

# Task 4. Teacher Observation Category

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**Please note, within this section, task 4.1 may contain the rubric selection(s) from your plan as it existed on June 2, 2015.\* The remaining tasks in this section will not contain data from your previous plan and must be completed.**

*\* Please note that documents and language will not be pre-populated into the plan if your district/BOCES chose to start with a blank application.*

For guidance on the Teacher Observation category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: <https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d>.

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### 4.1) Teacher Practice Rubric

Select a teacher practice rubric from the menu of State-approved rubrics to assess performance based on the observable NYS Teaching Standards. If your district has been granted a variance by NYSED through the variance process, select "district variance" from the menu.

If your district/BOCES is using an additional rubric, please select the rubric from the second menu below. If your district/BOCES will not use a second rubric, please select "N/A" from the end of the drop-down menu. (Note: Any district/BOCES may use multiple rubrics, as long as the same rubric is used for all classroom teachers in a grade/subject across the district/BOCES.)

#### Rubric 1

Marzano's Causal Teacher Evaluation Model

#### Rubric 2

N/A

### 4.2) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below:

Assure that all observable NYS Teaching Standards/Domains of the selected practice rubric are assessed at least once a year across the total number of annual observations.	Checked
Assure that the process for assigning points for the Teacher Observation category will be in compliance with the locally-determined subcomponent weights and overall Observation category score and rating based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents.	Checked
Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all classroom teachers in a grade/subject across the district/BOCES; provided that districts/BOCES may locally determine whether to use different rubrics for teachers who teach different grades and/or subjects during the school year.	Checked
Assure that the same rubric(s) is used for all observations of a classroom teacher across the observation types in a given school year.	Checked

### 4.3) Process for Weighting Rubric Domains/Subcomponents

Please describe the process for weighting the observable domains/subcomponents of the chosen practice rubric (e.g., All observable components will be weighted equally and averaged). For guidance on the Teacher Observation category, see NYSED APPR Guidance: <https://www.engageny.org/resource/appr-3012-d>.

Observable components will be weighted according to the following scale:

Domain 1 - 68%

Domain 2 - 14%

Domain 3 - 8%

Domain 4 - 10%

#### 4.4) Calculating Observation Ratings

Please check the boxes below:

Assure that each set of observations (by supervisor/other trained administrator, independent, or peer) will be completed using the selected practice rubric, producing an overall score between 1 and 4. The overall weighted observation score will then be converted into a HEDI rating using the chart shown below.	Checked
Assure that once all observations are complete, the different types of observations will be combined using a weighted average consistent with the weights specified in task 4.5 below, producing an overall Observation category score between 0 and 4. In the event that a teacher earns a score of 1 on all rated components of the practice rubric across all observations, a score of 0 will be assigned.	Checked

#### Teacher Observation Scoring Bands

	Overall Observation Category Score and Rating	
	Minimum	Maximum
<b>H</b>	3.5 to 3.75	4.0
<b>E</b>	2.5 to 2.75	3.49 to 3.74
<b>D</b>	1.5 to 1.75	2.49 to 2.74
<b>I</b>	0	1.49 to 1.74

Using the dropdown menus below, please indicate the locally-determined rubric scoring ranges based on the constraints prescribed by the Commissioner in Subpart 30-3 of the Rules of the Board of Regents for each of the rating categories.

	Minimum Rubric Score	Maximum Rubric Score
Highly Effective	3.50	4.00
Effective	2.50	3.49
Developing	1.50	2.49

Ineffective	0.00	1.49
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#### 4.5) Teacher Observation Subcomponent Weighting

##### Required Subcomponents:

- **Observations by Principal(s) or Other Trained Administrators: At least 80% of the Teacher Observation category score**
- **Observations by Impartial Independent Trained Evaluator(s): At least 10%, but no more than 20% of the Teacher Observation category score**

##### Optional Subcomponent:

- **Observations by Trained Peer Observer(s): No more than 10% of the Teacher Observation category score when selected**

Please be sure the total of the weights indicated equals 100%

	Principal - required	Independent Evaluator(s) - required	Peer Observer(s) - optional
Indicate the weighting of each subcomponent:	90%	10%	N/A

#### 4.6) Assurances

Please check all of the boxes below:

Assure that independent evaluator(s) are not employed in the same school building, as defined by BEDS code, as the teacher(s) they are evaluating.	Checked
Assure that, if observations are being conducted by trained peer observer(s), these teacher(s) received an overall rating of Effective or Highly Effective in the previous school year.	Checked
Assure that the following elements will not be used in calculating a teacher's Observation category score and rating: evidence of student development and performance derived from lesson plans, other artifacts of teacher practice, and student portfolios, except for student portfolios measured by a State-approved rubric where permitted by the Department; use of an instrument for parent or student feedback; use of professional goal-setting as evidence of teacher effectiveness.	Checked
Assure that the length of all observations for teachers will be conducted pursuant to the locally-determined durations.	Checked
Assure that independent evaluator(s) will be trained and selected by the district/BOCES.	Checked
Assure that peer observer(s), as applicable, will be trained and selected by the district/BOCES.	Checked
Assure that at least one of the required observations will be unannounced.	Checked

#### 4.7) Number of Observations

##### Probationary Teachers

Indicate the number of unannounced and announced observations for each observation type in the boxes below (e.g., minimum of 2, 5). If the Optional Peer Observation subcomponent will not be used, please indicate, "N/A".

	Principal - required	Independent Evaluator(s) - required	Peer Observer(s) - optional
Unannounced	N/A	1	N/A
Announced	2	1	N/A

### Tenured Teachers

Indicate the number of unannounced and announced observations for each observation type in the boxes below (e.g., minimum of 2, 5). If the Optional Peer Observation subcomponent will not be used, please indicate, "N/A".

	Principal - required	Independent Evaluator(s) - required	Peer Observer(s) - optional
Unannounced	Up to 2	1 - 2	N/A
Announced	1	0	N/A

## 4.8) Observation Method

### Probationary Teachers

	Principal - required	Independent Evaluator(s) - required	Peer Observer(s) - optional
Will unannounced observations of teachers be done in person, by video, or both?	N/A	In Person	N/A
Will announced observations of teachers be done in person, by video, or both?	In Person	In Person	N/A

### Tenured Teachers

	Principal - required	Independent Evaluator(s) - required	Peer Observer(s) - optional
Will unannounced observations of teachers be done in person, by video, or both?	In Person	In Person	N/A
Will announced observations of teachers be done in person, by video, or both?	In Person	N/A	N/A