



Early Childhood Center of Excellence Update

Early care and education programs that support the whole child and whole family in building strong foundations for every child's growth and development.

Month: December 2025

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Update: HEAD START FY2026 FEDERAL MONITORING CLASS VIDEO REVIEW

The Head Start program is currently in the review period for the Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) reviews. The CLASS is an observation instrument that assesses the quality of teacher-child interactions in center-based preschool classrooms. CLASS® includes three domains or categories of teacher-child interactions that support children's learning and development: Emotional Support, Classroom Organization, and Instructional Support. Within each domain are dimensions that capture more specific details about teachers' interactions with children.

The Office of Head Start is using video recordings as the method to conduct them. Starting 12/8/2025 and ending 2/13/2026, Leadership will be recording 60 – 70-minute videos and uploading videos to the designated platform for 24 of the programs 32 classrooms. CLASS certified reviewers will code videos and provide a program-level final report.

The CLASS Review has quality thresholds in each domain for programs to meet: 6 for the Emotional Support domain, 6 for the Classroom Organization domain, and 3 for the Instructional Support domain.

Action Item: None

Fiscal Impact:

- I. As you know, our Head Start grant budget period began on November 1, 2025. Due to the Federal Government Shutdown from October 1 to November 12, 2025, we did not receive our Notice of Award. We are pleased to share that on November 26, 2025, we received our Federal Notice of Award with full funding retroactive to the November 1 start date.

The KRESA Head Start program thanks the Board for their continued support and commitment to ensure our ability to provide high quality programming and services, even when things are uncertain.

- II. Please see financial reports in the Governing Body's Monthly Report attached below.

Attachments:

[Governing Body's Monthly Report](#)

