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Below are updates to the DTR process for the 2021-2022 school year:

1 **DTR Application Process**

   There are two rounds in which teachers can apply to become a Distinguished Teacher. Teachers with prior-year data apply in Round One in the Fall. Teachers with no prior-year data and/or teachers or who are new to Dallas ISD apply in Round Two in the Spring. Teachers must apply during their respective round.

2 **Round 1**

   Teachers with DTR eligibility based on the 2020-21 TEI Scorecard are eligible to apply in Round 1.

   **Round 1 Eligibility:**
   - Be in at least 3rd year of service
   - Earn a minimum score of 80 on their 2020-21 Summative Appraisal
   - Earn at least half of available points on their 2020-21 SLO; and,
   - Receive a 2020-21 TEI Evaluation score within top 30% of scores

3 **Round 2**

   Teachers who are new to the district and who meet the following criteria are eligible to apply in Round 2.

   **Round 2 Eligibility:**
   - Be in at least 3rd year of service
   - Earn a minimum score of 80 on their 2021-22 Summative Appraisal.
   (Evaluator must submit early summative by Jan. 21, 2022.)
   - In order to remain eligible, Round 2 teachers must also earn at least 50% of possible combined points at end of year for Student Achievement and Student Experience.

4 **Short Answer Question and Artifacts**

   The Short Answer Question has been removed from the DTR Application Portal. Artifacts must be limited to 5 pages.

For additional information on the Distinguished Teacher Review and to access the most up-to-date information, visit [www.tei.dallasisd.org](http://www.tei.dallasisd.org). DTR eligibility information is also located in the footnotes of your scorecard. Your scorecard can be accessed at [myrecords.dallasisd.org](http://myrecords.dallasisd.org).
DTR OVERVIEW

DTR points earned are added to a teacher’s overall evaluation score. Teachers can earn up to 20 points by submitting a DTR Application.

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<td>8 points</td>
<td>+</td>
<td>+</td>
<td>20 points</td>
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*DTR-Eligible teachers may earn up to ten additional points based on years of service as a Distinguished Teacher on a High-Priority Campus (HPC).

Remember:

- Points added to TEI Scorecard based on written application describing recent experiences in Leadership, Lifelong Learning, and Contributions to the Profession
- Experiences are limited to the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, including the summers of 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- Each Domain is scored separately and independently.
- Most recent application counts – period.
- Must re-apply every 3 years
- To earn an Effectiveness Level above Proficient I, DTR is REQUIRED

Key Dates & Deadlines

- September 3, 2021 – 2020-21 DTR Snapshots released to teachers
- September 30, 2021 – Round 1 DTR Application Opens
- October 28, 2021 – Round 1 Application Closes (at noon)
- November 4, 2021--Round 1 Principal Verification Ends
- November 8, 2021 – Round 2 Opt-In Task Opens
- November 19, 2021 – Round 2 DTR Opt-In Task Closes
- January 21, 2022 – Deadline to submit early Summative for Round 2 teachers
- February 3, 2022 – Round 2 DTR Application Opens
- March 4, 2022 – Round 2 DTR Application Closes (at 6 PM)
- March 11, 2022--Round 2 Principal Verification Ends

Teachers unsure of eligibility should consult the TEI Guidebook or contact TEI. tei@dallasisd.org (email) or (972) 749-5712 (phone)

- Teachers will receive the points earned from their 2021-22 Application on their DTR Snapshot by September 2022.
- Teachers will learn if they earned Distinguished Effectiveness Level based on the 2021-22 SY on their TEI Scorecard in September 2022.
ABOUT THE DTR APPLICATION

Teachers submit an online DTR Application with examples of their Leadership, Lifelong Learning and Contributions to the Profession.

- Teachers may provide up to two experiences per domain.
- Experiences are limited to the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, including the summers of 2019, 2020 and 2021.
- The short answer question and artifacts are optional.
- Teachers’ primary evaluator will verify applications prior to being reviewed and scored by a trained panel.

Teachers do not need to submit an Application to use carryover points. Go to https://www2.dallasisd.org/dtr2122 to access the DTR Application Portal.

Helpful Application Tips

- Use specific details to describe your experiences (avoid using acronyms or abbreviated language)
- Avoid using rubric language and/or vague descriptions
- Provide qualitative and quantitative outcomes that are clearly and directly linked to the actions within each experience
- Consider using artifacts to support your outcome. Artifacts are optional. If used, they should provide additional information about the impact of your experience.
- Attend a DTR Application Workshop. The workshop is designed to provide hands-on support regarding how to write your Application.
- Seek out DTR Ambassadors. These teachers have completed the process and may be able to provide support or advice.
- Utilize the 2021-2022 DTR Rubric when completing your Application. The DTR Rubric is helpful in identifying experiences to include within each domain.

Visit www.tei.dallasisd.org to sign up for a DTR Application Workshop!
This document is intended to provide a summary of each DTR domain. The 2021-2022 DTR Rubric, in full, can be found on pages 7-9.

**LEADERSHIP**

**Domain Anchor Statement:**
A Distinguished Teacher serves as a role model and leader for peers across the PK - 12 campus in formal and informal settings, proactively setting high standards and demonstrating commitment that accelerates the goals of the school. Experiences within the Leadership domain are scored based on the strength of the stated outcome.

Key levers of the Leadership domain include experiences that highlight taking initiative to improve campus leadership, collaboration, professional development, mentoring, family and community engagement, and awards and recognition.

When deciding what to include in the Leadership domain, ask yourself: How have I collaborated with my peers to accomplish or accelerate the goals of my campus?

**LIFELONG LEARNING**

**Domain Anchor Statement:**
A Distinguished Teacher initiates or seeks out multiple learning opportunities and applies learning successfully to improve individual and PK - 12 campus practice, showing a commitment to team innovation and growth. Experiences within the Lifelong Learning domain are scored based on the stated outcomes resulting from the implementation of new learning.

Key levers of the Lifelong Learning domain include experiences that highlight utilization of feedback, new methods and approaches, staying current in the field of education, innovative use of technology, and effective implementation of learning from professional development and/or coursework.

When deciding what to include in the Lifelong Learning domain, ask yourself: What learning experiences have I participated in and how did I apply or share the knowledge?

**CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROFESSION**

**Domain Anchor Statement:**
A Distinguished Teacher contributes to the improvement of instructional practice of other PK-12 teachers and/or impacts PK-12 education policy at the campus, district, state, or national level. Experiences within the Contributions to the Profession domain are scored based on the strength and scope of impact of stated outcomes.

Key levers of the Contributions to the Profession domain include experiences that highlight classroom visits from other educators, sharing of new ideas, work and best practices, leading professional development, and creating education policy.

When deciding what to include in the Contributions to the Profession domain, ask yourself: How have I worked with other educators on or beyond my campus to improve their instructional practice and/or education policy?
# 2021-2022 Distinguished Teacher Review Rubric

**Leadership**

A Distinguished Teacher serves as a role model and leader for peers across the PK-12 campus in formal and informal proactively setting high standards and demonstrating commitment that accelerates the goals of the school.

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<td><strong>2 points</strong> A teacher at the '2 point' performance level demonstrates one or more of the following:</td>
<td><strong>4 points</strong> A teacher at the '4 point' performance level demonstrates one or more of the following:</td>
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<td><strong>A. Leadership in Student Activities</strong></td>
<td>Assumes a leadership role, particularly in co-curricular or extra-curricular activities</td>
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<td><strong>B. Mentoring</strong></td>
<td>Formally mentors and provides non-evaluative feedback to teachers and/or student teachers on the campus</td>
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<td><strong>C. Collaboration</strong></td>
<td>Relays information and/or collaborates with other teachers or teams to help the campus make sense of information and identify problems</td>
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<td><strong>D. Professional Development</strong></td>
<td>Develops and delivers formal professional development at the campus</td>
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<td><strong>E. Family and Community Engagement</strong></td>
<td>Participates in and/or establishes opportunities for parental and/or community involvement at the campus</td>
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<td><strong>F. Awards and Recognition</strong></td>
<td>Receives informal recognition for activities above and beyond assigned duties at the campus</td>
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Note: It is possible to earn zero points in this domain if the submitted experiences in the Application do not meet the minimum domain criteria outlined above.
# 2021-2022 Distinguished Teacher Review Rubric

## Lifelong Learning

A Distinguished Teacher initiates or seeks out multiple learning opportunities and applies learning successfully to improve individual and PK - 12 campus practice, showing a commitment to team innovation and growth.

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<td><strong>A. Utilization of Feedback</strong></td>
<td><strong>1.5 points</strong> A teacher at the '1.5 point' performance level demonstrates one or more of the following:</td>
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<td>Receives and acts upon formal, specific feedback thereby improving an aligned instructional practice</td>
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<td><strong>B. New Methods and Approaches</strong></td>
<td><strong>3 points</strong> A teacher at the '3 point' performance level demonstrates one or more of the following:</td>
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<td>Tries and implements specific new methods, approaches and/or technology as shared by other professionals or through individual research, data analysis, or independent study in the field of education that is directly tied to an area of growth</td>
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<td><strong>C. Professional Development</strong></td>
<td><strong>4.5 points</strong> A teacher at the '4.5 point' performance level demonstrates one or more of the following:</td>
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<td>Attends specific professional development, workshops, and/or conferences, and implements new learning into an explicit instructional practice</td>
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<td><strong>D. Staying Current in the Field of Education</strong></td>
<td><strong>6 points</strong> A teacher at the '6 point' performance level demonstrates one or more of the following:</td>
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<td>Participates in relevant coursework at institutions of higher learning OR participates in other professional programs and demonstrates implementation of knowledge gained, resulting in improved instructional practice</td>
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### Note:

- It is possible to earn no points in this domain if the submitted experiences in the Application do not meet the minimum domain criteria outlined above.
# Contributions to the Profession

A Distinguished Teacher contributes to the improvement of instructional practice of other PK-12 teachers and/or impacts PK-12 education policy at the campus, district, state or national level.

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<td>A. Classroom Visits</td>
<td>Observed by other professionals, primarily at the campus level, thereby influencing instructional practice</td>
<td>Formally sought out by other professionals, primarily at the feeder and/or district level, thereby resulting in a moderate impact on instructional practice</td>
<td>Formally sought out by other professionals, primarily at the district level, thereby resulting in a significant impact on practice at the district level or within local education communities</td>
<td>Formally sought out by other professionals from across the state or nation, thereby resulting in a significant impact on practice of a broad range of educators or education communities</td>
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<td>B. Sharing of New Ideas, Work, and Best Practices</td>
<td>Shares new ideas, work or best practices with other teachers, primarily at the campus level, thereby resulting in a minor change in instructional practice</td>
<td>Shares new ideas, work or best practices with other teachers, primarily at the feeder and/or district level, thereby resulting in a moderate change in instructional practice</td>
<td>Develops educational resources, shared primarily at the district level or within local education communities, thereby resulting in a significant impact on district practice or local education communities</td>
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<td>C. Professional Development</td>
<td>Leads professional development and/or mentors other professionals, primarily at the campus level, thereby resulting in a minor change in instructional practice</td>
<td>Leads professional development and/or mentors other professionals, primarily at the feeder level, thereby resulting in a moderate change in instructional practice</td>
<td>Leads professional development and/or mentors, primarily at the district level or within local education communities, thereby resulting in a significant impact on instructional practice</td>
<td>Leads professional development and/or mentors at the state or national level, thereby resulting in a significant impact on practice of a broad range of educators or education communities</td>
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<td>D. Education Policy</td>
<td>Collaborates on initiatives, teams or committees, primarily at the campus level, thereby resulting in a minor impact on practice or education policy</td>
<td>Collaborates on initiatives, teams or committees, primarily at the feeder and/or district level, thereby resulting in a moderate impact on practice or education policy</td>
<td>Substantially contributes to an initiative, team, or committee, primarily at the district level, thereby significantly impacting practice or policy at the district or within local education communities</td>
<td>Substantially contributes to an initiative, team, committee, or board at the state or national level, thereby significantly impacting practice or policy within the state or nation</td>
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Note: It is possible to earn zero points in this domain if the submitted experiences in the Application do not meet the minimum domain criteria outlined above.
The DTR Application Worksheets are recommended for use when writing experiences for the Leadership, Lifelong Learning and Contributions to the Profession domains. Follow the four steps below when completing your Application:

**STEP 1**

**BRAINSTORM YOUR EXPERIENCES**
On page 11, generate a list of roles or experiences within the 2019-2020, 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years, including the summers of 2019, 2020 and 2021 in which you either:
- Demonstrated leadership on your campus
- Used new knowledge to enhance you or your peers’ instructional practice
- Assisted or impacted fellow educators

**STEP 2**

**LABEL YOUR EXPERIENCES**
After reviewing the DTR Rubric, label your experiences on page 11:
- Write an “L” for Leadership next to experiences where you had a campus-level impact
- Write “LL” for Lifelong Learning next to experiences where you applied learning to improve individual and/or campus practice
- Write “C” for Contributions to the Profession next to experiences where you impacted education policy or the instructional practice of other PK-12 teachers at the campus, district, state, or national level

**STEP 3**

**EXPAND ON YOUR STRONGEST EXPERIENCES**
- Identify your two strongest experiences
- On pages 12-14, use Domain Worksheets for each experience to ensure key points are included in your Application. Remember, you may include up to two experiences per domain

**STEP 4**

**CREATE PARAGRAPHS IN THE ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL**
- Use the completed Domain Application Worksheets to write paragraphs describing your experience in the DTR Application Portal
- Determine if you would like to include an artifact, such as qualitative or quantitative data, to support your experience
DTR APPLICATION WORKSHEET

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**STEP 3** EXPAND ON YOUR STRONGEST LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCES

Answer the questions below to describe each Leadership experience that you want to include in your Application. Repeat for additional experiences. Remember, you may include up to two experiences in this domain.

**LEADERSHIP**

A Distinguished Teacher serves as a role model and leader for peers across the PK - 12 campus in formal and informal settings, proactively setting high standards and demonstrating commitment that accelerates the goals of the school.

**Key Actions:**

In what role did you demonstrate acting as a role model and/or leader for peers at your campus?

Through this role, what campus systems or initiatives did you implement to improve the campus as a whole?

When implementing campus systems or initiatives, what steps did you take to accelerate the goals of your campus?

**Key Outcomes:**

Who was immediately impacted as a result of your leadership?

What changed for the campus and/or other educators as a result of your leadership?

What qualitative or quantitative data can you provide to support your leadership?

**STEP 4** CREATE PARAGRAPHS IN THE ONLINE APPLICATION PORTAL

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- Determine if you would like to include an artifact, such as qualitative or quantitative data, to support your experience
EXPAND ON YOUR STRONGEST LIFELONG LEARNING EXPERIENCES

Answer the questions below to describe each Lifelong Learning experience that you want to include in your Application. Repeat for additional experiences. Remember, you may include up to two experiences in this domain.

LIFELONG LEARNING

A Distinguished Teacher initiates or seeks out multiple learning opportunities and applies learning successfully to improve individual and PK - 12 campus practice, showing a commitment to team innovation and growth.

Key Actions:

What prompted you to participate in your learning experience (reflection, recommendation, low test scores, etc.)?

What specific knowledge did you gain from your learning experience?

What did you implement in your classroom and/or in your practice based on what you learned?

Key Outcomes:

What was the immediate impact on your students or your practice?

How do you know your learning positively affected your actions as an educator?

If the impact of your applied knowledge significantly changed the practice or outcomes within or beyond your classroom, how do you know (qualitatively or quantitatively)?

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Determine if you would like to include an artifact, such as qualitative or quantitative data, to support your experience
Teachers have the option to include an artifact with each experience on the DTR Application. Artifacts should add additional context to an experience and help the Central Review Team have a better understanding of the impact of your key actions and outcomes. As a reminder, artifacts must be limited to 5 pages. Artifacts may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Data Trackers
- Presentations
- Handouts
- Meeting Notes
- Mentor Logs
- Proposals
- Reports
- Statistics / Data
- Articles
- Newsletters
- Education Blogs
- Classroom Websites
- Lesson Plans
- Curriculum
- Pictures
- Letter of Reference

**EXAMPLE**

1. A teacher who wrote a grant to fund a school-wide garden could include a photograph showing students participating in science workshops using the garden. This teacher could also use a data tracker demonstrating the academic growth of students who use the garden.

**EXAMPLE**

2. A teacher facilitating a campus professional development might include survey data showing the number of teachers using new methods learned from the PD in their classrooms and the positive outcomes of implementation.

**Important Note:** Artifacts are optional. If you chose to submit artifacts, use them strategically to paint a more vivid picture of your listed experience.
THANK YOU for leading the way for our students and teachers in Dallas ISD!

Additiona resources are available in the DTR Application Portal, including:

- 2021-2022 DTR Rubric
- DTR Application Informational Webinar
- DTR Application Examples
- DTR Application Toolkit
- Frequently Asked Questions

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