



## CLASSROOM ASSESSMENT SCORING SYSTEM® (CLASS®) OBSERVATION

- ★ CEED CLASS® observers follow the live observation procedure taught at the Teachstone CLASS® observation training and found in the Teachstone Pre-K Classroom Assessment Scoring System® Manual (Pianta, La Paro, & Hamre, 2008, p. 9-12).
- ★ The CEED CLASS® observer(s) will arrive at the program a few minutes before the scheduled observation time to greet program staff if available and appropriate. If you have any questions about the observation it is best to ask the observation coordinator before the observation, but if you have any questions on the day of the observation please make sure to let the observer(s) know.
- ★ If the classroom selected for the observation is not available on the day of the observation an eligible backup classroom will be observed instead as randomly assigned in Develop. If no eligible backup classroom is available the observation will be rescheduled.
- ★ The CLASS® observation will last for **approximately** two hours. During this time, the observer(s) will follow the staff and children through their day, observing interactions.
- ★ A CLASS® observation consists of four cycles. The cycles are divided into two parts. The first part of a cycle is a *structured observation period*, during which the observer watches the interactions in the classroom and takes detailed notes. The second part of a cycle is a *scoring period*, during which the observer assigns scores to all of the CLASS® dimensions based on the observation and notes made during the *structured observation period*. It is important to note that during the *scoring period* the observer's focus is on scoring and not what is happening in the classroom. Once one cycle has been completed the next cycle begins until four cycles have been observed and scored.
- ★ If, during the *structured observation period*, the whole class goes into an unstructured gross motor play time, for example free play on a playground or in a gym, the observer(s) will not perform the *structured observation period* during this time. Classroom activities conducted outside, nature walks, and structured gross motor activities will be observed. If you have questions about the *structured observation period* please contact the observation coordinator at 612-625-6397 or CLASSobs@umn.edu.



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