Principal Evaluation Criteria and Descriptors

WAC 392-191A-150 Minimum evaluation criteria - Certificated principals and assistant principals.

Criterion 1: Creating a school culture that promotes the ongoing improvement of learning and teaching for students and staff.

*Descriptor:* An effective leader advocates, nurtures, and sustains a school culture and instructional program that promote student learning and staff professional growth.

Criterion 2: Demonstrating commitment to closing the achievement gap.

*Descriptor:* Effective leaders who have a commitment to closing identified gaps in achievement between groups of students, monitor subgroup data and develop and encourage strategies to eliminate those gaps. Student growth data must be a substantial factor utilizing the OSPI approved student growth rubrics.

Criterion 3: Providing for school safety.

*Descriptor:* An effective leader teams with the school's community to develop routines and expectations that create a physically and emotionally safe learning environment.

Criterion 4: Leading the development, implementation and evaluation of a data-driven plan for increasing student achievement, including the use of multiple student data elements.

*Descriptor:* Effective leaders rely on data to promote improvement through school improvement plans in all aspects of the school and across all of the eight principal evaluation criteria. Student growth data must be a substantial factor utilizing the OSPI approved student growth rubrics.

Criterion 5: Assisting instructional staff with alignment of curriculum, instruction, and assessment with state and local school district learning goals.

*Descriptor:* An effective leader assumes responsibility to assist staff with the alignment of their teaching and classroom assessments with the state's learning goals and the school district's curriculum.

Criterion 6: Monitoring, assisting, and evaluating effective instruction and assessment practices.

*Descriptor:* An effective leader monitors teaching and uses the evaluation process and other strategies to support teachers’ efforts to strengthen their teaching and learning in classrooms. Student growth data must be a substantial factor utilizing the OSPI approved student growth rubrics.

Criterion 7: Managing both staff and fiscal resources to support student achievement and legal responsibilities.

*Descriptor:* An effective leader manages human and fiscal resources in ways that enhance the likelihood that students will thrive and succeed in achieving the school's goals for them.

Criterion 8: Partnering with the school community to promote student learning.

*Descriptor:* An effective leader engages families and the community in ways that increase the success of students.