## **Kansas State Statutes - Educator Evaluations**

## Article 24. - Evaluation of School District Employees

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**72-2407. Legislative intent.** It is hereby declared that the legislative intent of this act is to provide for a systematic method for improvement of school personnel in their jobs and to improve the educational system of this state.

## **72-2408.** Evaluation of licensed employees; definitions. As used in this act:

- (a) "Board" means the board of education of a school district, the governing authority of any nonpublic school offering any of grades kindergarten through 12 in accredited schools and the board of control of an area vocational-technical school.
- (b) "State board" means, in the case of school districts and nonpublic schools, the state board of education; and in the case of area vocational-technical schools, the state board of regents.
- (c) "Employees" means all licensed employees of school districts and of nonpublic schools and all instructional and administrative employees of area vocational-technical schools.
  - (d) "School year" means the period from July 1 to June 30.
  - (e) "Accredited" means accredited by the state board of education.

## 72-2409. Policy of personnel evaluation; adoption; forms; contents;

**time.** Each board shall adopt a written policy of personnel evaluation procedure in accordance with K.S.A. 72-2408 et seq., and amendments thereto. Every policy so adopted shall:

- (a) Be prescribed in writing at the time of original adoption and at all times thereafter when any amendments are adopted.
  - (b) Include evaluation procedures applicable to all employees.
- (c) Provide that all evaluations are to be made in writing and that evaluation documents and responses thereto are to be maintained in a personnel file for each employee for a period of not less than three years from the date each evaluation is made.
- (d) Except as provided herein, provide that every employee in the first two consecutive school years of employment shall be evaluated at least one time per semester by not later than the 60th school day of the semester. Any employee who

is not employed for the entire semester shall not be required to be evaluated. During the third and fourth years of employment, every employee shall be evaluated at least one time each school year by not later than February 15. After the fourth year of employment, every employee shall be evaluated at least once in every three years not later than February 15 of the school year in which the employee is evaluated.

- **72-2410.** Evaluation policies; criteria; development; procedure; evaluation required prior to contract nonrenewal. Evaluation policies adopted under K.S.A. 72-2409, and amendments thereto, shall meet the following guidelines or criteria:
- (a) Consideration shall be given to the following employee attributes: Efficiency, personal qualities, professional deportment, ability, results and performance, including improvement in the academic performance of pupils or students insofar as the evaluated employee has authority to cause such academic improvement, in the case of teachers, the capacity to maintain control of pupils or students, and such other matters as may be deemed material.
- (b) Community attitudes toward, support for and expectations with regard to educational programs shall be reflected.
- (c) The original policy and amendments thereto shall be developed by the board in cooperation with the persons responsible for making evaluations and the persons who are to be evaluated, and, to the extent practicable, consideration shall be given to comment and suggestions from other community interests.
- (d) Evaluations of the chief administrator employed by a board shall be made by the board. The board shall place primary responsibility upon members of the administrative staff in making evaluations of other employees.
- (e) Persons to be evaluated shall participate in their evaluations, and shall be afforded the opportunity for self-evaluation.
- (f) The contract of any person subject to evaluation shall not be nonrenewed on the basis of incompetence unless an evaluation of such person has been made prior to notice of nonrenewal of the contract and unless the evaluation is in substantial compliance with the board's policy of personnel evaluation procedure as filed with the state board in accordance with the provisions of K.S.A. 72-2409, and amendments thereto.
- **72-2411.** Evaluation documents; presentation to employee; acknowledgment; limited availability. Whenever any evaluation is made of an

employee, the written document thereof shall be presented to the employee, and the employee shall acknowledge such presentation by his or her signature thereon. At any time not later than two (2) weeks after such presentation, the employee may respond thereto in writing. Except by order of a court of competent jurisdiction, evaluation documents and responses thereto shall be available only to the evaluated employee, the board, the appropriate administrative staff members designated by the board, the school board attorney upon request of the board, the state board of education as provided in K.S.A. 72-258, the board and the administrative staff of any school to which such employee applies for employment, and other persons specified by the employee in writing to his or her board.

**72-2412. Same; assistance from state board.** Upon request of any board, the state board shall provide assistance in the preparation of policies of personnel evaluation or amendments thereto.

Evaluation goes by years employed in your district, not overall education career or changing positions within the district.

All Educators (Building Educators, Building Leaders, and District Leaders):

1st year of employment in district – evaluate twice, once each semester

2<sup>nd</sup> year of employment in district – evaluate twice, once each semester

3<sup>rd</sup> year of employment in district – evaluate once

4<sup>th</sup> year of employment in district – evaluate once

 $1^{st}$  year in 3-year cycle ( $5^{th}$  year of employment in district) – do not need to evaluate

 $2^{nd}$  year in 3-year cycle ( $6^{th}$  **year** of employment **in district**) – do not need to evaluate

3<sup>rd</sup> year in 3-year cycle (**7<sup>th</sup> year** of employment **in district**) – evaluate once