

# Create Evaluation Templates

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**Staff Evaluations will no longer be available after June 30th, 2025. For more information, visit the [Human Resources and Staff Evaluation Deprecation FAQ](#).**

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Evaluation Templates provide the format from which staff evaluations are created. Once Evaluation Templates are created, administrators can [Generate Evaluations for Supervisors to Use](#) and supervisors can [Generate New Evaluations for Employees](#) for their direct reports.

You can also define a new Evaluation Template by [copying an existing Evaluation Template](#).

Complete the following steps to define a new Evaluation Template.

1. Click the **New** button.

## Result

The New Evaluation editor displays.

The screenshot shows the 'New Evaluation' editor interface. At the top, there are tabs for 'Evaluation Periods', 'Rating Scales', 'Category Bank', and 'Evaluations'. Below the tabs are three buttons: 'New' (highlighted with a red box), 'Save', and 'Preview Sample Evaluation'. On the left, there is a table with columns 'Code', 'Description', and 'Period'. The table contains one row: 'FALL13', 'Fall Interim Review', 'FALL 13'. A red arrow points from the 'New' button to the 'Description' field in the 'New Evaluation' form on the right. The form has the following fields: '\*Code' (text input), '\*Evaluation Type' (dropdown menu), '\*Description' (text area), '\*Evaluation Period' (dropdown menu), and '\*Rating Scale' (dropdown menu). Below these is the 'Evaluation Preferences' section with three fields: '\*Allow File Upload' (dropdown menu with 'No' selected), '\*Evaluation Workflow' (dropdown menu), and '\*Comment Options' (dropdown menu). At the bottom of the form is a text area labeled 'Extra Text (optional) - Will show at the top of the evaluation' and a 'Categories' section with an 'Add Category' button.

2. Enter a unique **Code** to identify the Evaluation Template.
3. Select the **Evaluation Type**. Options include the following:
  - **Annual**
  - **Interim**
  - **Observation** (This type does not require a Rating Scale.)
4. Enter a detailed **Description** of the Evaluation Template.

5. Select the **Evaluation Period** to which the Evaluation Template applies.
6. Select the **Rating Scale** supervisors will use to measure overall performance.

This field is not required if the **Evaluation Type** is *Observation*.

This Rating Scale displays as a dropdown list called **Overall Rating** when the evaluation is in **Evaluator Review** status (Full Review Process) or in **Draft** status (No Reflection).

7. Select one of the following **Comment Options**.
  - **Reflection Box**. This option provides an area for entering reflection comments.
  - **Evidence Box**. This option provides an area for typing evidence comments.
  - **Evidence and Reflection Boxes**. This option provides two areas for entering comments.
  - **None**
8. Specify whether files may be added to the evaluation by selecting **Yes**, **No**, or **Evaluator Only** in the **Allow File Upload** dropdown list.

You can only change this field if the [Staff Evaluations service](#) has been enabled in the Digital Repository.

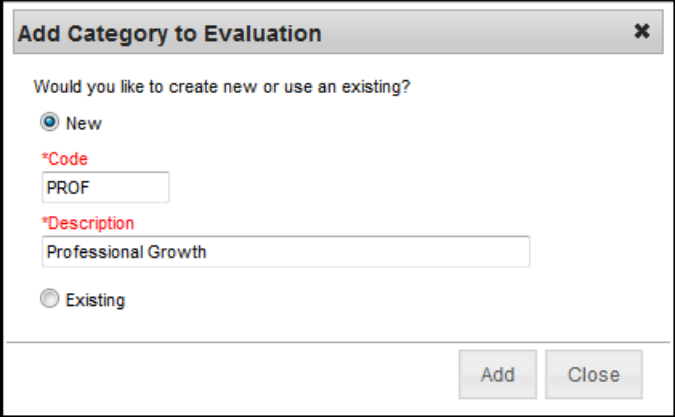
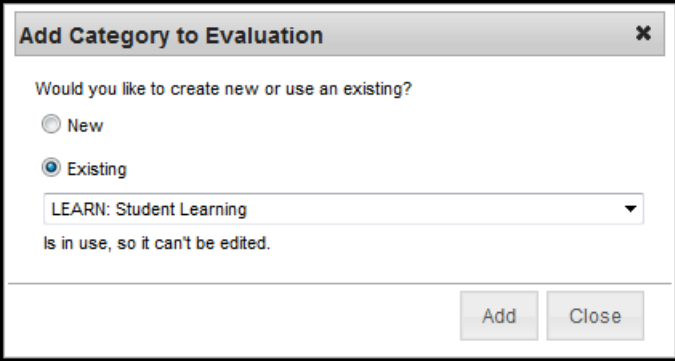
9. Select the **Evaluation Workflow**.

See the article [About Evaluation Workflows](#) for detailed information about each workflow.

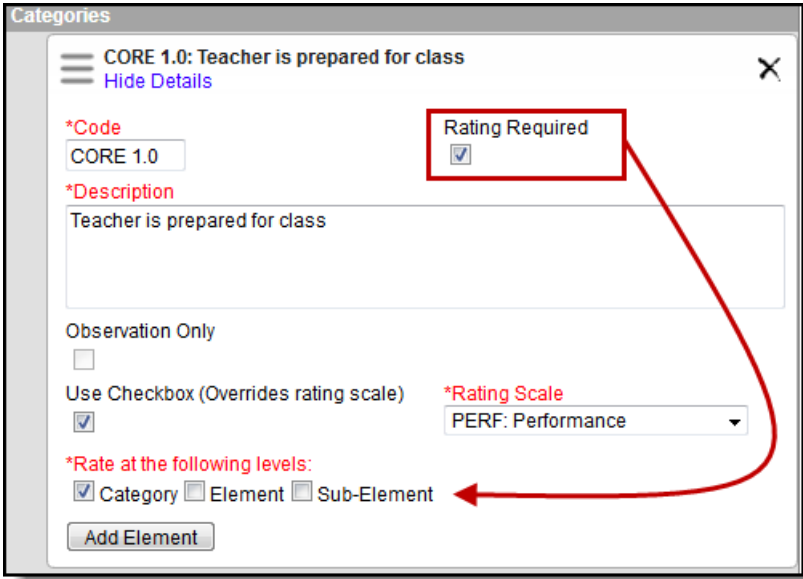
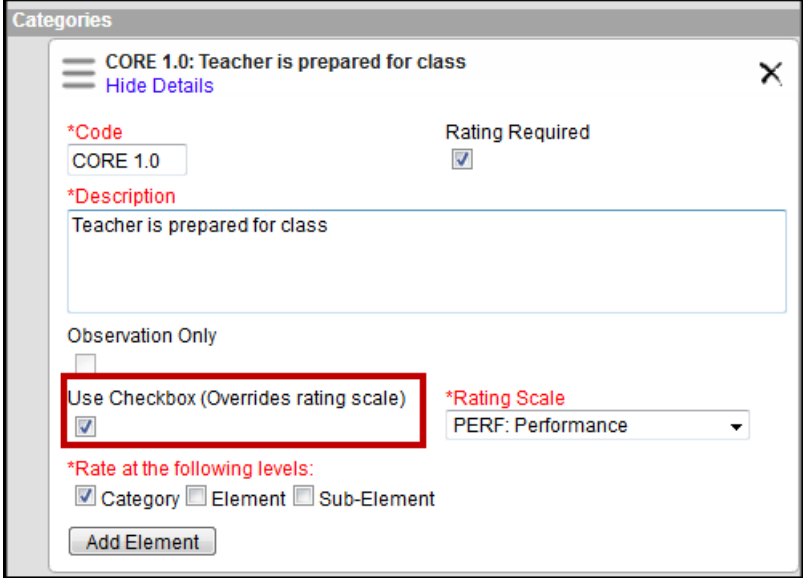
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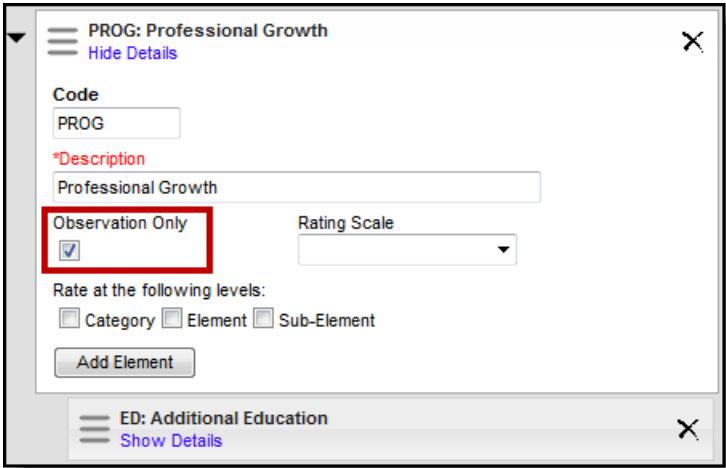
- **Staff Reflection and Acknowledgement (Full Process)**
  - **Staff Acknowledgement (No Reflection)**
  - **No Staff Reflection or Acknowledgement**
10. Enter **Extra Text** that you want to display at the top of the evaluation. (*optional*)
  11. Associate at least one Category by clicking the **Add Category** button.  
**Result**  
The **Add Category to Evaluation** window displays.

12. Select one of the following options.

Option	Description
<p><b>New</b></p>	<p>Enter a <b>Code</b> and <b>Description</b> for a new Category then click <b>Add</b>.</p> 
<p><b>Existing</b></p>	<p>The existing <b>Code</b> and <b>Description</b> display. Click <b>Add</b>.</p>  <p>You may change any of the details for the Category as long as the Category is not associated with an evaluation that is assigned to staff members. For more detailed information about adding Categories, see the article <a href="#">Add Categories to the Category Bank</a>.</p>

13. Set up the Category by completing one of the following options.

Option	Description
<p><b>Add a Rating Scale</b></p>	<p>Select the <a href="#">Rating Scale</a> and levels to which the Rating Scale applies. Mark the <b>Rating Required</b> checkbox if you want to require a rating on the level(s) you select. If you do not mark the <b>Rating Required</b> checkbox, the administrator and/or supervisor can make the rating required later when they create the evaluation.</p> <p>If you do not mark the <b>Rating Required</b> checkbox and the administrator or supervisor does not mark this checkbox when they generate evaluations, the component will not appear on the evaluation.</p> 
<p><b>Use Checkbox (Overrides rating scale)</b></p>	<p>Select the Use Checkbox (Overrides rating scale) to use a checkbox called "Meets Requirements" instead of selecting a rating on the Category.</p> 

Option	Description
<p><b>Observation Only</b></p>	<p>If you are creating an Observation, you can select the <b>Observation Only</b> checkbox to indicate the Category does not require a rating.</p>  <p>The screenshot shows a form for 'PROG: Professional Growth'. It includes a 'Code' field with 'PROG', a '*Description' field with 'Professional Growth', and an 'Observation Only' checkbox which is checked and highlighted with a red box. There is also a 'Rating Scale' dropdown menu and radio buttons for 'Rate at the following levels: Category, Element, Sub-Element'. An 'Add Element' button is at the bottom. The form is part of a larger interface with a 'Hide Details' link and a close button (X).</p>

14. Repeat steps 11 -13 until all Categories are added.

For more detailed information about adding Categories, see the article [Add Categories to the Category Bank](#).

15. Click the **Save** button.

**Result**

The new Evaluation Template displays in the Evaluations group.