(for school leaders including Assistant Principals, Vice Principals, Directors, Department Chairs, etc.)

Introduction

This rubric has been designed to support school leaders who are not principals as they work to make explicit connections between their actions, decisions and learning and the improvements to teaching and learning in the schools they lead.*

The Multidimensional Leadership Performance Rubric has two major components. The first supports the use of the Educational Leadership Policy Standards: ISLLC 2008. This component is organized by ISLLC domain, with five dimensions, culled by clustering and categorizing the ISLLC "functions." These dimensions (Culture, Sustainability, Instructional Program, Capacity Building and Strategic Planning Process) are consistent throughout this component, though not all appear in every domain. Descriptors are specific to each domain. The second component of the MLPR supports Goal Setting and Attainment and has dimensions that are arranged to scaffold the goal setting process, from the initial defining of goals, through action planning, implementation and monitoring and evaluation.

The MLPR was designed to be flexible and maximize alignment between and among multiple uses and users, ideally supporting the development of a community of leaders committed to improving practice and learning, and so is meant to be used as a guide as well as an assessment tool. Some of the ways in which we can imagine this tool being used are outlined below.

School leaders can use the tool:

- as a self-assessment
- to establish a baseline for professional goal setting
- · as an ongoing touchstone for monitoring progress
- to provide a context for reflection
- · to prompt professional inquiry and learning
- · to support discourse around professional practice

Their supervisors can use the MLPR to:

- · document baseline observations about school leader practice
- · support school leaders in setting and attaining goals
- uncover entry points for collaboration, influence and intervention
- support differentiation by aligning professional development opportunities and resources with needs
- monitor connections to and progress toward the district's vision, goals, improved teacher practice and student learning
- support diagnostic, formative and summative assessments
- provide purpose and context for evidence gathering and the use of data

* For principal evaluation, use the MPPR; for evaluating Superintendents, use the MSPR, available at www.lciltd.org.

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Part 1: ISLLC Standards

Domain 1 – Shared Vision of Learning

An education leader promotes the success of every student by facilitating the development, articulation, implementation, and stewardship of a vision of learning that is shared and supported by all stakeholders.

,	Ineffective	Developing 2	Effective 3	Highly Effective
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school/ district environment and are shared by its	a. claims to have a vision and mission, but keeps them private	identifies own vision and mission, and makes them public	a. collaborates with key stakeholders in the school and/or district to develop and implement a shared vision and mission for learning	a. engages stakeholders representing varied roles and perspectives in developing, monitoring and refining a shared vision and mission for learning
stakeholders)	b. leader's vision and mission are unrelated to the school and/or district vision and mission	b. leader's vision and mission are created in isolation of the school and/or district vision and mission and aligned as an afterthought	b. leader's vision and mission align with the vision and mission of the school and/or district	b. leader's vision and mission intentionally align with those of the school and/or district, and contribute to improved learning within the entire system
	c. disregards the need to use a vision and mission to guide goals, plans and actions	c. refers to the school and/or district vision and mission as a document unconnected to own vision, or to the programs, policies or practices he/she is responsible for	c. explicitly links the school/district vision and mission to own vision and mission, as well as to programs and policies he/she is responsible for	c. uses the school/district vision and mission, along with own, as the compass to inform reflective practice, goal-setting, and decision- making
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	a. assumes that the school's/district's improvement is either an event or someone else's responsibility to lead	a. supports opportunities for selected staff to discuss school improvement efforts as they pertain to own area of responsibility	a. implements processes and structures that support organizational improvement related to own area of responsibility	a. uses and regularly evaluates strategic processes and structures to promote continuous and sustainable improvement, within and beyond their area of responsibility

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Domain 2 – School Culture and Instructional Program

An education leader promotes the success of every student by advocating, nurturing, and sustaining a school culture and instructional program conducive to student learning and staff professional growth.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	a. acknowledges the need for communication and collaboration	a. considers proposals for collaborative structures and projects	a. supports various teaming opportunities, common planning and inquiry time, and visitations within own area of responsibility, to increase learning and improve practice	a. uses different ways of accessing staff expertise and work within own area of responsibility (e.g. lab sites, peer coaching, mentoring, collegial inquiry, etc.) as a model for developing collaborative approaches across the school or district
	b. provides selected individuals with basic information about various collaborative teaching, learning and work-related concepts or practices	b. encourages selected staff to expand their understanding of particular practices that support collaboration such as collaborative planning, co- facilitation or integrated curriculum design	b. develops a culture of collaboration, trust, learning, and high expectations by encouraging staff to work together on key projects (e.g., induction processes, program design, integrated curriculum, or other individual or organizational projects)	b. nurtures and sustains a culture of collaboration, trust, learning, and high expectations by supporting structured opportunities for cross role groups to design and implement innovative approaches to improving learning, work and practice
	c. supports learning environments that rely on teacher-controlled classroom activities, rote learning, student compliance and learning opportunities that are disconnected from students' experiences, needs or cultures	c. accepts learning environments in which students are passive recipients in learning opportunities that are only peripherally connected to their experiences or cultures	c. creates a personalized and motivating learning environment for students in which they are involved in meaningful and relevant learning opportunities that they recognize as connected to their experiences, needs and cultures, or ensures that those who create curriculum meet this expectation	c. works with stakeholders (e.g., students, staff, parents) to develop, implement and sustain a learning environment that actively involves students in relevant, meaningful learning that is clearly connected to their experiences, culture and futures, and requires them to construct meaning in deductive or inductive ways

Domain 2 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Instructional Program (design and delivery of high quality curriculum that produces clear evidence of learning)	a. promotes a curricular program that provides students with limited, surface or cursory exposure to a topic, concept or skill set and establishes or defines meaning for students, focusing on the recall of isolated concepts, skills and/or facts	a. supports a curricular program focused primarily on recall, comprehension and factual knowledge acquisition that enables students to develop a basic understanding of a topic and/or process and includes few, if any, opportunities for them to construct meaning	a. creates a comprehensive, rigorous, and coherent curricular program that address all levels of thinking, enables students to develop knowledge and skills related to a concept, problem, or issue, and supports their construction of meaning during the most important lessons and tasks or ensures that those they supervise meet this expectation	a. engages those they supervise, and students, in designing and revising a learner-centered curricular program that integrates basic and higher levels of thinking and provides opportunities for students to emulate professionals and construct meaning as they engage in a thorough exploration of a concept, problem, issue, or question
	b. maintains a hands off approach to instruction	b. provides mixed messages related to expectations for instructional methodology and own understanding of "best practices"	b. supervises instruction and makes explicit the expectation that those they supervise remain current in research-based, best practices and incorporate them into their own work	b. supervises instruction on an ongoing basis, and engages in collegial opportunities for learning, action research and/or inquiry related to best practices in teaching and learning
	c. initiates actions that interrupt instructional time and distract from learning (e.g., meetings, announcements, unplanned assemblies, phone calls to teachers in classrooms, etc.)	c. allows actions that disrupt instructional time and distract from learning (e.g. meetings, announcements, unplanned assemblies, phone calls to teachers in classrooms, etc.)	c. maximizes time spent on quality instruction by protecting it from interruptions and inefficient scheduling, minimizing disruption to instructional time	c. involves diverse stakeholders in uncovering issues that challenge time spent on quality instruction and in innovative approaches to dealing with them

Domain 2 (cont.)

·	Ineffective	Developing 2	Effective 3	Highly Effective
Capacity Building (developing potential and tapping existing internal expertise to promote learning and improve practice)	a. assumes titled leaders are able to haudle administrative responsibilities and expects teachers to be able to instruct students	a. invests in activities that promote the development of a select group of leaders	a. develops the instructional and leadership capacity of staff that he/she supervises	a. develops and taps the instructional and leadership capacity of all stakeholders in the school and/or district to assume a variety of formal and informal leadership roles
	b. is unaware of effective and appropriate technologies available	b. provides the necessary hardware and software, and establishes the expectation that technology is integrated into student learning experiences	b. promotes the use of the most effective and appropriate technologies to support teaching and learning and ensures that necessary resources are available	b. engages varied perspectives in determining how to best integrate the use of the most effective and appropriate technologies into teaching, learning and the daily workings of the school and/or district
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	a. uses "accountability" to justify a system that links student achievement with accolades and blame	a. assessment and accountability systems, though in place, are misaligned in design or application, so that it is difficult to see how data from one explicitly relates to or informs the other	a. develops and/or implements assessment and accountability systems to monitor student progress, uncover patterns and trends, so that current student strengths and needs can be contextualized inside a history that connects changes in teaching and learning to student achievement.	a. facilitates regular use of easily accessible assessment and accountability systems that enable students, teachers, and parents to monitor student progress, teacher learning, uncover patterns and trends, and contextualize student achievement, both inside history and projected into the future.

Domain 2 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Strategic Planning	a. judges the merit of the	a. evaluates the impact of the	a. gathers input from staff and	a. provides the time and
Process:	instructional program based	instructional program based	surveys from students, as	expectation for students and
	on what is used by others	on results of standardized	well as formal assessment	staff to participate in
monitoring/inquiry		assessments	data, as part of process to	multiple cycles of field
(the implementation and			monitor and evaluate the	testing, feedback and
stewardship of goals,			impact of the	revision of the instructional
decisions and actions)			instructional program	program in order to
accessors and accessors				monitor and evaluate its
				impact and make necessary
				refinements to support
				continuous improvement

Domain 3 - Safe, Efficient, Effective Learning Environment

An education leader promotes the success of every student by ensuring management of the organization, operation, and resources for a safe, efficient, and effective learning environment.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Capacity Building (developing potential and tapping existing internal expertise to promote learning and improve practice)	a. obtains and uses human, fiscal and technological resources based on available funds or last year's budget instead of need	a. obtains human, fiscal and technological resources and allocates them without an apparent plan	a. obtains, allocates, aligns, and efficiently utilizes human, fiscal, and technological resources	a. considers vision and solicits input from various stakeholders in determining, obtaining, allocating and utilizing necessary human, fiscal and technological resources, aligning them with present and future needs
	b. considers self as the sole leader while allocating unwanted tasks to others	b. shares "leadership" by providing others with limited responsibilities for tasks and functions but no decision making ability	b. develops the capacity for distributed leadership by providing interested individuals with opportunities and support for to assuming leadership responsibilities and roles	b. embeds distributed leadership into all levels of the organization by enabling administrative, teacher, student and parent leaders to assume leadership roles and co-create a process by which today's leaders identify, support and promote the leaders of tomorrow
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school and/or district environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	a. speaks to the importance of safety, but is inconsistent in creating and implementing specific plans to ensure it	a. establishes rules and related consequences designed to keep students safe, but relies on inconsistent procedures	a. promotes and protects the welfare and safety of students and staff	a. engages multiple, diverse groups of stakeholders in defining, promoting and protecting the welfare and safety of students and staff

Domain 3 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	a. avoids engaging with management or operations systems	a. monitors and evaluates the management and operational systems	a. monitors, evaluates and revises management and operational systems	a. establishes processes for the ongoing evaluation, monitoring and revision of management and operational systems, ensuring their continuous, sustainable improvement
Instructional Program (design and delivery of high quality curriculum that produces clear evidence of learning)	a. allocates time as required to comply with regulations and mandates	a. relies on the use of time outside the typical school day for teachers to support instruction and learning	a. ensures teacher and organizational time is focused to support quality instruction and student learning	a. engages groups of students and teachers in determining how to best allocate and manage time to support ongoing and sustainable improvements in quality instructional practices and student learning

Domain 4 - Community

An education leader promotes the success of every student by collaborating with faculty and community members, responding to diverse community interests and needs, and mobilizing community resources.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Strategic Planning Process: Inquiry (gather and analyze data to monitor effects of actions and decisions on goal attainment and enable mid-course adjustments as needed to better enable success)	a. makes decisions about whether or not to change the educational environment based on own impressions and beliefs	a. collects and analyzes data and information pertinent to the educational environment	a. collects and analyzes data and information pertinent to the educational environment, and uses it to make related improvements	a. engages in ongoing collection and analysis of data on the educational environment and information from diverse stakeholders to ensure continuous improvement
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school and/ or district environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	a. considers the community as separate from the school and/or district	provides isolated opportunities for including the community in school or district activities or for engaging students in community outreach or service projects	a. promotes understanding, appreciation, and use of the community's diverse cultural, social, and intellectual resources through scheduling or supporting diverse activities	a. engages students, educators, parents, and community partners in employing a range of mechanisms and technology to identify and tap the community's diverse cultural, social and intellectual resources, promote their widespread appreciation, and connect them to desired improvements in teaching and learning
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	a, identifies lack of family and caregiver involvement as a key explanation for lack of achievement	a. takes actions intended to increase family and caregiver support for the school and/or district	a. builds and sustains positive relationships with families and caregivers	a. builds sustainable, positive relationships with families and caregivers and enables them to take on significant roles in ongoing improvement efforts

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Domain 5 - Integrity, Fairness, Ethics

An education leader promotes the success of every student by acting with integrity, fairness, and in an ethical manner.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	a. associates "accountability" with threats and blame for students' academic and social difficulties	a. focuses on accountability for academic and social success of students whose test results threaten the school's and/or district's standing	a. ensures a system of accountability for every student's academic and social success	a. enables an approach to "accountability" that upholds high ethical standards and inspires stakeholders (educators, parents, students and community partners) to own and be responsible for every student's academic and social success
	b. makes decisions based on self-interest, and is caught off guard by consequences of decisions responding by denying, becoming defensive or ignoring them	b. makes decisions and takes actions without considering consequences, dealing with them if and when they occur	b. considers and evaluates the potential moral and legal consequences of decision-making	b. engages the diverse perspectives of various stakeholders in using multiple sources of data to explore potential intended and unintended moral, legal and ethical consequences of decisions and actions that support the greater good
	c. blames mandates for decisions or actions that challenge the integrity or ethics of the school and/or district, or its various stakeholders	c. assumes responsibility for decisions and actions related to mandates	c. assumes responsibility for thoughtfully considering and upholding mandates so that the school and/or district can successfully tread the line between compliance and moral and ethical responsibility	c. promotes resiliency by involving stakeholders in considering how to negotiate and uphold mandates in ways that preserve the integrity of the school's/district's learning and work and align with its ethical and moral beliefs

Domain 5 (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school and/or district environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	a. mourns the lack of self- awareness, reflective practice transparency and ethical behavior in others	proclaims the importance of self-awareness, reflective practice transparency and ethical behavior and seeks it in others	a. models principles of self- awareness, reflective practice, transparency, and ethical behavior	a. engages stakeholders in identifying and describing exemplars of self and cultural awareness, reflective practice, transparency and ethical behavior from within and outside the school and/or district, and determining how to replicate them
	b. pays lip service to values related to democracy, equity and diversity	b. holds others accountable for upholding the values of democracy, equity and diversity	b. safeguards the values of democracy, equity, and diversity	b. provides opportunities for all stakeholder groups to define, embrace and embody the values of democracy, equity, and diversity
	c. implements strategies that group and label students with specific needs, isolating them from the mainstream	c. asserts that individual student needs should inform all aspects of schooling, but has difficulty putting these beliefs into action	c. promotes social justice and ensures that individual student needs inform all aspects of schooling	c. creates processes that embed social justice into the fabric of the school and/or district, seamlessly integrating the needs of individuals with improvement initiatives, actions and decisions

Domain 6 - Political, Social, Economic, Legal and Cultural Context

An education leader promotes the success of every student by understanding, responding to, and influencing the political, social, economic, legal, and cultural context.

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Sustainability (a focus on continuance and meaning beyond the present moment, contextualizing today's successes and improvements as the legacy of the future)	a. appears unaware of decisions affecting student learning made outside of own school or district	a. reacts to district, state and national decisions affecting student learning	a. acts to influence local, district, state, and national decisions affecting student learning, within and beyond their own school and district	a. engages the entire school or district community and all of its stakeholders in collaborating to make proactive and positive change in local, district, state and national decisions affecting the improvement of teaching and learning
	b. waits to be told how to respond to emerging trends or initiatives	b. continues to rely on the same leadership strategies, in the face of emerging trends and initiatives, or copies others who they view as leaders in the field	b. assesses, analyzes, and anticipates emerging trends and initiatives in order to adapt leadership strategies	b. draws upon the perspectives, expertise and leadership of various stakeholders in responding proactively to emerging challenges to the shared vision, ensuring the resilience of the school and/or district, its growth, learning and improvements
Culture (attitudes, knowledge, behaviors and beliefs that characterize the school and/or district environment and are shared by its stakeholders)	a. advocates for self and own interests	a. advocates for selected causes	a. advocates for children, families, and caregivers	a. guided by the school and/or district vision, enables self, children, families and caregivers to successfully and appropriately advocate for themselves and one another

Part 2: Goal Setting and Attainment

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
Uncovering Goals • Align • Define	a. "does" goal setting in order to be in compliance with mandates or regulations	a. completes goal setting activities to satisfy external expectations and assumptions about the connection between own professional practice and student learning	a. engages in the goal setting process as part of own professional improvement as related to improving student learning	a. embraces the goal setting process as part of ongoing work to improve learning by decreasing the distance between the current state of the school or district, and the vision
	b. operates from own opinion and perceptions without attending to vision and data	b. considers data gathered about teacher practice, academic results and/or learning environment in isolation of the school and/or district vision	b. works with other school and district leaders to consider the school and/or district vision and student learning needs, as well as information gathered about teacher practice, academic results and/or the learning environment	b. engages a cross role group, including other school and district leaders and teachers to triangulate the school and district visions with data depicting the current reality of student learning, teacher practice, academic results and/or learning environment
	c. extracts goals from own interests	c. establishes goals that focus on improving teacher practice, and academic results and/or learning environment	c. creates goals that connect changes in their own practice to the improvement of teacher practice, academic results, and/or learning environment in order to improve student learning	c. generates goals that maximize on their own role in improving teacher practice, academic results, and/or learning environment in the service of improving learning
	d. goals are isolated action steps, unaligned to a goal that can actually be worked toward	d. goals are broad, general, aspirational statements that are too big to be assessed	d. goals are stated in ways that allow progress toward them to be assessed	d. goals are expressed in statements that are both actionable and measurable

Goal Setting and Attainment (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing 2	Effective 3	Highly Effective
Strategic Planning • Prioritize • Strategize	a. considers goals in no special order	a. prioritizes goals based on own interests	a. prioritizes goals by considering what can be gained by pursuing each	a. prioritizes goals by considering the potential benefits and unintended consequences of pursuing certain goals vis-a-vis others
	b. changes commitment to goals as new ones emerge	b. relies on own perspective to assert the importance and alignment of identified goals	b. uses principal's and/or superintendents' perspectives to test own assumptions about goals to see if they are truly connected to the school/district vision and needs	b. uses the perspectives of others to test own assumptions about the goals articulated and to see if they are truly connected to the school/district vision and needs
	c. lists generic strategies that could apply to a variety of goals	c. lists strategies that will be used to accomplish goals identified	c. articulates strategies supporting actions, and reasons for selecting them	c. articulates strategies supporting actions and also for overcoming obstacles to the plan, with rationale for selecting them that includes anticipated results, implementation intentions related to each, and evidence of strategy's impact
	d. states the benefits of attaining the goal(s)	d. describes, in general terms, what successful goal attainment will look like and accomplish	d. identifies anticipated, specific measures of success for each goal	d. describes the evidence that, when collected and annotated, will support that attending to these goals actually decreases the distance between current reality and the vision

Goal Setting and Attainment (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing	Effective	Highly Effective
	1	2	3	4
Taking Action • Mobilize • Monitor • Refine	a. refers in general to working toward goals, but is unable to articulate related steps or strategies	a. identifies a series of individual actions for each goal without specifying whether the goals are long or short term	a. creates an action plan that delineates steps and strategies for all goals, regardless of whether they are short or long term	a. designs an action plan that clearly differentiates between short and long term goals and their associated steps and strategies
	b. speaks about taking actions, but has trouble committing and getting started	b. implements the action plan quietly and privately	b. implements the action plan publically, and invites others to use it as a model for goal setting that they can do as well	b. shares and implements the action plan publically, and uses it as an opportunity to build a culture of inquiry by inspiring others to engage in their own goal setting to improve learning
	c. changes goals to better match what is currently happening or uses what is happening to rationalize giving up	c. adjusts goals and actions based on instinct and self- perceptions	c. monitors and refines goals and/or action steps, based on formative assessment of evidence collected	c. seeks multiple, diverse perspectives to review evidence collected and contribute to own questions about process, actions, strategies and progress, to support revisions to the action plan

Goal Setting and Attainment (cont.)

	Ineffective	Developing 2	Effective 3	Highly Effective
Evaluating Attainment Document Accomplishments New questions Implications for moving forward	a. documentation is a beginning and end event and focuses on restating actions taken and noting obstacles to goal achievement	a. sporadically documents thinking related to key moments, obstacles or achievements	a. periodically documents own thinking and reactions to the progress made, obstacles encountered, and insights or questions that arise	a. throughout the implementation of the action plan, systematically documents and reflects upon emerging insights, questions, perceived accomplishments, obstacles encountered, and unintended consequences
• Next steps	b. categorically claims goal attainment, or uses failure to meet goals set as evidence that the goal setting process does not work	b. evaluates goals and goal attainment based on own impressions of what success should have looked like and what was actually achieved	b. evaluates goals and goal attainment by assessing "evidence of success," establishing the degree to which the goal has been achieved, and determining next steps towards attaining the school and/or district vision	b. taps the perspectives of those who supported the initial data analysis to help evaluate goal attainment and related impact on learning by assessing "evidence of success," establishing the degree to which the goal has been achieved, and determining next steps in attaining the operating vision and improving learning
	c. dismisses the possibility of using goals to define next steps	c. considers new goals based on success in achieving current goals, adjusting them to match perceived ability of the school and/or district to actually improve	c. determines next steps and future actions to improve student learning, teacher practice, academic results and/or the learning environment in light how successful the recent work was in making improvements	c. engages stakeholders in planning, future goals, actions and next steps to improve student learning, teacher practice, academic results and/or the learning environment based on how much closer the school and district are to the vision