**Policy Manual** 

## **EVALUATION OF PROFESSIONAL STAFF**

In order to assure a high quality of teacher and administrator performance to advance the instructional programs of the district schools, a continuous program for teacher and administrator evaluation will be established by the superintendent and regular reports will be made to the Board concerning the outcomes of these evaluations.

Teachers and administrators will be evaluated on an annual basis.

Evaluations should provide feedback to teachers and administrators noting strengths, as well as areas needing improvement.

The evaluation process will include:

- 1. An ongoing review of the techniques and procedures for making evaluations. Techniques and procedures that contribute to a teacher's understanding of his or her strengths and weaknesses should be used.
- 2. Goals and objectives that are understood and agreed upon by the teaching staff and the administration. The criteria should be built around the established educational philosophy, goals, objectives, and educational program developed and accepted by the professional staff of the school district. Job specific criteria will be established for classroom teachers, school librarians and school counselors.
- 3. Application of the information gained to the planning of staff development and inservice training activities, which are designed to improve instruction and increase teacher competence.

The evaluation process will include self-evaluation, supervisor-initiated observations, and teacher-initiated observations.

The formal evaluations will be written and will be discussed by the evaluator and the teacher or administrator. The discussions may either precede or follow the writing of the evaluation document. Copies of the written document will be signed and dated by both parties and incorporated into the personnel files of the teacher or administrator. The signature of the teacher or administrator does not indicate approval or disapproval of the evaluation, but that the evaluation has been read and discussed.

This evaluation policy will be in accordance with the Menno School District Negotiated Agreement.

Legal References: SDCL 13-43-6.1 through 13-43-6.9

Contract References: Menno School District Negotiated Agreement

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