



Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation

and evaluation of other BTU members

BTU members who are classroom teachers are evaluated using the teacher effectiveness evaluation. Other BTU members (e.g., education associates, counselors, library media specialists) are evaluated with the performance-based evaluation system. Not sure which evaluation applies to you? Check out this [listing by job title](#). All BTU members should anticipate meeting with their supervisor to review the evaluation process. Individual Development Plans ([IDPs](#)) and initial planning conferences must be completed by October 29.

Note that if a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will shift to the next work day.

2021-22 Evaluations

Baltimore City Public Schools is committed to authentic employee evaluations, grounded by accurate observations of practice and meaningful feedback. We recognize the importance of each employee receiving feedback on their performance and impact and being recognized for the role they play in support of our students and families.

As we move into our second full school year impacted by COVID-19, there is vast work ahead to confront the challenges and hardship brought on by the pandemic. From the professional development goals set in an educator's Individual Development Plan to the

feedback they receive during a conference with their evaluator, steps in the evaluation cycle can be one part of an educator's personalized learning and support during this school year.

Teacher effectiveness evaluation

This evaluation for BTU classroom teachers reflects the complexities of teaching and was designed to help improve student academic outcomes. It includes multiple measures and components that, together, provide an authentic, comprehensive understanding of strengths and areas for improvement aimed at continuous improvement of instructional practice.

An overview of the evaluation is provided below. All BTU members and their supervisors are encouraged to watch this [Plug & Play narrated presentation](#).

Although the [mid-year review for classroom teachers](#) occurs offline, we have provided some guidelines for holding mid-year conversations. The mid-year performance review conversation provides an opportunity for teachers and school leaders to discuss student and teacher progress to date.

UPDATED: Key dates and milestones

Because it includes several components, the teacher effectiveness evaluation unfolds over the course of the school year. Review these [key dates and milestones for the teacher evaluation](#). If any date falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date is the next day.

Components

Professional practice: Formal classroom observations (40% total)

Formal observations provide evidence of a teacher's strengths and areas for development. When done purposefully and with discussion that includes actionable feedback, they are integral to improving instructional practice.

- Teachers are observed on the seven key actions of the instructional framework's "Teach" component
- Teachers should receive frequent informal observations during the school year
- In order to sustain an annual evaluation, a minimum of two formal observations must be completed by qualified observers
- The total weight of the formal observation component is 40% (e.g., if two observations, then each is worth 20%),
- Each formal observation is considered a separate evaluation measure

Professional practice: Professional expectations (10%)

This measure considers the extent to which a teacher meets district expectations for compliance with district and school policies and demonstrates standard skills in communication, professionalism, professional practice, and district expectations.

Supervisors and teachers should review the professional expectations rubric. Teachers are encouraged to reflect and self-assess their performance on this form.

Student growth: Student learning objectives (35%)

SLOs are specific, measurable academic goals for a particular group of students in an academic year. Teachers create SLOs in collaboration with their school leaders and in alignment with the relevant district guidance. SLOs can be used to measure student learning for teachers in both tested and non-tested grades. For SY 2021-22, the evaluation includes one SLO worth 35% of the total evaluation. Note that without an approved exemption, teachers must have an approved SLO learning target and submit their student data in the appropriate electronic system. Failure to do so results in a score of 25 on the SLO component of the SY 2021-22 evaluation.

For more information and resources about SLOs, visit the district's Blackboard site, log in, and click the SLO icon.

Student growth: School performance measure (15%)

This measure reflects a whole school's yearlong performance for learning environment, student growth, and college and career readiness. Due to the timing when data is available, school performance measure data reflects the previous year's performance. There is insufficient performance data to calculate an SPM score for all schools due to the emergency school building closers last year. Therefore, the remaining evaluation components will be reweighted for SY 2021-22 evaluations. Please review the [evaluation reweighting resource](#) for more information.

Ratings

For most teachers, the end-of-year rating is determined by a composite score made up of individual scores from each component. Each individual raw score is converted to a 100-point scale, weighted, and combined to yield a single overall composite rating. This overall annual evaluation rating is based on where a teacher's composite score falls within the annual evaluation score ranges. This [overview shows an example of an annual evaluation rating calculation](#); this [overview clarifies how evaluation components are re-weighted when data is not available](#).

The final rating can result in awarding of achievement units which, in turn, contributes to teachers' advancement along their career pathway and their salary.

- 86 and above: Highly effective (12 achievement units)
- 70 to 85: Effective (9 achievement units)
- 55 to 69: Developing (3 achievement units)
- 54 and below: Ineffective

If a teacher receives a rating of ineffective, City Schools must, at a minimum, offer that teacher (if he or she is certificated) a meaningful appeal process in accordance with Education Article, § 4-205(c)(4), Annotated Code of Maryland. The burden of proof is on the teacher appealing the rating.

Teacher Off Cycle Evaluation Opportunity

After an initial pilot in 2020-21, City Schools offers an Off Cycle Evaluation Opportunity for tenured classroom teachers with a history of strong performance. This is for one school year, and those teachers who make this decision will not have formal observations or professional expectations conducted during the upcoming school year. Rather, their formal observation and professional expectations scores from the previous school year will be included in their upcoming school year's annual evaluation. In accordance with COMAR requirements, student growth data must be gathered each year and so these teachers must still participate in the SLO process while being "off cycle".

Eligible teachers will be notified by the Office of Human Capital and given the opportunity to decide whether they will be "off cycle" for 2021-22. Eligible teachers have until Friday, October 1 to confirm their intent to be Off Cycle for this school year.

If you believe you should have received notification from the Office of Human Capital and there is an error in your eligibility status for this school year, you must complete the electronic [Eligibility Review Request form](#) by Friday, October 1. No other form of communication – including notifying your supervisor – will be accepted as official initiation of this review request. For additional information, [read this FAQ](#).

Evaluation for other BTU members

BTU employees who do not work primarily in delivering instruction are evaluated using [forms and rubrics from the Performance-Based Evaluation System](#). Please note the following dates, tasks, and resources.

Note that if a deadline falls on a weekend or holiday, the deadline will shift to the next work

day.

By December 10: First Formal Observation

- Formal observation – Other teacher level staff
- Full-time mentor input form
- Guidance counselor input form
- IEP associate and clinical service provider input form

By January 31: Midyear Performance Review

- Performance review – Midyear report

By April 1: Second Formal Observation

- *See forms for first formal observation*

By one week before last day of school for employees: Annual evaluation

- Annual evaluation – Teacher-level staff

Electronic platform help guides

All BTU employees and their evaluators complete steps in the evaluation process electronically. BTU employees will access their information in OPMS via their Employee Self Service and supervisors will access information in OPMS via Manager Self Service.

Help guides

Guides specific to using Blackboard for SLOs are listed in the SLO course.

All employees:

- [How to access completed evaluations](#)
- [Plug & Play Narrated Presentation](#)

Teachers:

- [Opening the annual evaluation report](#)
- [Reviewing and responding to the classroom teacher observation](#)

Other BTU members:

- [Reviewing and responding to the input and observation forms](#)

All supervisors:

- [Changing the main appraiser](#)
- [How to access completed employee evaluations](#)

Classroom teacher supervisors:

- [Completing the professional expectations form](#)
- [Opening employees annual evaluation report](#)
- [Completing the formal observation](#)

Other BTU employee supervisors:

- Initiating the PBES annual evaluation report
- Completing the input and observation forms