

# Quality Start Los Angeles

## How to Calculate the Score for Element 4: CLASS

### Calculating the site's Element Score

- Each classroom observed receives a score for each CLASS domain (ES, IS, CO).
- Each classroom observed needs to meet the threshold scores on the matrix to receive that point level.
- If more than one classroom is observed, each classroom will be scored and given an element score based on the matrix threshold scores.

RM 1	RM 2	RM 3
CLASS scores: ES - 6 IS - 2.5 CO - 6	CLASS scores: ES - 5 IS - 3 CO - 5.5	CLASS scores: ES - 6 IS - 3.5 CO - 6
This classroom's element score is: <b>3-points</b>	This classroom's element score is: <b>4-points</b>	This classroom's element score is: <b>5-points</b>

- All observed classroom element scores are averaged:

$$3 + 4 + 5 = 12$$

$$12 / 3 = 4$$

- If there is a decimal point, the decimal is dropped (not rounded)

This site's Element 4: CLASS score is **4-points**

### Reminders:

- Classrooms are randomly selected by the QSLA Assessment Team before the observation date.
- QSLA will observe 1/3 of all classrooms at the site, by age group, no matter the funding source. This means even if a classroom is NOT CSPP funded, it may be observed.
- 4 cycles of the CLASS tool are used
- The CLASS tool chosen is based on the majority age of the children shared with the QSLA Assessment Team at the time of the observation.



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