

Teaching and Learning

Converting CLASS[®] to LDOE Levels of Effectiveness

Overview:

In accordance with [Bulletin 130](#), educator evaluations are composed of two parts: a qualitative assessment score and a quantitative score (student growth component). The qualitative assessment score is derived from observations. The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS[®]) measurement tool is an approved observation rubric for early childhood teachers. CLASS[®] is used for the observation component of evaluation for early childhood teachers in place of the Louisiana Educator Rubric or Louisiana's Legacy tool (COMPASS).

During the 2024-2025 school year, evaluators will convert CLASS[®] scores prior to entering them into the data system. The observation scores will then be averaged by the data system to account for the full qualitative assessment score. For additional information, please see the [Evaluation Learning Year Frequently Asked Questions List](#), located in the [COMPASS Library](#).

During the 2025-2026 school year, the data system will allow direct entry of CLASS[®] scores and will include a self-assessment portion; the system will also automatically compute the conversion.

CLASS[®] utilizes a 7-point rating scale, with a score of 6-7 indicating high-range, a 3-5 indicating mid-range, and a 1-2 indicating low range. CLASS[®] includes three domains (Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support) and 10 dimensions comprised of 42 indicators across the 3 domains.

During the 2024-2025 school year, systems may opt to transition to LEADS or continue using COMPASS for evaluation.

- Systems/schools continuing to use COMPASS evaluations will convert CLASS[®] scores according to the Four Levels of Effectiveness.
- Systems/schools transitioning to LEADS evaluations will convert CLASS[®] scores according to the Five Levels of Effectiveness.

[CLASS[®] 7-point Scale Conversion to Louisiana's Legacy \(COMPASS\) Four Levels of Effectiveness](#)

[CLASS[®] 7-point Scale Conversion to LEADS Five Levels of Effectiveness](#)

CLASS® 7-point Scale Conversion to Louisiana’s Legacy (COMPASS) Four Levels of Effectiveness

The **COMPASS Teaching Rubric** consists of 3 domains and 5 components across those domains. In addition, the corresponding Standards of Effectiveness ratings are based on a 4-point rating scale, with a 4 indicating Highly Effective, a 3 indicating Effective: Proficient, a 2 indicating Effective: Emerging, and a 1 indicating Ineffective.

To align the CLASS® measurement tool with the COMPASS 4-point scale, it was necessary to develop a conversion chart. To compute the CLASS® score, average the dimension scores. *Note: Omit negative climate when computing the dimension average.*

Example:

Ms. Penny’s Classroom	
Positive Climate	5.50
Teacher Sensitivity/Educator Sensitivity	5.25
Regard for Student Perspectives/Regard for Child Perspectives	5.25
Behavior Management	5.00
Productivity	4.50
Instructional Learning Formats	4.25
Concept Development	4.25
Quality of Feedback	4.50
Language Modeling	4.50
Total (add all dimensions, omitting negative climate)	43

Adding up the dimension scores totals 43. When dividing 43 by 9, the average is 4.78. This observation score aligns to a COMPASS observation score of 2.7 (Effective: Proficient).

Align the CLASS® score to the following chart to compute the COMPASS score:

CLASS®	COMPASS	
6.85 - 7.00	4.0	Highly Effective $3.5 \leq x$
6.75 - 6.84	3.9	
6.55 - 6.74	3.8	
6.35 - 6.54	3.7	
6.15 - 6.34	3.6	
5.95 - 6.14	3.5	
5.75 - 5.94	3.4	Effective: Proficient $2.5 \leq x < 3.5$
5.65 - 5.74	3.3	
5.55 - 5.64	3.2	
5.35 - 5.54	3.1	
5.25 - 5.34	3.0	
5.05 - 5.24	2.9	
4.95 - 5.04	2.8	
4.75 - 4.94	2.7	
4.55 - 4.74	2.6	
4.45 - 4.54	2.5	
4.35 - 4.44	2.4	Effective: Emerging $1.5 \leq x < 2.5$
4.15 - 4.34	2.3	
3.95 - 4.14	2.2	
3.85 - 3.94	2.1	
3.75 - 3.84	2.0	
3.55 - 3.74	1.9	
3.45 - 3.54	1.8	
3.25 - 3.44	1.7	
3.15 - 3.24	1.6	
2.95 - 3.14	1.5	

2.55 - 2.94	1.4	Ineffective x < 1.5
2.05 - 2.54	1.3	
1.65 - 2.04	1.2	
1.25 - 1.64	1.1	
1.00 - 1.24	1.0	

CLASS® 7-point Scale Conversion to LEADS Five Levels of Effectiveness Scale

The Louisiana Educator Rubric consists of 4 domains, 23 indicators, and descriptors to outline standards of effectiveness for each indicator. In addition, the state has adopted Standards of Effectiveness ratings that are based on a 5-point rating scale, with a 5 indicating Exemplary, a 4 indicating Highly Effective, a 3 indicating Proficient, a 2 indicating Emerging, and a 1 indicating Ineffective.

To align the CLASS® measurement tool with the LEADS 5-point scale, it was necessary to develop a conversion chart. To compute the CLASS® score, average the dimension scores. *Note: Omit negative climate when computing the dimension average.*

Example:

Ms. Penny's Classroom	
Positive Climate	5.50
Educator Sensitivity	5.25
Regard for Student Perspectives/Regard for Child Perspectives	5.25
Behavior Management	5.00
Productivity	4.50
Instructional Learning Formats	4.25
Concept Development	4.25
Quality of Feedback	4.50
Language Modeling	4.50
Total (add all dimensions, omitting negative climate)	43

Adding up the dimension scores totals 43. When dividing 43 by 9, the average is 4.78. This observation score aligns to a LEADS observation score of 2.87 (Proficient).

Align the CLASS® score to the following chart to compute the LEADS score:

CLASS®	LEADS	
6.99 - 7.00	5.00	
6.97 - 6.98	4.99	
6.95 - 6.96	4.98	
6.93 - 6.94	4.97	
6.91 - 6.92	4.96	
6.89 - 6.90	4.95	
6.87 - 6.88	4.94	
6.85 - 6.86	4.93	
6.83 - 6.84	4.92	
6.81 - 6.82	4.91	
6.79 - 6.80	4.90	
6.77 - 6.78	4.89	
6.75 - 6.76	4.88	
6.73 - 6.74	4.87	
6.72	4.86	
6.70 - 6.71	4.85	
6.68 - 6.69	4.84	
6.66 - 6.67	4.83	
6.64 - 6.65	4.82	
6.62 - 6.63	4.81	
6.60 - 6.61	4.80	
6.58 - 6.59	4.79	
6.56 - 6.57	4.78	
6.54 - 6.55	4.77	
6.52 - 6.53	4.76	
6.50 - 6.51	4.75	
6.48 - 6.49	4.74	
6.46 - 6.47	4.73	
6.44 - 6.45	4.72	
6.42 - 6.43	4.71	
6.40 - 6.41	4.70	
6.38 - 6.39	4.69	
6.36 - 6.37	4.68	
6.34 - 6.35	4.67	
6.32 - 6.33	4.66	
6.30 - 6.31	4.65	
6.28 - 6.29	4.64	

Exemplary
4.5 ≤ x

6.26 - 6.27	4.63	
6.24 - 6.25	4.62	
6.22 - 6.23	4.61	
6.20 - 6.21	4.60	
6.18 - 6.19	4.59	
6.16 - 6.17	4.58	
6.14 - 6.15	4.57	
6.12 - 6.13	4.56	
6.10 - 6.11	4.55	
6.08 - 6.09	4.54	
6.06 - 6.07	4.53	
6.04 - 6.05	4.52	
6.02 - 6.03	4.51	
6.00 - 6.01	4.50	
5.99	4.49	
5.98	4.48	
5.97	4.46	
5.96	4.45	
5.95	4.44	
5.94	4.42	
5.93	4.41	
5.92	4.40	
5.91	4.38	
5.90	4.37	
5.89	4.36	
5.88	4.34	
5.87	4.33	
5.86	4.32	
5.85	4.30	
5.84	4.29	
5.83	4.28	
5.82	4.26	
5.81	4.25	
5.80	4.24	
5.79	4.22	
5.78	4.21	
5.77	4.20	
5.76	4.18	
5.75	4.17	
5.74	4.16	
5.73	4.14	
5.72	4.13	
5.71	4.12	

5.70	4.10
5.69	4.09
5.68	4.08
5.67	4.06
5.66	4.05
5.65	4.04
5.64	4.02
5.63	4.01
5.62	3.99
5.61	3.98
5.60	3.97
5.59	3.95
5.58	3.94
5.57	3.93
5.56	3.91
5.55	3.90
5.54	3.89
5.53	3.87
5.52	3.86
5.51	3.85
5.50	3.83
5.49	3.82
5.48	3.81
5.47	3.79
5.46	3.78
5.45	3.77
5.44	3.75
5.43	3.74
5.42	3.73
5.41	3.71
5.40	3.70
5.39	3.69
5.38	3.67
5.37	3.66
5.36	3.65
5.35	3.63
5.34	3.62
5.33	3.61
5.32	3.59
5.31	3.58
5.30	3.57
5.29	3.55
5.28	3.54

5.27	3.53	Proficient $2.5 \leq x < 3.5$
5.26	3.51	
5.25	3.50	
5.24	3.49	
5.23	3.48	
5.22	3.46	
5.21	3.45	
5.20	3.44	
5.19	3.42	
5.18	3.41	
5.17	3.40	
5.16	3.38	
5.15	3.37	
5.14	3.36	
5.13	3.34	
5.12	3.33	
5.11	3.32	
5.10	3.30	
5.09	3.29	
5.08	3.28	
5.07	3.26	
5.06	3.25	
5.05	3.24	
5.04	3.22	
5.03	3.21	
5.02	3.20	
5.01	3.18	
5.00	3.17	
4.99	3.16	
4.98	3.14	
4.97	3.13	
4.96	3.12	
4.95	3.10	
4.94	3.09	
4.93	3.08	
4.92	3.06	
4.91	3.05	
4.90	3.04	
4.89	3.02	
4.88	3.01	
4.87	3.00	
4.86	2.98	
4.85	2.97	

4.84	2.95	
4.83	2.94	
4.82	2.93	
4.81	2.91	
4.80	2.90	
4.79	2.89	
4.78	2.87	
4.77	2.86	
4.76	2.85	
4.75	2.83	
4.74	2.82	
4.73	2.81	
4.72	2.79	
4.71	2.78	
4.70	2.77	
4.69	2.75	
4.68	2.74	
4.67	2.73	
4.66	2.71	
4.65	2.70	
4.64	2.69	
4.63	2.67	
4.62	2.66	
4.61	2.65	
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4.58	2.61	
4.57	2.59	
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4.54	2.55	
4.53	2.54	
4.52	2.53	
4.51	2.51	
4.50	2.50	
4.49	2.49	
4.47 - 4.48	2.48	
4.46	2.47	
4.44 - 4.45	2.46	
4.43	2.45	
4.41 - 4.42	2.44	
4.40	2.43	
4.38 - 4.39	2.42	

4.37	2.41
4.35 - 4.36	2.40
4.34	2.39
4.32 - 4.33	2.38
4.31	2.37
4.29 - 4.30	2.36
4.28	2.35
4.26 - 4.27	2.34
4.25	2.33
4.23 - 4.24	2.32
4.22	2.31
4.20 - 4.21	2.30
4.19	2.29
4.17 - 4.18	2.28
4.16	2.27
4.14 - 4.15	2.26
4.13	2.25
4.11 - 4.12	2.24
4.10	2.23
4.08 - 4.09	2.22
4.07	2.21
4.05 - 4.06	2.20
4.04	2.19
4.02 - 4.03	2.18
4.01	2.17
3.99 - 4.00	2.16
3.98	2.15
3.96 - 3.97	2.14
3.95	2.13
3.93 - 3.94	2.12
3.92	2.11
3.90 - 3.91	2.10
3.89	2.09
3.87 - 3.88	2.08
3.86	2.07
3.84 - 3.85	2.06
3.83	2.05
3.81 - 3.82	2.04
3.80	2.03
3.78 - 3.79	2.02
3.77	2.01
3.75 - 3.76	2.00
3.73 - 3.74	1.99

Emerging
 $1.5 \leq x < 2.5$

3.72	1.98
3.70 - 3.71	1.97
3.69	1.96
3.67 - 3.68	1.95
3.66	1.94
3.64 - 3.65	1.93
3.63	1.92
3.61 - 3.62	1.91
3.60	1.90
3.58 - 3.59	1.89
3.57	1.88
3.55 - 3.57	1.87
3.54	1.86
3.52 - 3.53	1.85
3.51	1.84
3.49 - 3.50	1.83
3.48	1.82
3.46 - 3.47	1.81
3.45	1.80
3.43 - 3.44	1.79
3.42	1.78
3.40 - 3.41	1.77
3.39	1.76
3.37 - 3.38	1.75
3.36	1.74
3.34 - 3.35	1.73
3.33	1.72
3.31 - 3.32	1.71
3.30	1.70
3.28 - 3.29	1.69
3.27	1.68
3.25 - 3.26	1.67
3.24	1.66
3.22 - 3.23	1.65
3.21	1.64
3.19 - 3.20	1.63
3.18	1.62
3.16 - 3.17	1.61
3.15	1.60
3.13 - 3.14	1.59
3.12	1.58
3.10 - 3.11	1.57
3.09	1.56

3.07 - 3.08	1.55	
3.06	1.54	
3.04 - 3.05	1.53	
3.03	1.52	
3.01 - 3.02	1.51	
3.00	1.50	
2.97 - 2.99	1.49	Ineffective x < 1.5
2.93 - 2.96	1.48	
2.89 - 2.92	1.47	
2.85 - 2.88	1.46	
2.81 - 2.84	1.45	
2.77 - 2.80	1.44	
2.73 - 2.76	1.43	
2.69 - 2.72	1.42	
2.65 - 2.68	1.41	
2.61 - 2.64	1.40	
2.57 - 2.60	1.39	
2.53 - 2.56	1.38	
2.49 - 2.52	1.37	
2.45 - 2.48	1.36	
2.41 - 2.44	1.35	
2.37 - 2.40	1.34	
2.32 - 2.36	1.33	
2.28 - 2.31	1.32	
2.24 - 2.27	1.31	
2.20 - 2.23	1.30	
2.16 - 2.19	1.29	
2.12 - 2.15	1.28	
2.08 - 2.11	1.27	
2.04 - 2.07	1.26	
2.00 - 2.03	1.25	
1.96 - 1.99	1.24	
1.92 - 1.95	1.23	
1.88 - 1.91	1.22	
1.84 - 1.87	1.21	
1.80 - 1.83	1.20	
1.76 - 1.79	1.19	
1.72 - 1.75	1.18	
1.68 - 1.71	1.17	
1.63 - 1.67	1.16	
1.59 - 1.62	1.15	
1.55 - 1.58	1.14	
1.51 - 1.54	1.13	

1.47 - 1.50	1.12	
1.43 - 1.46	1.11	
1.39 - 1.42	1.10	
1.35 - 1.38	1.09	
1.31 - 1.34	1.08	
1.27 - 1.30	1.07	
1.23 - 1.26	1.06	
1.19 - 1.22	1.05	
1.15 - 1.18	1.04	
1.11 - 1.14	1.03	
1.07 - 1.10	1.02	
1.03 - 1.06	1.01	
1.00 - 1.02	1.00	