

T-TESS

The District shall appraise teachers annually using the Texas Teacher Evaluation and Support System (T-TESS) in accordance with law and administrative regulations.

The Board shall approve a list of certified appraisers who can appraise a teacher in place of the teacher's supervisor.

*Less-Than-Annual
Eligibility*

In addition to meeting the eligibility requirements in state rules, to be eligible for less-than-annual evaluations under the T-TESS, a teacher shall:

1. Be employed on an educator term or continuing contract;
2. Hold SBEC certification;
3. Be assigned in his or her certification area;
4. Have been employed by the District for at least three years; and
5. Have no areas of "improvement needed" noted on the goal setting professional development (GSPD) plan or reprimand issued regarding an instructional issue.

Frequency

Eligible teachers shall be appraised every three years.

During any school year when a complete appraisal is not scheduled for an eligible teacher, either the teacher or the principal may require that an appraisal be conducted by providing written notice to the other party.

A teacher's supervisor shall have the authority to return a teacher to the traditional appraisal cycle as a result of performance deficiencies documented in accordance with state rule.

*Annual Review
Process*

In the years in which a T-TESS appraisal is not scheduled for an eligible teacher, the teacher shall participate in an annual review process that includes the elements listed in state rule.

The annual review process shall produce a written document to be presented to the teacher, signed by the teacher and supervisor, and maintained in the personnel file.