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Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 140—Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network—Childhood Care and Education Accountability System (LAC 28:CLXVII.503 and 509)

In accordance with the provisions of R.S. 17:6(A)(10) and the Administrative Procedure Act (APA), R.S. 49:953(B)(1) et seq., the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education has amended LAC 28:CLXVII. *Bulletin 140—Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*. The revisions align 2021-2022 early childhood observation policy with the approved 2021-2022 K-12 observation policy approved by the Board in October 2021 to alleviate the burdens of cost and time, amplified by the COVID-19 pandemic, associated with conducting these observations. This Declaration of Emergency, effective December 15, 2021, is for a period of 180 days from adoption, or until finally adopted as Rule.

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Chapter 5. Early Childhood Care and Education Accountability System

§503. Coordinated Observation Plan and Observation Requirements

A. - B.2.c. ...

3. Required Observations

a. For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years only, 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.

b. 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.

c. Following the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years, 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.

d. Following the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic years, 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. *CLASS*[®] observations conducted by third-party contractors hired by the department shall not count towards this requirement.

B.4. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.30 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 46:556 (April 2020, amended LR 48:

§509. Performance Rating Calculations for Publicly-Funded Sites

A. - B.3. ...

4. Exception due to the COVID-19 pandemic with regard to observation completion and other associated

challenges. For the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 school years only, a classroom that does not have a second observation because the classroom received a fall *CLASS*[®] score of 4.50 or higher after third party replacement shall have their fall *CLASS*[®] score after third party replacement duplicated and treated as the spring local observation for the purposes of performance rating. A classroom that does not have a second observation for any other reason shall have their score replaced consistent with Subsection B of this Section.

C. - G. ...

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HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:2587 (December 2015), amended LR 42:1873 (November 2016), LR 44:1442 (August 2018), LR 45:1453 (October 2019), LR 47:1286 (September 2021), LR 48:

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