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## Professionalism Scoring

We have received some questions about scoring the Professionalism domain. As a reminder, you should wait until testing has finished before scoring the Professionalism domain for your teachers. You can find the Professionalism Rating Report as well as additional guidance on our [website](#).

## Achievement and Growth Measure Selections

**Please review all achievement and growth measure selections to make sure they are finalized in CODE prior to *Friday, April 17*.** It is important that these decisions are made prior to testing. After April 17, you will not be able to make any changes to the achievement or growth measure selections. On April 17, we will lock the 2014-15 Evaluation Data page in CODE from editing.

Please remember that to enter the growth measure selections, you must scroll all the way over to the right-hand part of the screen to find the 'Growth Measure' column with the drop-down options. You will then need to scroll to the bottom and click save to ensure your selections are saved in CODE.

For more information on the options for achievement and growth, please see the [Achievement Measures Worksheet](#). You are not required to enter the achievement measure scales into CODE, but we recommend doing so to ensure that you know how to calculate the scale scores when the data is returned or in the event of a grievance. If you have any questions about this process or anticipate any difficulties meeting this deadline, please reach out to [TEAM.Questions@tn.gov](mailto:TEAM.Questions@tn.gov) as soon as possible.

## Preview of Summer TEAM Training Dates

Although registration is not yet open for summer TEAM Training, you may view a **tentative schedule** of training dates and locations [here](#). Please also review [this document](#) for information about training sessions, testing out of in-person training, and certification policy in general. We anticipate opening registration for training next week, and want to ensure you are able to identify dates and locations that will work for you as you plan your summer schedule. If you have any training questions, please direct them to [TNED.Registration@tn.gov](mailto:TNED.Registration@tn.gov).

## Interventionist Observation Guidance Document

Over the last six months, the department has worked with a variety of stakeholders to develop an observation guidance document that can be used when observing an interventionist using the General Educator rubric. Evaluators may need to look more broadly at the interventionist than other educators delivering instruction, as the

interventionist is tasked with supporting student learning outside the core instructional setting. You can find this document, along with our other observation guidance documents, on [our website](#) on pages 16-18. These documents are optional tools meant to supplement, not replace, the TEAM evaluation rubric. If you have any questions, please reach out to [TEAM.Questions@tn.gov](mailto:TEAM.Questions@tn.gov).

## Why I'm Thankful for My Teacher

The deadline has been extended for students to submit their essay for our second annual “Why I am Thankful for My Teacher” essay and scholarship competition. This essay competition gives students a chance to publicly recognize a current K-12 Tennessee educator, and the authors of the winning essays will each receive a \$700 scholarship. Students are encouraged to write an essay sharing how a teacher has impacted his/her life and why the student is thankful for them. Submissions should be no longer than 500 words and are due by **5 p.m. CDT on Friday, April 17**. For more information, check out this [blog post](#).

## Upcoming Deadlines

- The final date for teachers participating in the Fine Arts, Physical Education, and World Languages portfolios to submit their portfolios in GLADiS is **Wednesday, April 15**.
- All achievement and growth measure selections must be finalized in CODE by **Friday, April 17**.

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