## AchieveNJ: Teacher Evaluation Scoring Guide

## Overview

- This presentation provides information on how districts compile evaluation ratings for teachers in AchieveNJ.
- Each element of the evaluation results in a 1-4 rating, which is weighted according to state formulas shown in later slides.
- Overviews and examples are provided for scoring each of the multiple measures.
- The presentation concludes with information on using each of the multiple measure ratings to calculate one final summative evaluation score for each teacher.


## Multiple Measures

All teachers are evaluated based on multiple measures.

Practice

Teacher
Practice
Based on classroom
observations

## Student Achievement

## Student Growth Percentile (mSGP)

Based on
state assessment performance

Summative Rating

Overall evaluation score

## Teacher Practice Scoring

- Teacher practice is measured according to a district-chosen observation instrument, such as Danielson, Marzano, McREL, etc... (see here for complete list).
- Local school districts have discretion on how to combine observation data and evidence about a teacher's practice collected throughout the year into a final teacher practice rating on a 1 - 4 scale.
- The example that follows show how the different components of the teacher practice instrument might be calculated. This is an example, not a recommendation, as districts have discretion in determining these calculations. Please consult your District Evaluation Advisory Committee (DEAC) to inquire how this is being done locally.


## Teacher Practice: Weighting of Domains and Components

Across different elements of each instrument, some districts have identified certain components, standards, or domains that they would like to weight more heavily. Below is an example of how a district might weight different components:


## Student Growth Objective (SGO) Scoring

SGO scoring can be approached in several ways. The specific approach must be determined at the local level (district or school), and will depend on the approach the individual teacher is taking, the subject that is being taught, and the quality of the assessment being used.

In scoring an SGO, the 1 - 4 rating should be based on how many students included in the SGO met their goal. An example of this is shown below:

| Class Size | Objective Attainment Based on Number of Students Achieving Target/Growth Score |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 30 students | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|  | $90 \%$ <br> (27 students) <br> or more met goal | $80 \%$ <br> (24 students) <br> or more met goal | $70 \%$ <br> (21 students) | Less than $70 \%$ <br> $(20$ or fewer met goal <br> met goal |

## SGO Scoring

When teachers have 2 SGO scores, these can be averaged to reach a summative SGO rating, in this case, the teacher would receive a 2.5

Example:

| Measuring | Objective Attainment Based on \# of Students Achieving Target/Growth Score |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 |
|  | $* 90 \%$ or more <br> students met <br> goal | $* 80 \%$ or more <br> students met <br> goal | $* 70 \%$ or more <br> students met <br> the goal | *Less than $70 \%$ <br> of students met <br> goal |


| Measuring <br> Progress 4 3 2 |  |  |  |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  | Objective Attainment Based on \# of Students Achieving Target/Growth Score <br> students met <br> goal | *80\% or more <br> students met <br> goal | $* 70 \%$ or more <br> students met <br> the goal | *Less than 70\% <br> of students met <br> goal |

*These numbers will be determined by teacher and principal based on knowledge of students to create a rigorous and attainable goal.

## Tiered SG0: Physics 1

For some teachers, tiering student goals based on preparedness levels might be the best way to structure an SGO. In this example, in order to reach a final score, the evaluator can take a straight (or weighted) average of the student results in each group.

| Goal | $75 \%$ students will meet their designated target scores on <br> the Physics 1 post-assessment |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
|  |  |  |
| Preparedness Group | Number of Students in Each Group | Target Score on Post-Assessment (\%) |
| Low | $36 / 65$ | 70 |
| Medium | $21 / 65$ | 80 |
| High | $8 / 65$ | 90 |

## Scoring a Tiered SGO

The table below shows the results of the tiered SGO from the previous page. This shows how to calculate a weighted score that will fairly represent the learning in groups of different sizes. More detailed information on scoring can be found in the SGO 2.1 Guidebook

Results of SGO

| Prepared- <br> ness <br> Group | Number of <br> Students in <br> Group | Weight <br> (Number of students <br> in group/total <br> students) | Number of <br> Students <br> Reaching <br> Target Score | Objective <br> Attainment <br> Level | Weighted <br> Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Low | $36 / 65$ | 0.56 | 27 | 3 | $0.56 \times 3=2.24$ |
| Medium | $21 / 65$ | 0.32 | 18 | 4 | $0.32 \times 4=0.96$ |
| High | $8 / 65$ | 0.12 | 4 | 2 | $0.12 \times 2=0.24$ |
|  |  |  |  |  |  |

## Student Growth Percentile (mSGP) Scoring

Median Student Growth Percentile (mSGP) scores provided by the Department will be translated from a 1-99 into a 1-4 score according to the conversion chart below and then used in a summative rating.

Example: If a teacher earns an mSGP of 59, he/she will receive a rating of 3.2, as shown below.

| mSGP Score | Evaluation <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: |
| $\mathbf{1 - 2 0}$ | 1.0 |
| 21 | 1.1 |
| 22 | 1.2 |
| 23 | 1.3 |
| 24 | 1.4 |
| 25 | 1.5 |
| 26 | 1.6 |
| 27 | 1.7 |
| 28 | 1.8 |
| 29 | 1.9 |
| 30 | 2.0 |
| 31 | 2.1 |
| 32 | 2.2 |
| 33 | 2.3 |
| 34 | 2.4 |


| mSGP Score | Evaluation <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: |
| 35 | 2.5 |
| 36 | 2.5 |
| 37 | 2.6 |
| 38 | 2.6 |
| 39 | 2.7 |
| 40 | 2.7 |
| 41 | 2.8 |
| 42 | 2.8 |
| 43 | 2.9 |
| 44 | 2.9 |
| 45 | 3.0 |
| 46 | 3.0 |
| 47 | 3.0 |
| 48 | 3.0 |
| 49 | 3.0 |


| mSGP Score | Evaluation <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: |
| 50 | 3.0 |
| 51 | 3.0 |
| 52 | 3.0 |
| 53 | 3.0 |
| 54 | 3.0 |
| 55 | 3.0 |
| 56 | 3.1 |
| 57 | 3.1 |
| 58 | 3.2 |
| 59 | 3.2 |
| 60 | 3.3 |
| 61 | 3.3 |
| 62 | 3.4 |
| 63 | 3.4 |
| 64 | 3.4 |


| mSGP Score | Evaluation <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: |
| 65 | 3.5 |
| 66 | 3.5 |
| 67 | 3.5 |
| 68 | 3.6 |
| 69 | 3.6 |
| 70 | 3.6 |
| 71 | 3.7 |
| 72 | 3.7 |
| 73 | 3.7 |
| 74 | 3.8 |
| 75 | 3.8 |
| 76 | 3.8 |
| 77 | 3.9 |
| 78 | 3.9 |
| 79 | 3.9 |
| $80-99$ | 4.0 |

## mSGP Conversion Chart Explained

| mSGP Score | Evaluation <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: |
| 35 | 2.5 |
| 36 | 2.5 |
| 37 | 2.6 |
| 38 | 2.6 |
| 39 | 2.7 |
| 40 | 2.7 |
| 41 | 2.8 |
| 42 | 2.8 |
| 43 | 2.9 |
| 44 | 2.9 |
| 45 | 3.0 |
| 46 | 3.0 |
| 47 | 3.0 |
| 48 | 3.0 |
| 49 | 3.0 |
| 50 | 3.0 |
| 51 | 3.0 |
| 52 | 3.0 |
| 53 | 3.0 |
| 54 | 3.0 |
| 55 | 3.0 |
| 56 | 3.1 |
| 57 | 3.1 |
| 58 | 3.2 |
| 59 | 3.2 |
| 60 | 3.3 |
| 61 | 3.3 |
| 62 | 3.4 |
| 63 | 3.4 |
| 64 | 3.4 |

Why are all the values between 45 and 55 set to the same score (3.0)?

- The Department believes that educators in the middle of the mSGP distribution are driving significant academic growth in their students.
- Educators whose students achieve scores in this range should be recognized by receiving a rating on par with their impact.


## mSGP Conversion Chart Explained

| mSGP Score | Evaluation <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: |
| $1-20$ | 1.0 |
| 21 | 1.1 |
| 22 | 1.2 |
| 23 | 1.3 |
| 24 | 1.4 |
| 25 | 1.5 |
| 26 | 1.6 |
| 27 | 1.7 |
| 28 | 1.8 |
| 29 | 1.9 |
| 30 | 2.0 |
| 31 | 2.1 |
| 32 | 2.2 |
| 33 | 2.3 |
| 34 | 2.4 |

Why are the values at the extreme ends of the distribution, 1-20 = 1 in this case (and 80-99 = 4), set to the same score?

- When more than half of a teacher's students are in the top 20 percentile points on the SGP scale it is an indication of very high growth.
- When more than half of a teacher's students are in the bottom percentile points this is

| mSGP Score | Evaluation <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: |
| 65 | 3.5 |
| 66 | 3.5 |
| 67 | 3.5 |
| 68 | 3.6 |
| 69 | 3.6 |
| 70 | 3.6 |
| 71 | 3.7 |
| 72 | 3.7 |
| 73 | 3.7 |
| 74 | 3.8 |
| 75 | 3.8 |
| 76 | 3.8 |
| 77 | 3.9 |
| 78 | 3.9 |
| 79 | 3.9 |
|  |  |
| $\mathbf{8 0 - 9 9}$ | 4.0 | an indicator of low growth to be considered with other evidence.

## mSGP Conversion Chart Explained

| mSGP Score | Evaluation <br> Rating |
| :---: | :---: |
| 65 | 3.5 |
| 66 | 3.5 |
| 67 | 3.5 |
| 68 | 3.6 |
| 69 | 3.6 |
| 70 | 3.6 |
| 71 | 3.7 |
| 72 | 3.7 |
| 73 | 3.7 |
| 74 | 3.8 |
| 75 | 3.8 |
| 76 | 3.8 |
| 77 | 3.9 |
| 78 | 3.9 |
| 79 | 3.9 |
| $80-99$ | 4.0 |

## Why Decimals? Why Tenths?

- The use of decimals instead of whole numbers enables the scale to increase/decrease gradually, improving the statistical efficiency of the conversion.
- This prevents large rating differences that may not accurately reflect significant differences in student learning.


## Scoring the Summative Rating

This section describes scoring for the final summative rating.


## Summary of Standard Setting Process

## Setting Performance Levels

- Approximately 90 educators worked for three days analyzing data and making contributions to the summative rating scales.
- Performance Level Descriptor (PLD) meeting: 1 day, 70 educators
- Summative Scale Setting Meeting: 2 days, 20 educators (both days)
- Educators examined anonymous teacher portfolios developed based on data from pilot districts.
- The educators recommended the scale below, which the Department has adopted in full:

| Ineffective | Partially Effective | Effective | Highly Effective |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: |
| 1.0 | 1.85 | 2.65 | 3.5 |

## Component Weighting for Non-mSGP Teachers

- For teachers who do not receive an mSGP score, the scoring breakdown will be made up of an SGO rating and a teacher practice rating (see image).

These ratings will each be calculated as individual components on a 1-4 scale at the district level and reported to the Department through NJ SMART.

- The following pages include examples of how a summative rating can be reached.


## Non-Tested Grades and Subjects

Teachers Outside of Grades 4-8, Language Arts Literacy and 4-7 Mathematics


## Summative Rating Example (Non-mSGP Teacher)

## Example 1: Highly Effective Teacher

| Component | Raw Score | Weight | Weighted Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teacher Practice | 3.60 | 0.80 | 2.88 |
| Student Growth Objective | 3.75 | 0.20 | 0.75 |
| Sum of the Weighted Scores |  | 3.63 |  |



## Summative Rating Example (Non-mSGP Teacher)

## Example 2: Effective Teacher

| Component | Raw Score | Weight | Weighted Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teacher Practice | 3.35 | 0.80 | 2.68 |
| Student Growth Objective | 3.50 | 0.20 | .70 |
| Sum of the Weighted Scores |  | 3.38 |  |



## Summative Rating Example (Non-mSGP Teacher)

## Example 4: Partially Effective Teacher

| Component | Raw Score | Weight | Weighted Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teacher Practice | 2.60 | 0.80 | 2.08 |
| Student Growth Objective | 2.50 | 0.20 | 0.50 |
| Sum of the Weighted Scores |  | 2.58 |  |


| 2.58 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ineffective | Partially Effective |  |  | Effective |  |  |  |

## Component Weighting for mSGP Teachers

- For teachers who receive an mSGP score, the scoring breakdown will be made up of an SGO rating, an mSGP rating, and a teacher practice rating (see image).
- The teacher practice and SGO ratings will be calculated as individual components on a 1-4 scale at the district level and reported to the Department through NJ SMART.
- The mSGP rating will be calculated by the Department and shared with the district when it becomes available.
- The following pages include examples of how a summative rating will be reached.


## Tested Grades and Subjects

Teachers in Grades 4-8,
Language Arts Literacy and Grades 4-7 Mathematics


Student Growth Objectives

## Summative Rating Example (mSGP Teacher)

## Example 1: Highly Effective Teacher

| Component | Raw Score | Weight | Weighted Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teacher Practice | 3.60 | 0.70 | 2.52 |
| Median Student Growth <br> Percentile | 3.90 | 0.10 | 0.39 |
| Student Growth Objective | 4.00 | 0.20 | 0.80 |
| Sum of the Weighted Scores |  | 3.71 |  |

*This is the mSGP score this particular teacher received, which converts to a 3.9 on the SGP Conversion Chart.

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3.71
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| Ineffective | Partially Effective | Effective | Highly Effective |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: |
| 1.0 | 1.85 | 2.65 | 3.5 | 4.0 |
| Points | Points | Points | Points | Points |

## Summative Rating Example (mSGP Teacher)

## Example 3: Effective Teacher

| Component | Raw Score | Weight | Weighted Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teacher Practice | 2.60 | 0.70 | 1.82 |
| Median Student Growth <br> Percentile$* 48$ | 3.00 | 0.10 | 0.30 |
| Student Growth Objective | 2.75 | 0.20 | 0.55 |
| Sum of the Weighted Scores |  | 2.67 |  |

*This mSGP score converts to a 3.0 on the SGP Conversion Chart.

| 2.67 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ineffective | Partially Effective |  |  | Effective |  |  |  |

## Summative Rating Example (mSGP Teacher)

## Example 4: Partially Effective Teacher

| Component | Raw Score | Weight | Weighted Score |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Teacher Practice | 2.50 | 0.70 | 1.75 |
| Median Student Growth <br> Percentile$* 34$ | 2.40 | 0.10 | 0.24 |
| Student Growth Objective | 2.75 | 0.20 | 0.55 |
| Sum of the Weighted Scores |  | 2.54 |  |

*This mSGP score converts to a 2.40 on the SGP Conversion Chart.

| 2.54 |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | ---: | ---: | :---: | :---: |
| Ineffective | Partially Effective |  |  | Effective |  |  |

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