

2020-2021 Performance Profile Update Frequently Asked Questions

1. How did COVID-19 impact Early Childhood Performance Profiles?

During the 2020-2021 school year, Early Childhood educators across Louisiana worked hard to provide high-quality learning experiences despite the instability outside of classrooms. Across the state, students and teachers experienced interruptions due to quarantining, shifts to virtual learning, and other adaptations to ensure health and safety. In order to be responsive to COVID-19 safety concerns as well as allow lead agency to strategically prioritize resources, the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education approved emergency rules waiving the shadow scoring requirements and excusing classrooms that received a fall observation (after third party replacement) of 4.50 or higher from a second, spring observation.

2. How were the 2020-2021 Performance Scores & Ratings published on Louisiana School Finder calculated?

While many observations occurred during the 2020-2021 school year, the picture of student/teacher interactions captured by CLASS® observations was less complete than previous years. In order to prioritize health and safety, the shadow scoring requirement was waived and . As a result, the Louisiana Board of Elementary and Secondary Education adopted flexibilities for the Performance Scores and Ratings published in Fall 2021 for the previous school year. Schools, child care sites, and Head Start centers with higher 2020-2021 Performance Scores will have their profiles updated with the more recent, higher scores. The Department extended Performance Scores and Ratings from Fall 2020 for all other sites. The Department may share observation results from 2020-2021 for informational purposes only.

3. Is the Department publishing network-level data? How is this calculated?

No, the Department is not publishing updated 2020-2021 network-level Performance Scores. The Department may share observation results from 2020-2021 for informational purposes only.

4. How is the star rating used to determine School Readiness Tax Credit eligibility brackets calculated?

The Performance Score and Rating published in the Fall of 2021 is the score and rating that is used to determine School Readiness Tax Credit eligibility and brackets. More details on these brackets, and the School Readiness Tax Brackets, can be found [here](#). The table below provides more information about the timeline for Star Ratings based on this years' Performance Profiles.

Tax Year	Academic Year Performance Rating	Star Rating Effective Dates
2022	2020-2021	January-December 2022
2021	2019-2020	January-December 2021
2020	2018-2019	January-December 2020
2019	2017-2018	January-December 2019
2018	2016-2017	January-December 2018

More information about [Performance Profiles](#) and the [CLASS® observations](#) that inform Performance Scores & ratings can be found on the [Early Childhood Page](#) of the Louisiana Department of Education website.