



# NEPF Liaison Update

October 2022

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*Effective educators serving all students is a Nevada priority. Effectiveness starts with being informed.  
The NEPF Liaison Update will be published periodically and is designed to provide comprehensive and timely information.*

## Teachers and Leaders Council (TLC) Updates

The TLC, the public body tasked with making recommendations to the State Board of Education (SBE) on the statewide evaluation system, the Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF), met on September 28, 2022. All materials from the meeting can be found on the [TLC Meeting Materials](#) webpage.

Council members received an update on membership. TLC welcomed two new teacher members to the Council: Dr. Juanita Ortiz and Elizabeth Cadigan. In addition, school administrator member Lou Markouzis was reappointed for a second term. TLC is working with the Governor's Office on the remaining appointments.

In alignment with [NRS Chapter 391.485](#), Council members also received a summary of NEPF educator effectiveness ratings for the 2020-21 school year, results from the annual NEPF Monitoring for Continuous Improvement surveys, and a review of feedback received during the annual district NEPF Liaison interviews. Survey and interview data will be used to identify additional supports that the Department can provide to the districts to advance the goals of the NEPF.

## Nevada Educator Performance Framework (NEPF) Updates

The 2021 Legislative session ended with the passage of two bills that impact the NEPF: Assembly Bill (AB) 57 and AB 266.

AB 57 required that pupil growth account for zero percent of the evaluation of a teacher or administrator who provides direct instructional services to pupils at a school in a school district for the 2021-22 school year only. This does not affect the current school year, 2022-23. Pupil growth is again included in the evaluation for school administrators, teachers, and teacher-librarians for the 2022-23 school year, as measured by the Student Learning Goals (15% of the final summative score) ([NRS 391.480](#)). Educators are encouraged to review the [NEPF Protocols](#) to ensure that the goal-setting process follows the expectations and guidelines set forth by the TLC. As a reminder,

- Educators in their initial year of employment are required to participate in the goal setting process; however, student performance is not included in the final summative evaluation ([NRS 391.695](#)).

Section 4 of AB 266 awards a post-probationary teacher, whose performance on an evaluation is designated as effective or highly effective, an additional weight on certain standards and indicators equivalent to the percentage by which the ratio of pupils for which the teacher is responsible exceeds the SBE recommended ratio of pupils per licensed teacher on certain criteria ([NRS 391.465](#)). Educators who meet the criteria will be eligible again to receive a class size adjustment on the designated NEPF standards and indicators for the 2022-23 school year (includes teacher-librarians who provide direct, regular instruction to students).

- The SBE recommended ratios of pupils per licensed teacher are 15:1 (grades K-3) or 25:1 in grades 4-12 ([NRS 388.890](#)).
- Pre-K, band, choir, and orchestra teachers, and teachers who teach adult/ungraded (UG) students are not eligible for the class size adjustment as there are no SBE recommended class sizes for those classes; however, teachers who teach multiple courses receive a class size adjustment for all eligible courses (i.e., a band/music teacher who teaches 3 band classes and 3 music classes is eligible for a class adjustment for the 3 music classes).
- Teachers who teach multiple grade levels are eligible for the class size ratio adjustment based on the ratio for the lowest grade level taught (i.e., a teacher who teaches grades 3 and 4 has a class size ratio of 15:1).
- The class size adjustment is applied to Instructional Practice Standards 2.1, 3.1, and 3.4, as well as Professional Responsibilities Standards 4 and 5; however, the adjusted score/s in any indicator cannot exceed the maximum possible score of 4.

Resource documents and evaluation tools are updated annually and are posted on the [NEPF](#) webpage.

### Nevada Department of Education (NDE) Updates

The Department met with district NEPF Liaisons on October 3, 2022. Liaisons were provided with updates regarding the work of the TLC, Department and NEPF updates and reminders, as well as upcoming professional development opportunities. A list of [district NEPF Liaisons](#) can be found on the [NEPF](#) webpage.

NEPF rubrics, protocols, and tools have been updated and are posted on the Department’s [NEPF](#) webpage. The [NEPF Canvas](#) courses have also been updated, and those courses are now also available via an [NEPF Google](#) website for those interested in taking the course/s but who may not have access to Canvas. Educators who take the course/s can earn professional learning hours for license renewal.

### Future TLC and Liaison Meeting Dates

TLC meetings are generally held the last Wednesday of the month at 9 AM (except as otherwise indicated\*). Corresponding NEPF Liaison meetings are held the following Monday at 10 AM.

<u>Teachers and Leaders Council</u>	<u>NEPF Liaisons</u>
December 14, 2022*	December 19, 2022
February 22, 2023	February 27, 2023
April 26, 2023	May 1, 2023

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