



## **The Pennsylvania Department of Education’s Statement on Danielson Framework**

The Classroom Teacher Effectiveness Evaluation System for professional employees holding instructional certificates has been implemented as of July 1, 2013. The teacher observation/evidence practice model is the *Danielson Framework for Teaching*. The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has not mandated any specific edition of the Framework. The initial training on the Danielson Framework was based on the 2007 edition. Since that time the 2011 and 2013 editions have been published. It is a local decision to use the 2007 or later edition. In addition, PDE has not endorsed any digital product. If a digital product is used, this too is a local decision.

**Note:** If a local education agency (LEA) is contemplating using a framework other than the *Danielson Framework for Teaching*, then a request for approval for an alternative evaluation form must be submitted to PDE. That process can be found on PDE’s website at [www.education.state.pa.us](http://www.education.state.pa.us), on the Educator Effectiveness Project webpage.