Rubric to Evaluate North Carolina's School-Based Physical Therapists

Standard 1: School	l-based physical thera	pists demonstrate lead	lership.			
Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)		
Element a. School-based physical therapists demonstrate leadership in public schools. Physical therapists work collaboratively with school staff to determine and implement educationally relevant services. They contribute to developing, implementing, coordinating, and staffing the physical therapy program within the school and district. Physical therapists promote the philosophy, vision, procedures, and goals of the state and district.						
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The physical therapist: Demonstrates an understanding of the: ☐ Role of school-based physical therapists. ☐ Unique context of school-based physical therapy.	The physical therapist: Collaborates with school staff to: Make appropriate physical therapy referrals. Develop and implement department/team/school goals. Implement school and/or district longrange plans. Facilitate positive outcomes for meetings.	The physical therapist: Contributes to developing the physical therapy program within the district. Uses data to: Advocate for physical therapy resources. Guide the development of new or modifications to existing physical therapy programs.	The physical therapist: Contributes to the evaluation and revision of physical therapist workloads and job descriptions. Serves on committees or task forces at the school, district, or state level to improve the quality of physical therapy services for students. Participates in policy development beyond the school			
Element b. School-bas	ed physical therapists pro	 vide knowledge and skills c	level. critical to support educati	onal outcomes of		
students. They recomm		guidance to support school s	_			
The physical therapist: Stays abreast of: Administrative and interpersonal factors that influence effectiveness. Health and social trends that impact student success. Assistive technology and equipment. Meets or exceeds professional competencies for physical therapists required by state regulations.	The physical therapist: Models best practices throughout the program. Serves as a resource on disabling conditions and their effects on student learning.	The physical therapist: Provides professional development for school and district staff to use new and innovative physical therapy resources. Develops: Physical therapy resources to support education programs in the school and district. Standard operating procedures relative to physical therapy practice.	The physical therapist: Provides guidance to community agencies, medical providers, and other audiences by: Conducting professional development on a variety of physical therapy issues. Sharing information and resources.			

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The	ephysical therapist: Initiates dialogues with colleagues to exchange professional	The	e physical therapist: Promotes awareness of the profession. Advocates for	The	e physical therapist: Provides formal and/or informal mentoring to colleagues.	The	Establishes and/or maintains student clinical affiliation(s).	
<u> </u>	perspectives. Communicates the role of the Schoolbased physical therapist to stakeholders.		decision making structures that take advantage of physical therapists' knowledge and skills.		Provides formal and/or informal clinical education opportunities for physical therapy students.		Conducts presentations at the state and/or national level.	
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	physical therapist: heres to: Professional, ethical, and legal standards of practice. (See Appendix A.) Demonstrates knowledge of the structure, global goals, and responsibilities of physical therapists (including supervision of physical therapist assistants) within the education system.	Und impostate regarda	e physical therapist: derstands the olications of national, e, and local laws, ulations, and policies sted to: Essential/required components of physical therapy programs. Funding and reimbursements. Provision of services for students with disabilities. Manages and delivers physical therapy services in accordance with the policies, laws and regulations from referral to exit.	Pro	ephysical therapist: motes: School-based physical therapist competencies. Cooperation, respect, and trust as defined by relevant standards and codes of conduct. Understanding of policies, laws and regulations to address ethical risks, benefits, and outcomes.		e physical therapist: Provides professional development in the use of these documents outside the school community Collaboratively resolves ethical issues encountered in school-based practice.	

Examples of artifacts that may be used to demonstrate performance:
☐ In-service schedule
☐ Continuing competency record
☐ IEP documentation
□ Communication logs
Evaluator Comments: (Required for all "Not Demonstrated" ratings, recommended for all ratings.)
Comments of Person Being Evaluated: (Optional)

Standard 2: School-based physical therapists establish an inclusive and respectful environment for a diverse population of students.						
Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)		
	Element a. School-based physical therapists promote awareness of individual student needs. Physical therapists treat all people with dignity and respect. They ensure that school communities are mindful of and address individual differences.					
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The physical therapist: ☐ Demonstrates awareness of how individual differences impact student learning.	The physical therapist: □ Collaborates with school staff members and physical therapist colleagues to address individual student needs.	school community.	The physical therapist: Supports school communities in establishing an environment of respect for individual differences.			
Element b. School-base	d physical therapists comm	nunicate effectively.	and			
The physical therapist: ☐ Identifies and accesses resources regarding communication methods for various populations and audiences.	The physical therapist: Demonstrates effective communication skills: ☐ During physical therapy sessions. ☐ With diverse populations. ☐ With IEP and other inter-professional teams. ☐ Provides students, families and the school community information and resources to support student learning. ☐ Listens effectively.	The physical therapist: ☐ Develops and implements informational resources and communication strategies. ☐ Conflict resolution strategies when needed. ☐ Customized communication strategies to meet audience or contextual needs.	The physical therapist: Models: Alternative communication techniques. Collegial approach to communicating with all members of the school community.			
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in adherence to the Ind	ividuals with Disabilities E and	ducation Act, Americans v	with Disabilities Act, and and	Section 504.		
The physical therapist: Encourages school and district staff members to provide all students equal access to programs and facilities.	The physical therapist: ☐ Advocates on behalf of students for equal access to programming, activities, and facilities.	The physical therapist: ☐ Advocates for adequate resources.	The physical therapist: ☐ Participates in advocacy initiatives at the, state, and/or national level.			

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Element d: School-based physical therapists collaborate with school and district staff members and community partners to							
provide a wide range of		rm effective partnerships to		T			
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The physical therapist: ☐ Understands the role of internal and external partnerships to promote student success.	The physical therapist: Establishes collaborative relationships with: Students School staff Parents and families Service providers outside the school setting. Refers students, families, and others for community based services and programs when needed.	The physical therapist: Coordinates services on behalf of students with community partners.	The physical therapist: ☐ Leverages community partnerships to promote student success. ☐ Assists school administrators with the development of standard operating procedures relative to physical therapy practice.				
Examples of artifacts that may be used to demonstrate performance:							
☐ Exceptional Children	n student participation data	•					
Disability awareness training events for schools							
School accessibility studies							
Evacuation plan pro		at Dantaintina Engineering					
	tion including contact logs, of	st Restrictive Environment i	requirement				
	non meruding contact logs, t	mans, phone logs					
Evaluator Comments: (Required for all "Not Demonstrated" ratings, recommended for all ratings.)							
Comments of Person B	eing Evaluated: (Optional)					

Standard 3: School-based physical therapists implement educationally relevant pediatric (ages 3 to 21) physical therapy.					
Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)	
Element a. School-based physical therapists understand the importance of appropriate and timely documentation. Physical Therapists assist in developing student-centered and clear IEPs. They provide accurate documentation and maintain records compliant with the Physical Therapy Practice Act: NC.					
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The physical therapist: Adheres to documentation requirements for Physical Therapy Practice Act: North Carolina IEPs. Plans of care. District, state, and federal policies. Funding regulations for third party reimbursement.	The physical therapist: Provides documentation that is: Supported by data. Clear and appropriate for the intended audience. Timely. Relevant. Concise.	The physical therapist: ☐ Participates in documentation reviews. ☐ Updates knowledge to ensure compliance with educational regulations and funding requirements.	The physical therapist: ☐ Compiles and interprets data from documentation reviews for ongoing improvement.		
Element b. School-based learning and participati	d physical therapists conn	ect their work to the NC S	Standard Course of Study t	o facilitate student	
rear ning and participati	and	and	and		
The physical therapist: Understands the relationship between physical therapy practice and student progress through the NC Standard Course of Study.	The physical therapist: ☐ Incorporates the NC Standard Course of Study into physical therapy practice.	The physical therapist: ☐ Educates the school community in the understanding of the connection between physical therapy and studen progress through the NC Standard Course of Study.	professional development beyond the school community in the successful use of physical therapy to enable student progress through the NC Standard Course of Study.		
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The physical therapist: ☐ Understands the 21st Century skills and their importance to student success.	The physical therapist: ☐ Facilitates successful transitions (entering school, changing schools and moving from school to community) using 21st century skills.	The physical therapist: ☐ Incorporates 21 st century skills into physical therapy program.	The physical therapist: ☐ Provides professional development beyond the school level on the integration of 21 st Century Skills into physical therapy programs.		

Examples of artifacts that may be used to demonstrate performance:	
□ Evaluations	
□ IEPs	
☐ Transition plans	
☐ Plans of care	
☐ Daily Treatment notes and Progress notes	
☐ Letters of medical necessity	
☐ Correspondence and communication logs	
☐ Colleague assessments	
☐ Continuing competence record	
☐ Documentation for Medicaid cost recovery	
Evaluator Comments: (Required for all "Not Demonstrated" ratings, recommended for all ratings.)	
Comments of Person Being Evaluated: (Optional)	

Standard 4: School-based physical therapists support learning by practicing educationally-relevant physical therapy to facilitate student participation and access in the least restrictive learning environment. Not Demonstrated **Proficient Developing** Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) Element a. School-based physical therapists provide services in a professional, effective and efficient manner. ... and ... and ... and The physical therapist: The physical therapist: The physical therapist: The physical therapist: Demonstrates: Recommends Allocates and Demonstrates Safe delivery of appropriate adaptive resourcefulness in manages therapeutic equipment, assistive the provision of resources services. technology, and appropriate schoolefficiently to meet Flexibility. environmental based services. district program ☐ Priority setting. materials, and adaptations. needs. ☐ Effective time equipment. management ☐ Maintains equipment strategies. to ensure student Accountability for safety. resources. ☐ Supports the placement of students in his/her least restrictive environment. Element b. School-based physical therapists use a variety of methods to assess students in the educational environment. Physical Therapists evaluate students using appropriate assessments and therapeutic observations. They utilize information from IEP team members, school staff, outside agencies, and student records. Physical Therapists assess student ability to participate in meaningful school activities and to function independently. ... and ... and ... and The physical therapist: The physical therapist: The physical therapist: The physical therapist: Develops ☐ Understands Utilizes valid, cost-☐ Evaluates, obtains assessment various pediatric effective, and and organizes protocols and/or physical therapy nondiscriminatory assessment tools. screening tools. assessment tools. instruments for: Identification and Promotes Evaluates students to eligibility. consistent student determine: Diagnostic purposes. assessment ☐ Level of Individual program procedures within participation. planning. the district physical Necessary Documentation of therapy program. assistance and progress. adaptation. Functional ☐ Selects, administers, abilities. and interprets ☐ Impairments appropriate screening related to instruments and functional ability. measurement tools. Required services in relation to skills of staff.

Standard 4: School-based physical therapists support learning by practicing educationally-relevant physical therapy to facilitate student participation and access in the least restrictive learning environment. Not Evident Proficient **Developing** Accomplished Distinguished (Comment Required) Element c. School-based physical therapists plan service delivery, interventions, and strategies that are based on the student's strengths and needs. Physical therapists promote skill acquisition and generalization to enhance student participation and learning. They create a plan of care that fosters achievement of student's goals. . . . and The physical therapist: The physical therapist: The physical therapist: The physical therapist: Identifies students' Operationalizes Plans of Develops or seeks ☐ Serves on districtstrengths and Care by: new evidencelevel facilities needs. ☐ Implementing based strategies as planning, assistive effective required by student technology, **Develops** therapeutic and setting. transportation, individualized plans of strategies. emergency care aligned with the ☐ Providing direct, Delivers planning, and/or IEP that include individual, group, professional other specialty appropriate: integrated, development teams. ☐ Interventions. consultative, programs on new ☐ Clinically reasoned therapeutic monitoring, and/or service delivery collaborative approaches. recommendations. approaches based Exit plan. on student needs. Preparing students and their families for transitions. ☐ Using a variety of evidence-based interventions. Element d. School-based physical therapists promote safety, access and participation of all students. Physical therapists promote wellness using knowledge of health and environmental safety measures. Physical therapists recommend modifications and adaptations to the school environment. ...and ...and ... and The physical therapist: The physical therapist: The physical therapist: The physical therapist: ☐ Identifies and Develops and ☐ Promotes general ☐ Consults to ensure health and wellness addresses unsafe safe emergency implements situations.. evacuation school safety at the district level. procedures. procedures. ☐ Participates in ☐ Adapts planning environments to environmental facilitate student modifications to access to and participation in improve accessibility. student activities.

Examples of artifacts that may be used to demonstrate performance:
☐ Plans of Care
☐ Training logs
☐ Professional development documentation
☐ Physical therapy evaluations
□ Evacuation plans
☐ Equipment inventories and other records
☐ Calendars, schedules, and workload
Evaluator Comments: (Required for all "Not Demonstrated" ratings, recommended for all ratings.)
Comments of Person Being Evaluated: (Optional)

Standard 5: School-based physical therapists reflect on their current practice and demonstrate an increasing knowledge base, life-long learning and professional development.						
Developing	Proficient	Accomplished	Distinguished	Not Demonstrated (Comment Required)		
Element a. School-based physical therapists collect and analyze data to evaluate the impact of physical therapy services on student success. Physical therapists adapt their practice based on evaluation findings and student outcomes.						
The physical therapist: Develops data collection processes to determine student success and program quality.	 and The physical therapist: □ Collects data about physical therapy program quality from stakeholders. □ Summarizes data to determine the effect of the program on students' progress. 	The physical therapist: Adapts practice based on: Current and relevant research. Stakeholder feedback. Program and facility evaluation findings. Data on student needs and outcomes.	The physical therapist: Creates and uses instruments to collect data about the physical therapy program.			
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The physical therapist: ☐ Maintains physical therapy license. ☐ Remains current with physical therapy theory, best practices, and research-based evidences.	 and The physical therapist: □ Participates in regular continuing education aligned with professional goals. □ Uses constructive feedback for ongoing professional growth. □ Seeks assistance from colleagues, supervisors and/or other professionals when needed. 	The physical therapist: ☐ Integrates research-based knowledge and skills into daily practice.	The physical therapist: Participates in clinical research projects, including but not limited to case studies or reports.			

Exa	xamples of artifacts that may be used to demonstrate performance:	
	Study group logs	
	Involvement in Physical Therapy Counts	
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