Glassboro Public Schools

#### Achieve NJ: Building an Effective Evaluation System for Teachers and Administrators

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### **Excellent Educators of New Jersey (EE4NJ)**

On August 6, 2012, Governor Chris Christie signed the Teacher Effectiveness and Accountability for the Children of New Jersey (TEACHNJ) Act, P.L. 2012, c. 26, into law which significantly alters the current tenure systems and reflects an aggressive step towards tenure reform.

<u>TEACHNJ Act</u>, mandates a new evaluation system based on multiple measures of student learning, data, and teacher practice be implemented statewide during the 2013-2014 school year.

<u>Tenure Eligibility</u>: There is no change in the tenure accrual process for teaching staff members employed prior to August 6, 2012. The tenure accrual process for all staff commencing employment on or after the August 6, 2012 is after <u>four consecutive calendar years</u>.





## **Race To The Top Grant**

- Secured the grant in 2012 in the amount of 43,000
- The RTTT3 funding provided the funds to purchase the Danielson Evaluation System through Teachscape.
- Conduct several training workshops with Danielson consultants for our administrators and our teachers .
- Seven hour certification class for administrators
- Purchase the administrator user license to provide administrators with access to the Danielson on-line support and training and the Data Collection Tool licenses to be used in the evaluation process.

### **Evaluation Requirements for 2013-2014**

| Requirement  | Deadline             | Glassboro                         |
|--|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Form District Evaluation Advisory Committee  | October 31,<br>2012  | September<br>2012                 |
| Adopt educator evaluation rubrics that include state-<br>approved teacher and principal practice evaluation<br>instruments | December 31,<br>2012 | November 2012                     |
| Begin to test and refine evaluation rubrics  | January 31,<br>2013  | November<br>2012-December<br>2013 |
| Form School Improvement Panel  | February 1,<br>2013  | February 2013                     |
| Thoroughly train teachers on teacher practice evaluation instrument  | July 1, 2013         | June 2013 –<br>September<br>2013  |
| Thoroughly train principals and evaluators on principal practice evaluation instrument                                     | October 31,<br>2013  | October 23,<br>2013               |

### **Teacher Practice**

#### **Non-Tenured**

Years 1-2: 2 Long /1 Short Years 3-4: 1 Long/ 2 Short

Long : 40 Minutes

Short: 20 Minutes

Observations will be conducted by multiple observers

Pre-conferences will be conducted for all long observations

Teachers will have at least one unannounced and one announced observation.

#### Tenured

#### Three Short Observations

Short: 20 Minutes

Observations will be conducted by multiple observers

Pre-conference will be conducted for one observation

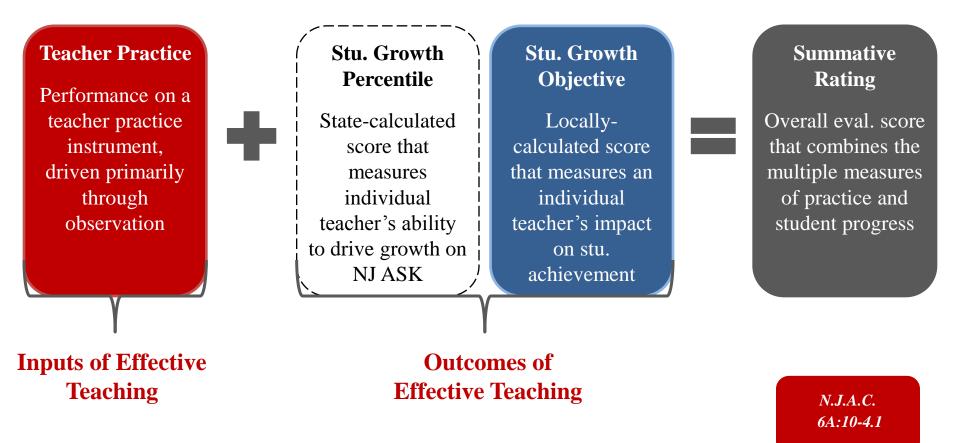
Post Observation conducted for all three

Teachers will have at least one unannounced and one announced observation.

CAP: Teachers who receive an Ineffective or Partially Effective rating are required to have one additional observation

### **Understanding Student Growth Objectives**

#### **Student Achievement**



All teachers will set academic goals for their students at the beginning of the school year called Student Growth Objectives.

## What is a Student Growth Percentile

- Student Growth Percentiles (SGP) measure achievement gains within 4<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade Language Arts Literacy and Mathematics, referred to as the <u>tested grades and subjects.</u>
- SGPs show how much a student has learned from one year to the next compared to peers with similar academic history from across the state.

### **Achieve NJ Requirements for SGOs**

| <b>Teachers with an SGP Score</b> | 1-2 SGOs |
|-----------------------------------|----------|
| Teachers without an SGP score     | 2 SGOs   |

A teacher develops SGOs in **consultation with his or her principal.** 

SGOs must be **aligned to NJCCCS or CCSS** and measure student achievement and/or growth.

SGOs must be specific, measurable, and based on available student learning data.

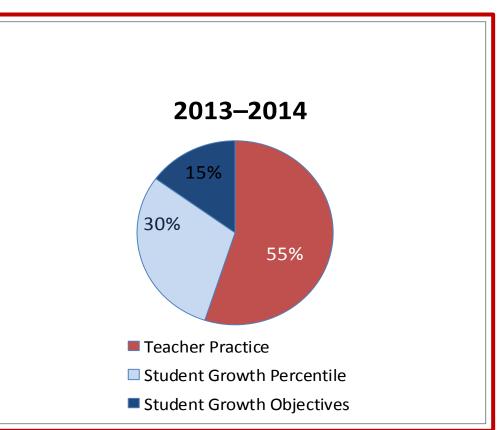
SGOs can be based on national, state or LEA assessments or rubric-measured portfolios or performance assessments.

### **2013-2014 Weights: Tested Grades and Subjects**

**Tested Grades and Subjects** (Currently grades 4-8, math and ELA): 55% from teacher practice and 45% from student achievement measures.

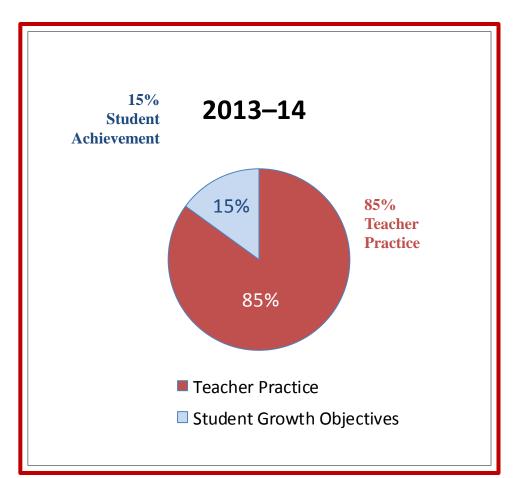
SGP scores will count for 30% of the summative evaluation score.

A teacher's ability to meet or exceed his or her SGO counts for 15% of the overall evaluation.



### **2013-2014 Weights: Non-Tested Grades and Subjects**

**Teachers in <u>Non-Tested</u> Grades and Subjects:** Teachers outside of Grades 4-8.

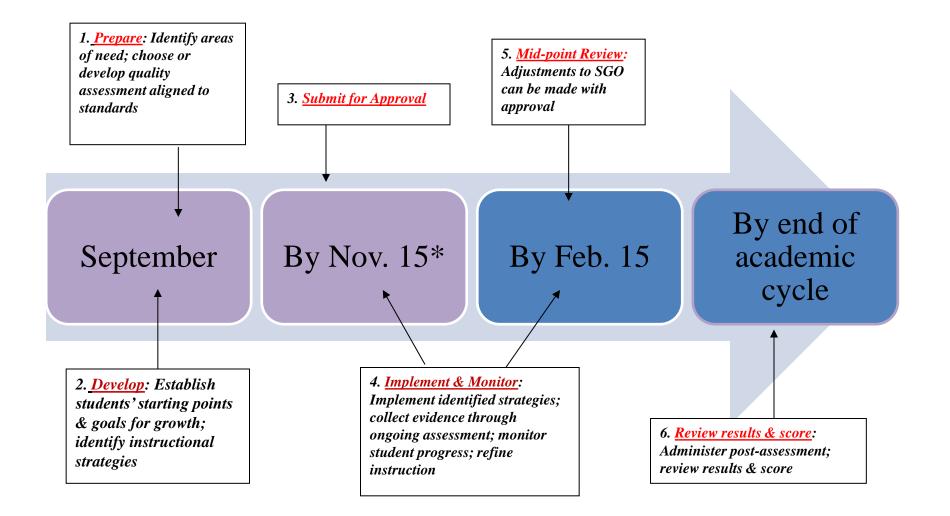


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## **Types of Student Growth Objectives**

| <b>Type of SGO</b>          | Definition  |  |
|-----------------------------|---|--|
| General                     | Focused on the teacher's entire student<br>population for a given course. Includes a large<br>proportion of curriculum standards. |  |
| General –<br>Tiered         | Same as above, but with student goals tiered by student preparation levels.   |  |
| Specific –<br>Student Group | Focused on a subgroup of students that need specific support.   |  |
| Student –<br>Content/Skill  | Focused on specific skills or content that students must master.  |  |

# SGO Timeline



## **Observation Schedule**

| School  | Observations<br>Completed | Total Observations | Completion<br>Percentage |
|---------|---------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Rodgers | 42                        | 75                 | 56%                      |
| Bullock | 48                        | 132                | 37%                      |
| Bowe    | 60                        | 132                | 45%                      |
| GIS     | 51                        | 99                 | 51%                      |
| GHS     | 59                        | 183                | 32%                      |