

SCREENING and INTERVIEW Scoring For Educational Administrative Roles

These guidelines apply to the positions of Principal, Vice-Principal, and Program Coordinator. The guidelines augment Policy 660 Job Descriptions, Policy 610 Hiring, Policy 615 Hiring Education Administrators and the Job Application Guide for Teaching Positions.

All approved vacancies will be posted on the region website. Applications are received through the on-line portal by the position closing date and hour. All information pertaining to the selection process will remain confidential.

Principal, Vice-Principal, and Program Coordinator candidates will be assessed on qualifications, experience and abilities. Qualifications and experience will be quantified during the shortlist screening process at a value of 30% of the final score. A candidate's knowledge and ability will be measured through an interview at a value of 70% of the final score.

The Consultant and Coach positions are screened and shortlisted based on the qualifications and experience as outlined in the job posting. These positions are scored using the short list score of out a total 40 points and the interview score of out a total 60 points.

SHORTLIST SCREENING and INTERVIEW SCORING

SHORTLIST SCREENING - Total 30% from qualifications (10%) and experience (10%)

The screening process will be completed by Human Resources using the following breakdown:

| Qualifications: 15% <i>(maximum of 30 points if all categories earned / cumulative score)</i> | Target Score |
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| Master's Degree in Education - Administration, Leadership or Nova Scotia Instructional Leadership Program Diploma or Equivalent | 20 |
| Other Masters (not related to Leadership or Administration) | 6 |
| SSRCE Aspiring Leaders or Educational Leadership Consortium Nova Scotia (ELCNS) or Equivalent | 4 |

Note: target score will be given for completed programs only.

| Experience: 15% <i>(maximum of 30 points if all categories earned / cumulative score)</i> | Target Score |
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| Principal or Administrator (or Coordinator Experience) | 30 |
| Vice Principal (or Consultant and/or Coach Experience) | 20 |
| Classroom Teacher or Guidance P-12 | 10 |
| Teacher in Charge (based on a minimum 30 days as a TIC) | 5 |

SCREENING THRESHOLD

Should a screening process result in only one clearly well qualified candidate, with no other candidates at or above the minimum threshold of 50% total score based on qualifications and experience, the interview committee may appoint the well qualified candidate.

Should a screening process result in a pool of candidates near the 50 percentile, the screening committee may proceed with interviews or choose to repost.

COMMITTEE INTERVIEW

The interview process will be completed by committee following the appropriate policies and these guidelines.

INTERVIEW COMMITTEE and CONFLICT OF INTEREST DISCLOSURE

An interview committee will be structured according to the existing Hiring Policy for Educational Administrators (policy 615). Members of the committee will be asked to sign a Conflict of Interest Disclosure when accepting their role prior to knowing the candidate names. Committee members will subsequently be provided with an opportunity to recuse themselves from the committee upon learning candidate names.

INTERVIEW QUESTIONS

Interview questions will be created by Human Resources with input from the selection committee based on the position posting and their knowledge of the school and community.

Generally a maximum of five to seven questions, which may include a practical assignment (based on a provided scenario), will be assessed. The questions will be weighted based on the selection committee's prior determination of the question's value to the role they are assessing.

The selection committee will review the questions and weighting prior to learning candidate names (except for the HR representative or their designate on the committee).

For the position of principal, the School Advisory Council through the SAC chair or designate will be asked to submit questions to be considered for the interview.

SCORING and COMMITTEE DECISION

Individual scoring will be completed as near to the close of the interview as possible. The committee will then convene to discuss and determine a consensus score for each question assessed. While all individual scoring will be maintained confidentially by Human Resources, the candidate, upon request, will have an opportunity to meet with the committee chair to debrief or discuss the committee's decision. The committee's consensus score and summary are to be used for this discussion, not individual committee member's material.

All material and information submitted by the candidate will be considered by the selection committee. This includes cover letters, resumes, portfolios or other examples of the candidates work.

A total score made up of the shortlist screening (qualifications and experience) and the interview (abilities) will determine the most meritorious candidate.

REFERENCES

Upon completion of the interview process each candidate will be asked to provide three references. Preferably, two of the references will be of a professional nature and one of a character reference.

The reference check will be completed by the committee chair.

The standard reference check questions will be developed by Human Resources in consultation with the committee chair. Some questions will be informed by the content of the interview.

References other than those supplied by the candidate may be contacted as long as the candidate is notified.

COMMUNICATION

The successful candidate will be informed by the committee chair after the selection committee's decision is approved by Human Resources.

The remaining interviewed candidates will be contacted by the committee chair after the successful candidate accepts the position.

PROCESS AUDIT

The Human Resources Director or designate will have the ability to audit the hiring process.