

Standards Committee Update

The Standards Committee met on December 17, 2003 and January 7, 2004. The purposes of this committee are to review and summarize best practice in education evaluation, to recommend a single set of standards and criteria for contracted staff, and to recommend a professional growth system.

The Standards Committee completed a summary paper describing current best practice in education evaluation. It is available on the Standards Committee web page, which is located under “Staff Info” on the Grant Wood AEA home page. The committee had read and discussed several articles regarding education evaluation.

The committee also spent a great deal of time reviewing standards a variety of education professionals such as Teachers, School Social Workers, School Psychologists, Special Education Consultants, Early Childhood Consultants, Occupational and Physical Therapists, and Speech/ Language Pathologists



A first draft of eight standards was then developed. It is also located on the web page. These standards may be changed and will be further defined by adding criteria for each one. The standards and criteria are to reflect the *essential professional behaviors* that lead to the achievement of Agency goals.

Your input is needed and much appreciated. *Please contact* your representative or any committee member with ideas, examples, resources, questions or concerns. The next committee meeting is January 30. Thank you.

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