_____________________
- Assessment Materials ___________________________ - Resource Documents_________________________
- Information about Students ___________________________ - Other ___________________________

Category | Exemplary 3 Points | Superior 2 Points | Satisfactory 1 Point | Unsatisfactory 0 Points
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Criteria for Rating | The candidate consistently and thoroughly demonstrates indicators of performance. | The candidate usually and extensively demonstrates indicators of performance. | The candidate sometimes and adequately demonstrates indicators of performance. | The candidate rarely or never and inappropriately or superficially demonstrates indicators of performance. |
### Category II: Classroom Environment

Student Teacher establishes and maintains an equitable environment for learning, in which students feel safe, valued and respected, by instituting routines and by setting clear expectations for student behavior.

**Alignment:** 354.33.  (1)(i)(E), (B)

Student Teacher’s performance appropriately demonstrates:

1. Expectations for student achievement with value placed on the quality of student work
2. Attention to equitable learning opportunities for students
3. Appropriate interactions between teacher and students and among students
4. Effective classroom routines and procedures resulting in little or no loss of instructional time
5. Clear standards of conduct and effective management of student behavior
6. Appropriate attention given to safety in the classroom to the extent that it is under the control of the Student Teacher
7. Ability to establish and maintain rapport with students

### Sources of Evidence
(Check all that apply and include dates, types/titles and number)

- [ ] Classroom Observations__________________________
- [ ] Visual Technology ____________________________
- [ ] Informal Observations/Visits________________________
- [ ] Resources/Materials/Technology/Space___________
- [ ] Student Teacher Interviews__________________________
- [ ] Other ______________________________

### Criteria for Rating

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### Rating

(indicate ✓)
| Justification for Evaluation |         |

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Category III: Student Teacher, through knowledge of content and their pedagogy and skill in delivering instruction engages in learning by using a variety of instructional strategies.

Alignment: 354.33 (1) (i) (D), (F), (G)

Student Teacher’s performance appropriately demonstrates:

1. Knowledge of content and pedagogical theory through their instructional delivery
2. Instructional goals reflecting Pennsylvania K-12 standards
3. Communication of procedures and clear expectations of content
4. Instructional goals that show a recognizable sequence, clear student expectations, and adaptations for individual student needs
5. Use of questioning and discussion strategies that encourage many students to participate
6. Engagement of students in learning and adequate pacing of instruction
7. Feedback to students on their learning
8. Use of informal and formal assessments to meet learning goals and to monitor student learning
9. Flexibility and responsiveness in meeting the learning needs of students
10. Integration of disciplines within the educational curriculum

Sources of Evidence (Check all that apply and include dates, types/titles and number)

- Classroom Observations
- Student Assignment Sheets
- Informal Observations/Visits
- Student Work
- Assessment Materials
- Instructional Resources/Materials/Technology
- Student Teacher Interviews
- Other

Category | Exemplary 3 Points | Superior 2 Points | Satisfactory 1 Point | Unsatisfactory 0 Points
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Criteria for Rating | The candidate consistently and thoroughly demonstrates indicators of performance. | The candidate usually and extensively demonstrates indicators of performance. | The candidate sometimes and adequately demonstrates indicators of performance. | The candidate rarely or never and inappropriately or superficially demonstrates indicators of performance.
Rating (indicate ✓)
**Commonwealth of Pennsylvania**

**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

333 Market St., Harrisburg, PA 17126-0333

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**Category IV--Student Teacher demonstrates qualities that characterize a professional person in aspects that occur in and beyond the classroom/building.**

*Alignment: 354.33 (1) (i) (I), (J)*

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Student Teacher’s performance appropriately demonstrates:

1. Knowledge of school and district procedures and regulations related to attendance, punctuality and the like
2. Knowledge of school or district requirements for maintaining accurate records and communicating with faculty
3. Knowledge of school and/or district events
4. Knowledge of district or college’s professional growth and development activities
5. Integrity and ethical behavior, professional conduct as stated in *Pennsylvania Code of Professional Practice and Conduct for Educators*; and local state, and federal laws and regulations
6. Effective communication, both oral and written, with students, colleagues, paraprofessionals, related service personnel, and administrators
7. Ability to cultivate professional relationships with school colleagues
8. Knowledge of Commonwealth requirements for continuing professional development and licensure

**Sources of Evidence** (Check all that apply and include dates, types/titles and number)

- Classroom Observations__________________________
- Student Assignment Sheets____________________
- Informal Observations/Visits____________________
- Student Work_______________________________
- Assessment Materials__________________________
- Instructional Resources/Materials/Technology_____
- Student Teacher Interviews_____________________
- Other________________________________________
- Written Documentation________________________

**Category** | **Exemplary 3 Points** | **Superior 2 Points** | **Satisfactory 1 Point** | **Unsatisfactory 0 Points**
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**Rating** (indicate ✓) | | | | |
### Overall Rating

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<th>Category</th>
<th>Exemplary Minimum of 12 Points</th>
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Rating:  
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Note: Candidates must achieve at least a satisfactory rating of 4 Points or above.

### Justification for overall rating:

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District/IU School

Interview/Conference Date ____________________________
School Year ____________ Term__________

**Required Signatures:**

Supervisor/Evaluator ____________________________ Date: ____________
Student Teacher ____________________________ Date: ____________
Appendix A
STUDENT TEACHING ABSENCE

All absences – planned and emergency – require a Student Teaching Absence Form to be completed, signed by the Student Teacher and University Supervisor, and approved by the Field Services Coordinator.

I am requesting permission to be excused from student teaching for the dates and reasons described at the end of this request. I understand that I may be asked to make-up these dates/times at the end of my assignment in order to complete my student teaching obligation. I also understand that this request must be approved by my co-op, supervisor, and the Field Services Office. Failure to receive permission from all individuals will result in the request being denied.

Student Teacher: ___________________________________________ Phone Number____________________

Dates of expected absence: ________________________________________________________________

Reason for absence: _____________________________________________________________________

Please indicate number of absences you have taken during student teaching, including this one.

________________________________________________

Student Teacher signature / Date

☐ Approved          ☐ Denied          ☐ Approved          ☐ Denied

Cooperating Teacher_________________________________ University Supervisor____________________

☐ Approved          ☐ Denied

Coordinator Field Services

This form must be on file in the Field Services Office 5 days prior to the requested absence or within 24 hours of the emergency absence.