

## Administrative Personnel Evaluation Rating Definitions

The “Effective” level describes leadership performance that has local impact (i.e., within the school) and meets organizational needs. It is adequate, necessary, and clearly makes a significant contribution to the school. The majority of the leadership workforce will be in the effective area once they have a clear understanding of what the FPLS require and have made the adjustments and growth necessary to upgrade performance. The previous rating system of “satisfactory” and “unsatisfactory” does not provide any guidance as to where those who repeat past performance levels will fall in the shift to research and standards-based assessments. Both school leaders and evaluators should reflect on performance based on the new FPLS and the rubrics of the FSLA.

The “Highly Effective” level is reserved for truly outstanding leadership as described by very demanding criteria. Performance at this level is dramatically superior to “Effective” in its impact on students, staff members, parents, and the school district. Highly effective leadership results from recurring engagement with “deliberate practice.” In brief, the “Highly Effective” leader helps every other element within the organization become as good as they are. In normal distributions, some leaders will be rated highly effective on some indicators, but very few leaders will be rated highly effective as a summative performance level.

The “Needs Improvement” level describes principals, who understand what is required for success, are willing to work toward that goal, and, with coaching and support, can become proficient. Needs improvement rating will occur where expectations have been raised and standards made more focused and specific. Professional behavior and focused professional learning will guide school leaders toward increasingly effective performance.

Performance at the “Unsatisfactory” level describe leaders who do not understand what is required for proficiency or who have demonstrated through their actions and/or inactions that they choose not to become proficient on the strategies, knowledge bases, and skills sets needed for student learning to improve and faculties to develop.