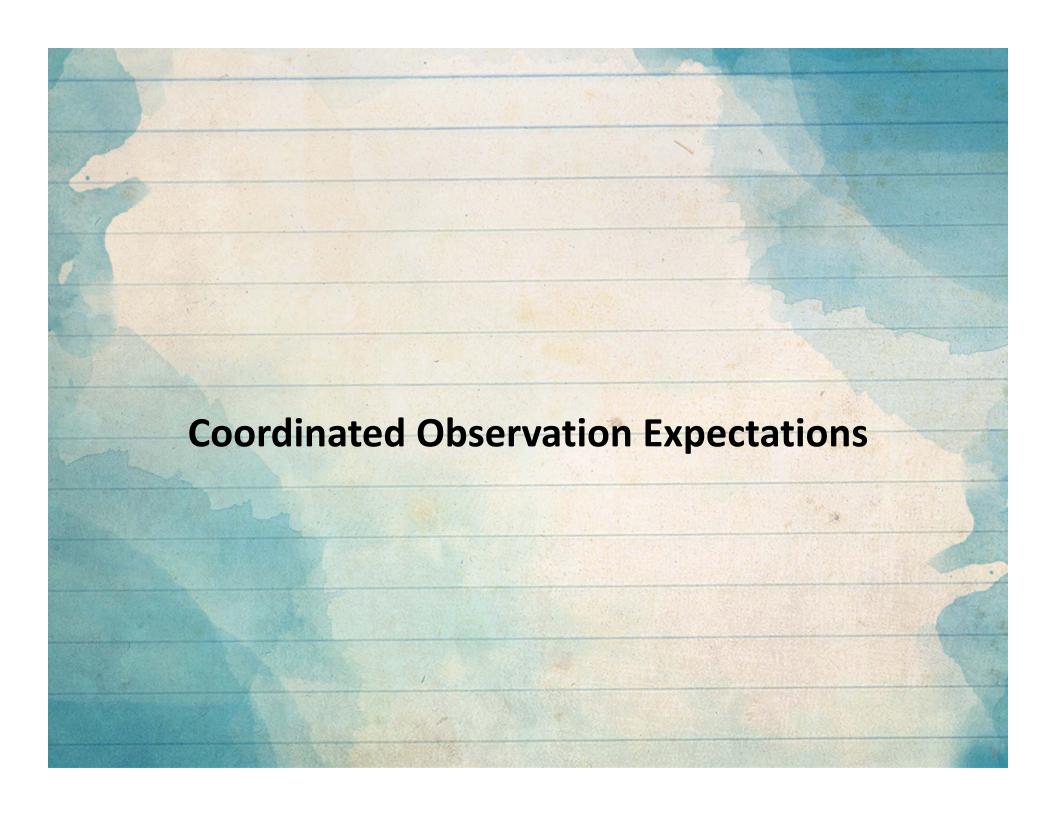


CLASS® Observation System Guidance for Lead Agencies



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Coordinated Observation Expectations

During each observation period, every classroom must be observed once, and 10% of classrooms at a site must be shadow scored.

- There are two observation periods over the course of a school year:
 - Fall Observation Period: August 1 December 15
 - Spring Observation Period: January 1 May 15
- Every classroom must be observed by reliable observers once during *each* observation period
- 10% of classrooms must be shadow scored in the fall and in the spring
- Observations must be submitted no later than ten business days after they are completed
- Observations are scheduled by Lead Agencies for local observers and by ULL for third party observers
- The classroom configuration will not change over the course of the school year
 - For example, if the majority of the children in a toddler classroom become PreK age over the course of the year, the classroom should still be considered a toddler classroom and be observed using the toddler tool.

Coordinated Observation Expectations

If a classroom is open on October 1 or February 1, it must be observed and included in the Performance Profile Rating for both the site and the Community Network.

If a publicly-funded site:	Then:		
Exists on October 1 <i>and</i> February 1	It will receive a Performance Profile Rating		
Exists on October 1 but not on February 1	 It will not receive a Performance Profile Rating All scores will be counted toward the Community Network Performance Profile Rating 		
Opens <i>after</i> October 1	 It will not participate in the current learning year Nor will it count toward the Community Network Performance Profile Rating 		
Discontinues participation in a Community Network <i>after</i> October 1 by changing license type	 It will not receive a Performance Profile Rating All scores will be counted towards the Community Network Performance Profile Rating 		

Coordinated Observation Expectations Adding and Editing Sites

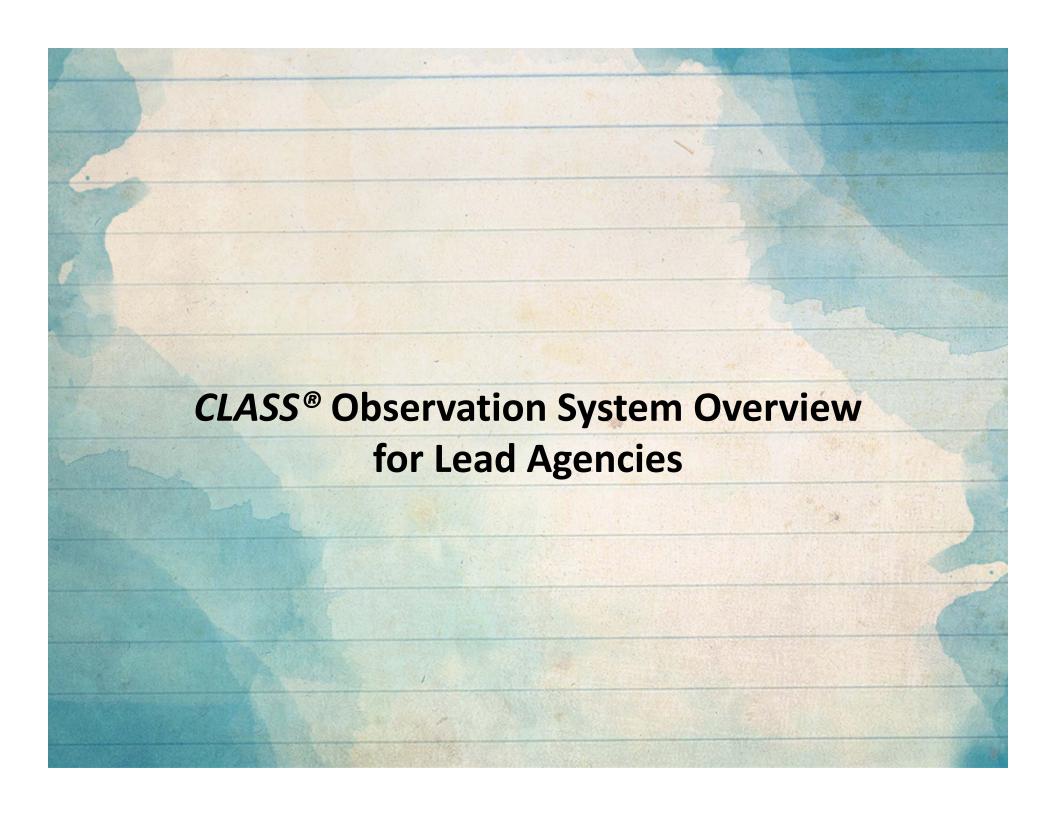
A classroom is only closed when it is set up under the wrong classroom configuration.

- If a teacher leaves a classroom and is replaced by another teacher, the site OR network coordinator can edit the classroom to reflect the new lead teacher's name. Please do not close the classroom
- If a classroom is opened under the wrong configuration (Infant, Toddler, Pre-K), close the classroom and create a new classroom with the correct configuration
- All site leaders (e.g., principals, directors) must be made <u>site coordinators</u> for their site(s), in addition to any other leaders responsible for a classroom at that site(s)

Coordinated Observation Expectations Entering Observations

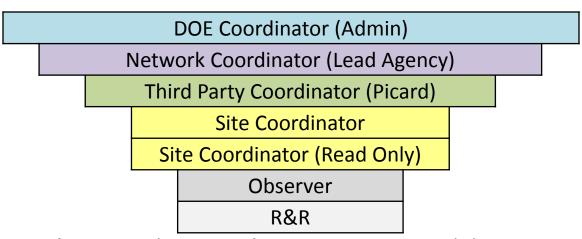
The Early Childhood Web Portal will cause you to time out if you have been logged into the system for an extended period of time.

- Only use computers to enter observation scores (no iPads or iPhones)
- Limit the time gap between each cycle when entering observation scores
 - o If you need a longer amount of time between cycles to enter scores, save and logout
 - Log back in and continue entering scores when you are ready again
- If the "other" field is selected while entering an observation, be sure to include a brief description of no more than 40 characters
- Always logout after each observation bas been submitted
 - Log back into your account to complete the next observation to avoid time out issues
- Be sure to input negative classroom scores as you have scored it
 - The CLASS® system will convert the score for you

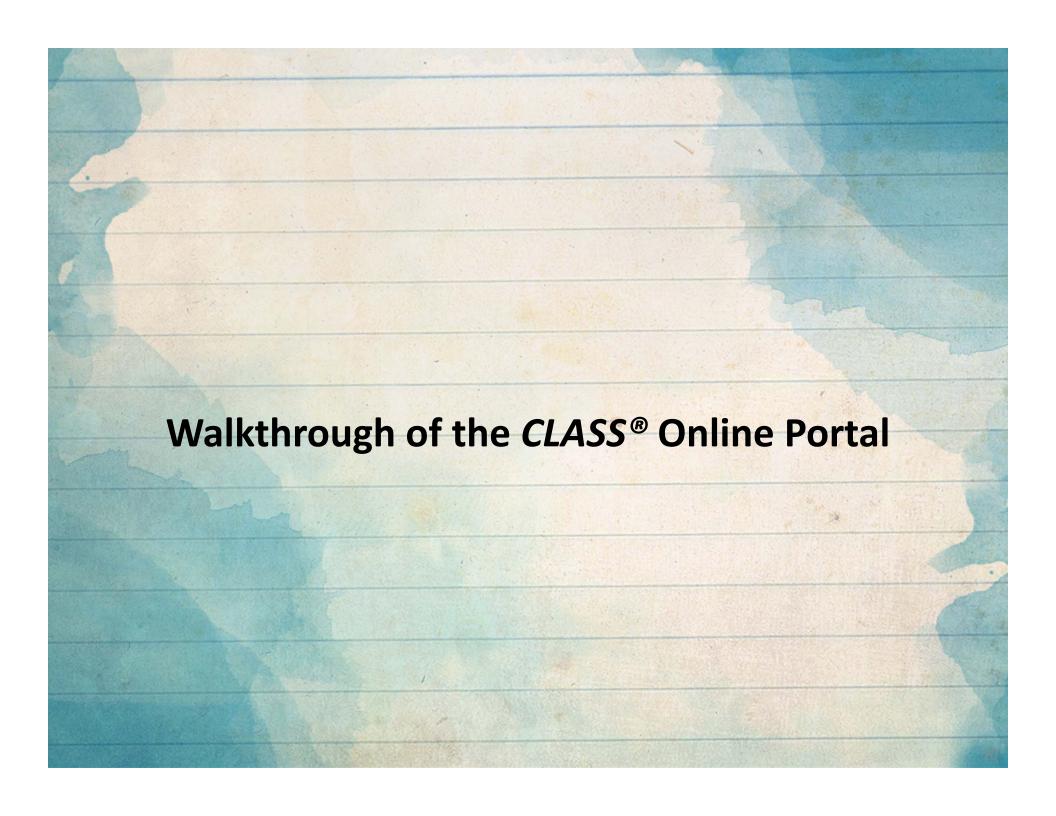


CLASS® Observation System Overview for Lead Agencies/Network Coordinators

The CLASS® Observation System is used to manage, assign, create, and enter classroom observation data. The access levels are:



- 1. Network Coordinators and Site Coordinators set up sites and classrooms
- 2. Network Coordinators assign observations to Observers in the CLASS® system
- 3. Observers conduct observations and submit data via the CLASS® system
- **4. Network Coordinators, <u>Site Coordinators</u>,** and **Observers** are able to view observation data in the *CLASS® system*
- 5. Site Coordinator (Read Only) can access everything a Site Coordinator can access, but they will not have the ability to add/edit any information.



Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Functions and Permissions

Network Coordinators are granted the most access on the portal.

	Network Coordinators	Site Coordinators	Site Coordinators (Read Only)	Observers
Add/Update/View Sites Coordinators	✓			
Add/Update/View Sites	✓	✓	✓ (View Only)	
Add/Update/Close/View Classrooms	✓	✓	✓ (View Only)	
Add/Update/View Observers	✓			
Add/Update/View Observation Orders	✓			
View Observation Results	✓	✓	✓ (View Only)	✓
View/Complete Observation Orders	✓			✓

Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal: The Legend

Network Coordinators will use most icons in the portal except for the blue arrow icon and the blue paper icon.

- The silhouette icon is used to add/edit network coordinators and site coordinators to a site.
- The wrench icon is used to add/edit contact information and site configuration information.
- The house icon opens all sites within a network.
- The green arrow icon is used to access and export reports.
- The **stacked textbook icon** is used to add/edit a site coordinator and classrooms to a site, or to assign observation orders to an observer.
- The **blue arrow icon** opens an observation order.
- The blue paper icon submits the 3rd party feedback form.
- The green form icon opens a completed 3rd party feedback form and export options.

Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Setting Up the Community Network

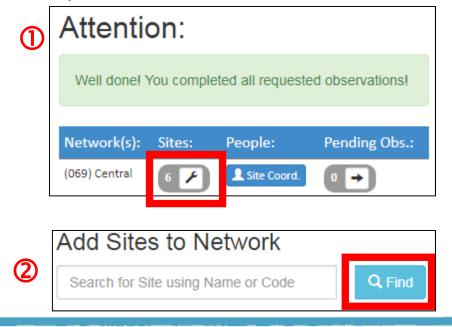
Each year, Network Coordinators should:

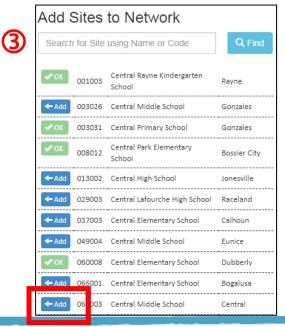
- 1. Add the site coordinator for each site
 - First name, last name, email address
- 2. Adding the observers
 - First name, last name, email address
- 3. Follow-Up Work
 - Ensure all sites have been added to the Community Network
 - Add any missing sites
 - Inform the Early Childhood team about sites missing site codes

Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Adding Sites to the Community Network

While the initial list of sites within the lead agency's network is pre-populated, changes may still need to be made.

- From the home page, click on the **wrench icon** next to your network
- On the right, search for a site by name or by the 6-digit site code, click Find
- Once you have located a site, click Add to add the site to the network

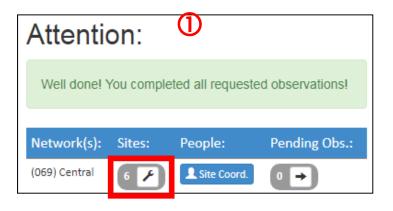


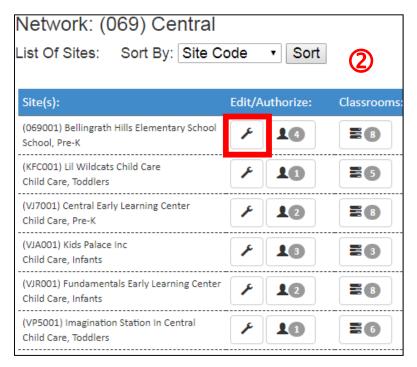


Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Adding Sites to the Community Network

Choose the site configuration to indicate the age of the <u>majority</u> of the children in a classroom.

- From the home page, click the wrench icon next to your network
- Click the wrench icon next to the appropriate site

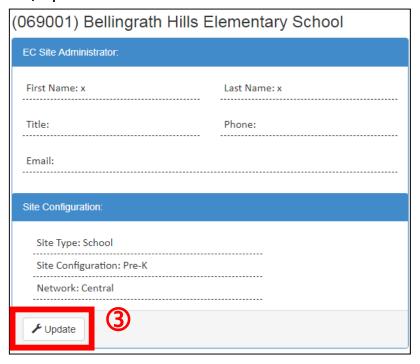


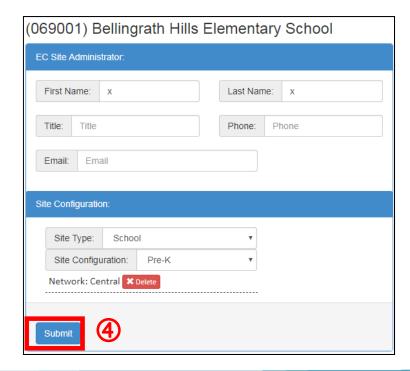


Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Adding Sites to the Community Network

Choose the site configuration to indicate the age of the <u>majority</u> of the children in a classroom.

- Click Update
- Add/update information and click Submit or click Delete the site

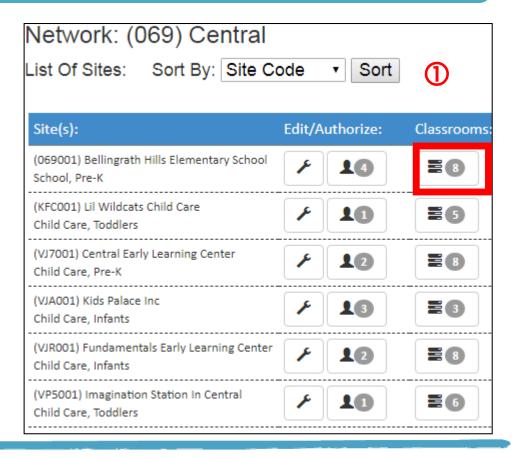




Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Setting Up and Adding Classrooms

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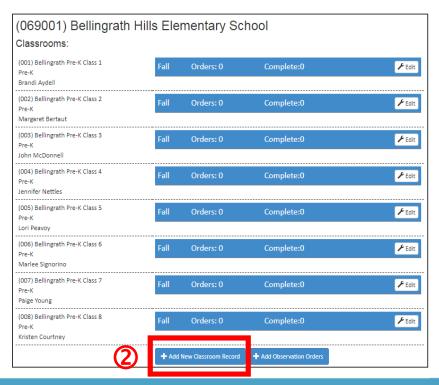
 After adding a site, click the stacked textbook icon next to the appropriate site

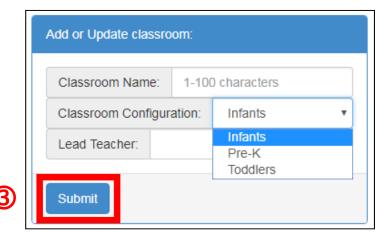


Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Setting Up and Adding Classrooms

Adding classrooms to site is a task primarily handled by the Site Coordinator; however, Network Coordinators do have the capability to add classrooms as well.

- To add a classroom, click Add New Classroom Record
- Type in Classroom Name, Classroom Configuration and Lead Teacher, click Submit

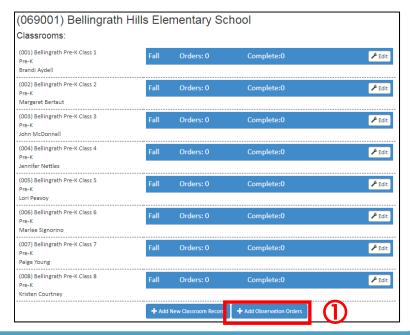




Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Assigning an Observation

When searching for an observer, be sure to <u>click</u> the Find button instead of hitting "Enter."

- Click the stacked textbook icon next to the appropriate site
- At the bottom, click Add Observation Orders
- Then, search for an observer by typing in their email address or name and click Find
- If the observer is not in the system, click New, add their information and click Find/Add New



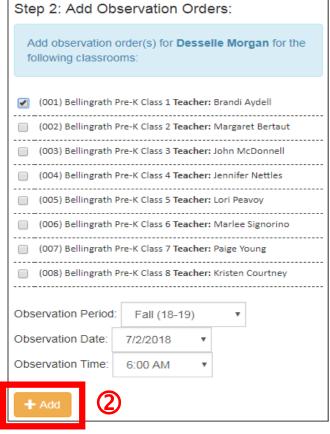


Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Assigning an Observation

Observations can be cancelled after being assigned to an observer.

- Enter the semester, date, and time of the observation
- Once you add an observer, you will see their name below the classroom they have been assigned to observe

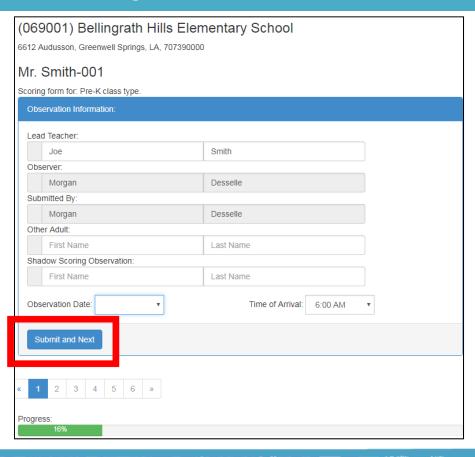






Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal: Reporting Observation Results

Online observation orders can be saved as they are entered and do not need to be completed in one sitting.

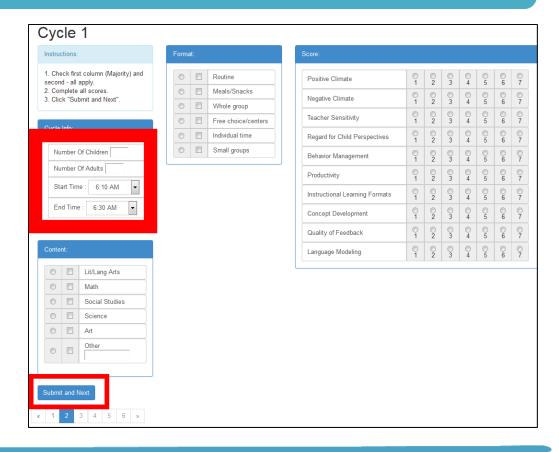


 After clicking the blue arrow icon, observers will enter the observation information and then click Submit and Next

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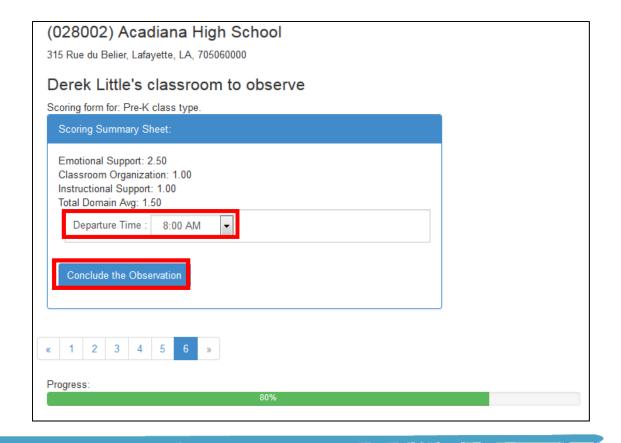
- Next, observers will enter information related to Cycle 1 of the observation
- Make sure you enter the Number of Children, Start Time and End Time
- Click on Submit and Next when finished
- Repeat these steps for Cycles 2, 3, and 4



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 Note the **Departure Time**, and click **Conclude the Observation** when finished



Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal: Shadow Scoring

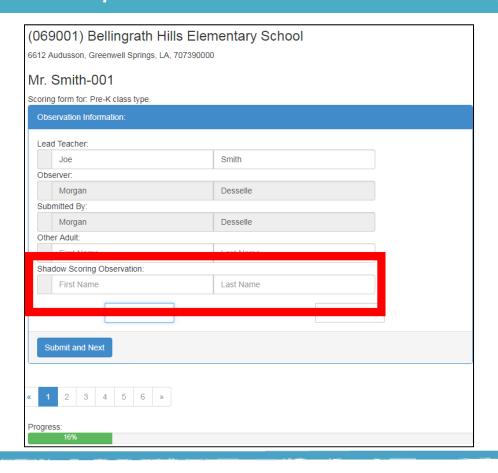
Shadow scoring is when two reliable CLASS® observers conduct a CLASS® observation at the same time in order to sharpen their CLASS® observation and coding skills.

What is the procedure for a Shadow Scoring observation?

Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4	Step 5
One person is assigned as the observer and one person is assigned as the shadow scorer.	Arrive at the site at the same time and begin and end Cycle 1 at the same time – should last 20 minutes (observe and record notes separately).	Take at least 10 minutes to score/code Cycle 1 independently without discussing.	Once scoring is completed for Cycle 1, review scores and discuss any Dimension scores that are off by 2 or more. Determine who has the supporting evidence most closely aligned with the CLASS manual and come to a consensus on the score for the Dimension.	

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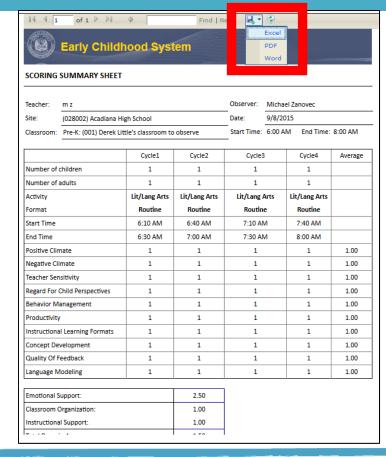
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Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal: Viewing Observation Results

Once the observation has been completed and submitted, a summary scoring sheet will be available to print through Excel, PDF, or Word.

- Completing the observation will bring up a summary scoring sheet
- To print the summary scoring sheet, click on the floppy disk icon to export the sheet as an Excel, PDF, or Word document



Walkthrough of the CLASS® Online Portal Running Reports

There are multiple reports available to help Network Coordinators better understand the data collected for sites and observers.

- To run a report, click
 Reports, Network Level
 Reports
- A list of available reports will appear
- For an explanation of each report, please refer to the <u>CLASS® Observation System</u> User Guide
- These steps can be followed to run a report for sites and observers as well



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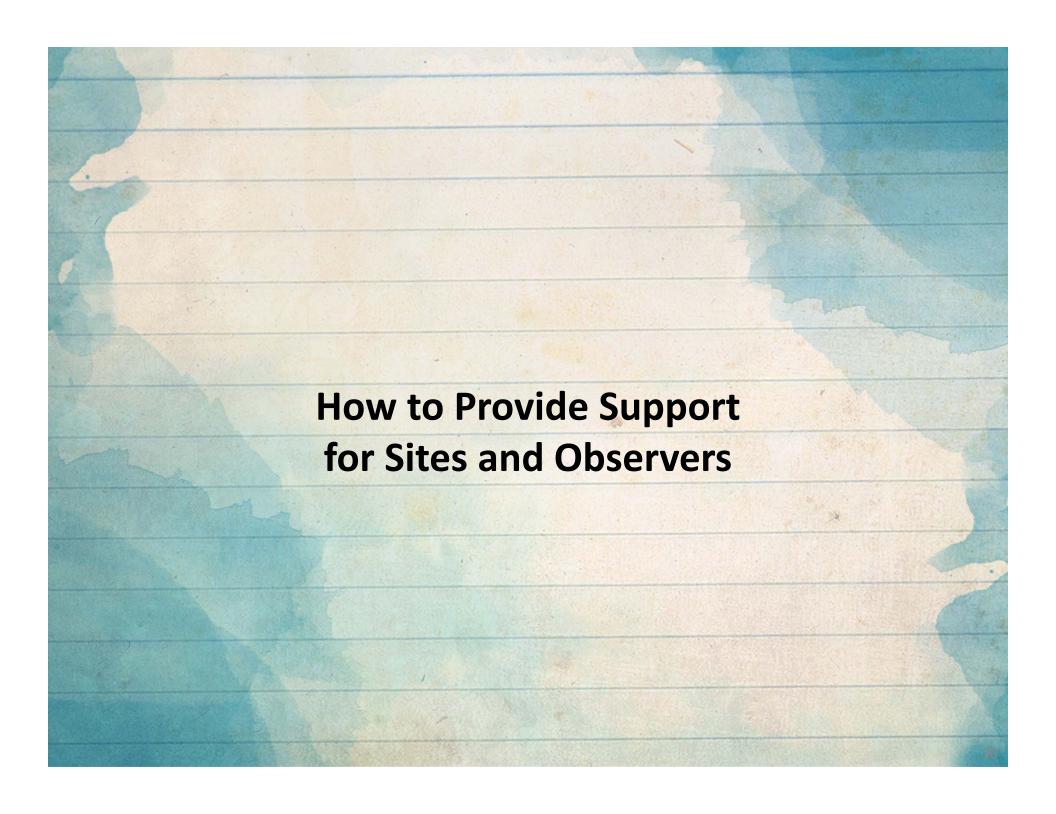
There are multiple reports available to help Network Coordinators better understand the data collected for sites and observers.

- 1. <u>Community Network CLASS® Observations Completion Report</u> lists total number of classrooms, total number of classrooms observed, and total number of observations remaining for all classrooms created within a Network for FALL or SPRING. Can search by school year and by semester.
- 2. <u>Community Network CLASS® Observations Planned</u> lists total number of classrooms, total number of observations scheduled and observed, and total number remaining for all classrooms created within a Network. Can search by school year and by semester.
- **3.** <u>Community Network CLASS® Observations Missing</u> lists total classrooms within a Network that are missing observations. Can search by school year and by semester.
- **4.** Community Network Domain Averages lists Domain average scores (including 3rd party) for Pre-K and Toddler by site within a Network. Can search by school year and by semester.
- **5.** <u>Community Network Dimension Averages</u> lists Dimension average scores (including 3rd party) for Pre-K and Toddler by site within a Network. Can search by school year and by semester.

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There are multiple reports available to help Network Coordinators better understand the data collected for sites and observers.

- 6. <u>Community Network Teachstone Extract</u> lists center name, classroom name, observer email, observer first name, observer last name, lead teacher email, lead teacher first name, lead teacher last name, assistant teacher email, assistant teacher first name, assistant teacher last name, observation start date, observation start time, observation end date, observation end time, number of children, number of adults, cycle start date, cycle start time, cycle end date, cycle end time, English primary, double coding, content array, primary content, format array, primary format, pc, ns, ts, rsp, bm, pr, ilf, cd, qf and Im.
 - Note: Network Coordinator must extract this report and provide it to Teachstone.
- 7. <u>Community Network Scheduled Observations Report</u> lists Site Code, Site Name, Observer Name, Email, Classroom Code, Classroom Name, Observation Date, Observation Time, and Observation Completed within a network.
- 8. <u>Community Network Observer Raw Scores Report</u> lists School Year, Semester, Site Code, Classroom Code, Classroom Name, Classroom Teacher, Configuration Code, Observer Name, Email, Third Party Observer, Order Date, Observation Date, Order Complete Date, Cycle Number, 12 Dimension Scores, and Shadow Scorer for each observer within Network. Can search by school year and by semester.
- 9. <u>Community Network Observer Average Scores Report</u> lists School Year, Semester, Third Party Observer, Observer Name, Email, Average Scores for 12 different Dimensions, and Number of Shadow Scorers for each Observer within the Network. Can search by school year and by semester.
- **Observer Reliability Report** lists network name, observer last name, observer first name, email, semester, number of network observations, number of comparable 3rd party observations, comparable domains, domains replaced, Emotional Support Domains Replaced, Classroom Organization Domains Replaced, Instructional Support Domains Replaced, Emotional and Behavioral Support Domains Replaced, Engaged Support for Learning Domains Replaced, Responsive Caregiving Domains Replaced, Domains Replaced Higher Than 3rd Party Score, Domains Replaced Lower Than 3rd Party Score, and percent accurate. Can search by school year and by semester for your network.



How to Provide Support for Sites and Observers

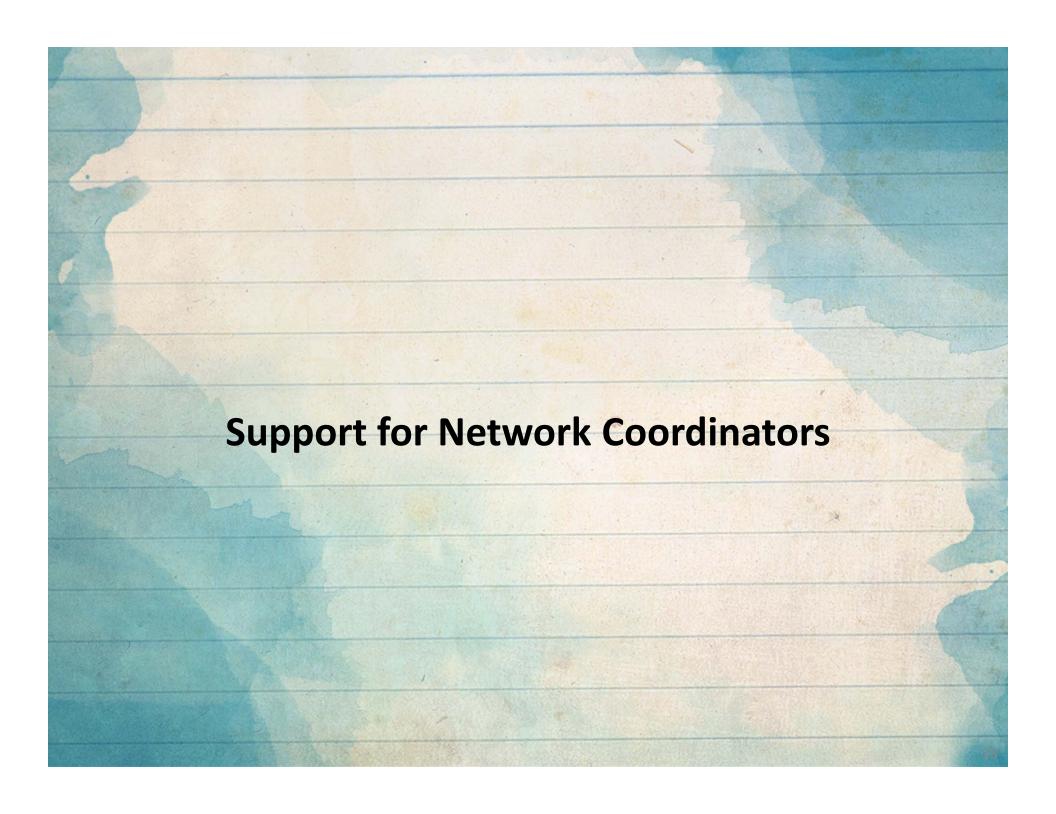
There are similar webinars posted on the Louisiana Believes website to help support observers and sites with the CLASS® Online Portal.

- Network Coordinators can support sites and observers in the following ways:
 - Help enter and set up sites and classrooms in the CLASS® Online Portal by October 31
 - Help sites understand their CLASS® observation data
 - Provide access to the following resources:
 - Webinar for Site Coordinators
 - Webinar for Observers
 - CLASS® Observation System User Guide

How to Provide Support for Sites and Observers Errors

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- Email <u>earlychildhood@la.gov</u> if you accidentally close a classroom
 - DO NOT open a new classroom because the observation scores from two classrooms cannot be combined
- All CLASS® Error Correction Forms must be submitted with CLASS® observation score sheets
 - If the documentation does not match the corrections requested, then the error correction may be denied by LDOE
- The Early Childhood Web Portal works best with Google Chrome so always be sure to check browser compatibility



Support for Network Coordinators

The Louisiana Department of Education is always willing to offer support as needed.

Technical Support:

- Email: <u>systemsupport@la.gov</u>
- Consult the <u>CLASS®</u> Observation System User Guide

Other Support:

Email: <u>earlychildhood@la.gov</u>