

# Superintendent's Performance Rating for Standard IV: Professional Culture



	Unsatisfactory	Needs Improvement	Proficient	Exemplary
<b>IV-A. Commitment to High Standards:</b> Fosters a shared commitment to high standards of service, teaching, and learning with high expectations for achievement for all.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV-B. Cultural Proficiency:</b> Ensures that policies and practices enable staff members and students to interact effectively in a culturally diverse environment in which students' backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV-C. Communication:</b> Demonstrates strong interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
<b>IV-D. Continuous Learning:</b> Develops and nurtures a culture in which staff members are reflective about their practice and use student data, current research, best practices, and theory to continuously adapt practice and achieve improved results. Models these behaviors in his or her own practice.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X
<b>IV-E. Shared Vision:</b> Successfully and continuously engages all stakeholders in the creation of a shared educational vision in which every student is prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and become a responsible citizen and global contributor.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>IV-F. Managing Conflict:</b> Employs strategies for responding to disagreement and dissent, constructively resolving conflict and building consensus throughout a district or school community.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	X

**Overall Rating for Standard IV**  
(Circle one.)

The education leader promotes the learning and growth of all students and the success of all staff by nurturing and sustaining a districtwide culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous learning for staff.

Unsatisfactory

Needs Improvement

**Proficient**

Exemplary

**Comments and analysis (recommended for any overall rating; required for overall rating of Exemplary, Needs Improvement or Unsatisfactory):**

- I enhanced professional collaborative structures that promoted strong, ethical leadership and scholarship.
- I provided high quality and strategic professional development to ensure that all staff followed best practices.
- I provided targeted intervention and increased central office support to the lowest performing schools by implementing and monitoring the DESE Turnaround Platform.
- I assisted schools by providing collaborative professional opportunities to inform, monitor, and effectively use data and best practices to adapt instruction to achieve improved results.



## Standards and Indicators of Effective Administrative Leadership Superintendent Rubric

**Standard IV: Professional Culture.** Promotes success for all students by nurturing and sustaining a school culture of reflective practice, high expectations, and continuous learning for staff.

<b>Indicator IV-A. Commitment to High Standards: Fosters a shared commitment to high standards of service, teaching and learning with high expectations for achievement for all.</b>				
<b>IV-A. Elements</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
<b>IV-A-1. Commitment to High Standards</b>	Does not encourage high standards of teaching and learning or high expectations for achievement with the administrator team, and/or may demonstrate low expectations for faculty and staff.	May ask administrators for commitment to high standards of teaching and learning with high expectations for achievement for all but does not support and/or model it.	<b>Fosters a shared commitment to high standards of teaching and learning, for all administrators, with high expectations for achievement for all.</b>	Leads administrators in developing a shared commitment to high standards of teaching and learning with high expectations for achievement for all. Revisits and renews commitment with administrator team regularly. Is able to model this element.
<b>IV-A-2. Mission and Core Values</b>	Does not develop core values and mission statements for the school.	May develop core values and mission statements but rarely uses them to guide decision making.	<b>Develops, promotes, and models commitment to core values that guide the development of a succinct, results-oriented mission statement and ongoing decision making.</b>	Leads administrators to develop core values and mission statements, share these statements with families and the school district community, and use them to guide decision making. Is able to model this element.
<b>IV-A-3. Meetings</b>	Leads administrator meetings that lack clear purpose and/or are primarily used for one-way informational updates.	May lead administrator meetings that include both one-way informational updates and participatory activities focused on matters of consequence, but does not clearly establish norms.	<b>Plans and leads well-run and engaging administrator meetings that have clear purpose, focus on matters of consequence, and engage participants in a thoughtful and productive series of conversations and deliberations. Establishes clear norms for administrator team behavior.</b>	Plans and facilitates engaging administrator team meetings in which small groups of administrators learn together and create solutions to instructional leadership issues. Team has established norms for behavior and consistently adheres to them. Consistently evaluates the effectiveness of the administrator team meetings. Is able to model this element.



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<b>Indicator IV-B. Cultural Proficiency: Ensures that policies and practices enable staff members and students to interact effectively in a culturally diverse environment in which students' backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges are respected.</b>				
<b>IV-B. Elements</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
IV-B-1. Policies and Practices.	Develops and implements culturally insensitive or inappropriate policies, does not support administrators and staff in building cultural proficiency, and/or creates a culture that minimizes the importance of individual differences.	Takes pride in having a diverse administration, faculty and/or student body, but some policies are not culturally sensitive; and/or provides limited resources for administrators to support the development of cultural proficiency.	<b>Develops and implements culturally sensitive policies that acknowledge the diverse backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges of administrators, students and staff. Provides administrators with relevant resources to support them in building cultural proficiency and promotes a culture that affirms individual differences.</b>	Leads stakeholders to develop and implement culturally sensitive policies that acknowledge the diverse backgrounds, identities, strengths, and challenges of administrators, students and staff. Empowers administrators with time, resources, and support to build cultural proficiency and collaborates with community members to create a culture that affirms individual differences. Is able to model this element.

<b>Indicator IV-C. Communications: Demonstrates strong interpersonal, written and verbal communication skills.</b>				
<b>IV-C. Elements</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
IV-C-1. Communication Skills	Demonstrates ineffectual interpersonal, written, or verbal communication skills at times.	May demonstrate adequate interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills but sometimes makes grammatical errors or has difficulty expressing ideas to stakeholders.	<b>Demonstrates strong interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills.</b>	Demonstrates strong context- and audience-specific interpersonal, written, and verbal communication skills. Is able to model this element.



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<b>Indicator IV-D. Continuous Learning: Develops and nurtures a culture in which staff members are reflective about their practice and use student data, current research, best practices and theory to continuously adapt practice and achieve improved results. Models these behaviors in the administrator's own practice.</b>				
<b>IV-D. Elements</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
IV-D-1. Continuous Learning of Staff	Accepts the practice of administrators working largely in isolation, without consideration of data and best practices, and/or discourages reflection among administrators, faculty and staff.	May encourage administrators to reflect on the effectiveness of interactions with faculty and students and to use data and best practices to adapt practice but does not support administrators in these practices.	<b>Leads all administrators and teams to reflect on the effectiveness of interactions with faculty and students. Ensures that administrators use data, research, and best practices to adapt practice to achieve improved results.</b>	Models for administrators how to reflect on the effectiveness of interactions with faculty and students and uses data, research, and best practices to adapt practice to achieve improved results. Supports all educators to work in teams as often as is feasible and appropriate. Is able to model this element.
IV-D-2. Continuous Learning of Administrator	Does not reflect on personal practice or demonstrate new ways of thinking about administration and leadership.	Occasionally reflects on personal practice, sets meaningful goals, and/or researches ways to improve efficiency and practice.	<b>Reflects on and improves personal practice, sets meaningful goals, and develops new approaches in order to improve efficiency and practice.</b>	Demonstrates openness and commitment to learning; reflects on personal practice; and relies on student data, current research, and best practice to improve own leadership. Is able to model this element.

<b>Indicator IV-E. Shared Vision: Continuously engages all stakeholders in the creation of a shared educational vision in which every student is prepared to succeed in postsecondary education and become a responsible citizen and global contributor.</b>				
<b>IV-E. Elements</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
IV-E-1. Shared Vision Development	Does little to engage stakeholders in the creation of a shared educational vision, or the vision is disconnected from college and career readiness, civic engagement, and/or community contributions.	Engages administrators, staff, students, families, and community members in developing a vision focused on some aspects of student preparation for college and career readiness, civic engagement, and community contributions.	<b>At all grade levels, continuously engages administrators, staff, students, families, and community members in developing a vision focused on student preparation for college and career readiness, civic engagement, and community contributions.</b>	Leads administrators, staff, students of all ages, families, and community members to develop and internalize a shared educational vision around preparation for college and careers and responsible citizenship. Is able to model this element.



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<b>Indicator IV-F. Managing Conflict: Employs strategies for responding to disagreement and dissent, constructively resolving conflict and building consensus throughout a district or school community.</b>				
<b>IV-F. Elements</b>	<b>Unsatisfactory</b>	<b>Needs Improvement</b>	<b>Proficient</b>	<b>Exemplary</b>
IV-F-1. Response to Disagreement	Does not respond to disagreement or dissent and/or does not use appropriate, respectful, non-confrontational approaches.	May respond respectfully to disagreement and dissent, but responds inconsistently and does not always employ a non-confrontational approach	<b>Employs a non-confrontational approach for responding respectfully and appropriately to disagreement and dissent, using both as opportunities for learning. Models this practice for the administrator team.</b>	Models a variety of strategies for responding respectfully and effectively to disagreement and dissent, using both as opportunities for learning. Provides professional development for the administrator team to build these conflict resolution strategies. Is able to model this element.
IV-F-2. Conflict Resolution	Does not address conflicts in a solution-oriented and/or respectful manner.	May attempt to respectfully resolve conflicts as they arise, but employs only a limited range of strategies.	<b>Consistently employs a variety of strategies to resolve conflicts in a constructive and respectful manner. Models this behavior for the administrator team.</b>	Consistently employs a variety of strategies to resolve conflicts in a constructive and respectful manner and empowers and supports administrators to use these approaches. Is able to model this element.
IV-F-3. Consensus Building	Does not attempt to build consensus within the district community, or attempts at consensus-building around critical school decisions are unsuccessful.	Employs a limited number of strategies to build consensus within the school district community, with varying degrees of success.	<b>Builds consensus within the school district community around critical school decisions, employing a variety of strategies.</b>	Employs a variety of strategies to build consensus within the school district community around critical school decisions, while encouraging dialogue and different points of view. Is able to model this element.