

Bulletin 140

§503. Coordinated Observation Plan and Observation Requirements

A. - B.2

3. Required Observations

a. Required observations for ~~Beginning with~~ the 2019-2020 school year and beyond.

i. all infant, toddler, and pre-K classrooms in a publicly-funded site will receive two CLASS® observations during the school year conducted by the community network.

~~b. ii. One observation shall occur during the fall observation period, if the classroom is in existence on October 1, and the other shall occur during the spring observation period, if the classroom is in existence on February 1.~~

~~e. iii. CLASS® observations conducted by third-party contractors hired by the department shall not count towards this requirement.~~

b. Exception. Required observations for the 2020-2021 school year only, due to COVID-19 pandemic.

i. all infant, toddler, and pre-K classrooms in a publicly-funded site will receive one CLASS® observation during the school year conducted by the community network.

ii. any infant, toddler, and/or pre-K classroom that receives a fall CLASS® score of 4.49 or lower after third party replacement (if applicable) shall be observed a second time by the community network.

~~c.~~ Infant Classrooms

i. For the 2018-2019 school year, all infant classrooms in a publicly-funded site shall be reported to the department as part of the community network's count of classrooms, and may conduct or allow local or third-party observations as practice.

ii. For the 2019-2020 school year, all infant classrooms in a publicly-funded site shall receive two CLASS® observations during the school year conducted by the community network, but the observations shall not be included in the performance ratings for the 2019-2020 school year.

(a). One observation shall occur during the fall observation period, if the classroom is in existence on October 1, and the other shall occur during the spring observation period, if the classroom is in existence on February 1.

(b). CLASS® observations conducted by third-party contractors hired by the department shall not count towards this requirement.

iii. For the 2020-2021 school year and beyond, all infant classrooms in a publicly-funded site shall receive ~~two~~ CLASS® observations during the school year conducted by the community network in accordance with Subparagraph B.3.b of this Section.

~~(a). One observation shall occur during the fall observation period, if the classroom is in existence on October 1, and the other shall occur during the spring observation period, if the classroom is in existence on February 1.~~

~~(b). CLASS® observations conducted by third party contractors hired by the department shall not count towards this requirement.~~

B.4. - C.1.

2. Observation Schedule

a. ~~In 2018-2019, each community network shall submit an observation schedule that includes two observations for each toddler and pre-K classroom identified in Paragraph B.3 of this Section.~~

b.—In 2019-2020 and beyond, each community network shall submit an observation schedule that includes two observations for each infant, toddler, and pre-K classroom identified in Paragraph B.3.a.ii b, with one observation scheduled during the fall observation period and one during the spring observation period.

b. Exception for 2020-2021 school year only due to Covid-19 pandemic. Each community network shall submit an observation schedule that includes one observation for each infant, toddler, and pre-K classroom identified in Paragraph B.3.b.i.

i. Any infant, toddler, and/or pre-K classroom that receives a fall CLASS® score of 4.49 or lower after third party replacement will be observed a second time by the community network.