

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

Board of Elementary and Secondary Education

Bulletin 140—Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network (Part CLXVII.503)

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:CLXV in Bulletin 140, *Louisiana Early Childhood Care and Education Network*. As a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, the proposed revisions require, for the 2020-2021 school year only, all infant, toddler, and pre-k classrooms in a publicly-funded site to receive one CLASS® observation conducted by the community network during the school year. Any infant, toddler, and/or pre-K classroom that is scored 4.49 or lower after third party replacement (if applicable) shall then be observed a second time by the community network. This Declaration of Emergency, effective December 16, 2020, is for a period of 120 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 academic year 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 academic year, 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 academic year, 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.

f. 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.

(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. - E. ...

AUTHORITY NOTE: Promulgated in accordance with R.S. 17:6 and 17:407.21 et seq.

HISTORICAL NOTE: Promulgated by the Board of Elementary and Secondary Education, LR 41:2586 (December 2015), amended LR 42:1872 (November 2016), LR 43:2131 (November 2017), LR 44:1440 (August 2018), LR 45:1453 (October 2019), LR 47:

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