



What to expect during your CLASS Assessment



About the CLASS assessment visit

- The PA Key Program Quality Assessor expects to see a typical day in each classroom they visit. Teachers should do whatever they would normally do – don't feel you need to alter the schedule in any way. The Assessor will go wherever the group goes.
- Typically, only one assessment is completed per day.
- K-3 CLASS assessment of school-age programs will occur on an agreed upon start time to maximize the number of observation cycles.
- CLASS assessments occur in observation cycles of up to 15-20 minutes per cycle, with a 10-minute scoring period in between each cycle. Four observation cycles will occur.



When the Program Quality Assessor visits, you can expect:

- The Assessor to be observing and listening closely to the conversations that teachers are having with children and taking notes about interactions that are occurring.
- The Assessor to usually go wherever teachers and children go; however, the Pre-K CLASS observation does not occur during gross motor play inside or outside.
- That two Assessors might visit the same classroom. Assessors are required to maintain reliability with one another to ensure they look at things the same way across the state. This will not impact your classroom score; it is the Program Quality Assessment team's way of ensuring all programs are assessed properly.
- That Observation feedback, including scores, will not be shared with the teacher or program on the day of the visit.

To ask a question of the Program Quality Assessment (PQA) Team, you may email the assessor who contacted you and shared this document or you may email the team at pqa@pakeys.org. Check out the PQA Team's blog, "Let's Talk Quality! Program Quality Assessment in PA" at letstalkqualitypa.com for articles and topics related to best practices in early childhood education.