Tier Rating Report

A rating is considered valid until QLSA is able to re-rate the site. The timeline for this re-rating is either 3-years after the site visit for a Tier 1-3 or 5-years for a Tier 4-5.

The first section of the Tier Rating Report shows the overall Tier Rating for the site with a breakdown of the points possible and the points awarded per element. Additional information about the Agency and Site are listed here too.

For example, this site received an Overall Tier Rating of a 5 with a total of 32 points achieved. The Total Point Range this site fell into is highlighted yellow in the second graph.

The report is multiple pages and breaks down the scoring for each element.

HOW TO READ A QSLA TIER RATING REPORT

General Information

Site Visit Date = The date of the CLASS Observation. This the date that is used for when the rating expires in either 3 or 5-years (based on the score received).

Certified Date = this is the day LACOE sent the site their Tier Rating Report. This is only used for internal purposes.

Important Dates

Overall Tier Rating Score

The final page has the Tier Rating in which the site may display or distribute to families.

- Posting the rating is left to the providers discretion
- Providers may choose to only post the QSLA participant sign
- Rating are publicly posted on the QSLA Website

Element Details

Each element is broken down by point level, with the achieved point range highlighted in green. There is a notes section under each element that better explains the reasoning for why the site scored the way they did.
**Talking Points: Teachers & Families**

**Why do we participate in QSLA?**

We participate because we want to provide children with the best learning environment, and want parents to always know their child is in good hands once they drop them off.

QSLA rates our program based on standards developed by the state of CA. Once our site is rated, we receive hands-on support to help our program achieve its goals. This can come in the form of professional development and/or coaching support related to the Tier Rating received.

Most child care programs are licensed and we are going above and beyond these standards to provide high quality services.

**More About QSLA**

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**How are sites scored?**

There are five possible ratings that a QSLA program can receive, with a Tier 5 being the highest awarded:

- Tier 1: Committed to Quality
- Tier 2: Raising Quality
- Tier 3: Achieving Quality
- Tier 4: Exceeding Quality
- Tier 5: Mastering Quality

**What does our rating mean?**

Our rating lets families know how our program is doing according to the quality standards that were developed by the state of California. These standards are aligned with our mission to always create a safe, positive, and engaging learning atmosphere for the children in our care.

Our rating showed that we did well in [areas where we had a strong score].

**Rating Frequency**

Depending on the rating received, QSLA sites are rating again to show off quality improvements every 3 or 5-years.

- Tiers 1-3: Every 3-years
- Tiers 4-5: Every 5-years