HIGHSCOPE INFANT-TODDLER PQA CROSSWALK WITH TEACHSTONE INFANT AND TODDLER CLASS





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Overview of the Relationship between the HighScope Infant-Toddler Program Quality Assessment (PQA) and the Infant and Toddler Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)

These crosswalks were jointly developed by the HighScope[®] Educational Research Foundation and Teachstone[®] to show the connections between HighScope's Program Quality Assessment (PQA) and Teachstone's Classroom Assessment Scoring System[®] (CLASS[®]) observation tools.

Both the PQA and CLASS tools are designed to capture the quality of experiences that programs provide for young children. Both have unique features that provide a comprehensive view of the information being collected and strengthen program practices through ongoing improvement goals.

The development of these crosswalks will help users identify the relationship between the tools and serve as a resource particularly for those agencies that require programs to utilize both tools to support and improve teaching practices and child outcomes. When programs use quality assessment data to make informed decisions for continuous quality improvement, they are more effective in providing high quality experiences for young children and families.

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I. Instrument Commonalities—Infant-Toddler PQA and Infant and Toddler CLASS

Both the PQA and CLASS instruments are designed to assess the quality of early childhood programs and identify quality improvement goals. The PQA looks at both structural (learning environment, routines, curriculum and assessment) and process (adult-child interactions) quality of a program as well as implementation of the HighScope curriculum. Whereas, CLASS looks primarily at process (adult-child interactions) quality and how teachers use a curriculum and the strength of the interactions between teachers and children. Both PQA and CLASS intersect on process quality through effectively measuring teacher-child interactions.

Additional features:

- Driven by research that demonstrates the positive relationship between teacher-child interactions, effective teaching practices, and child outcomes
- Values indicators of program quality that directly and indirectly impact positive child outcomes
- Provides access to additional resources to support programs and early childhood professionals
- Assessment data is used as an ongoing coaching tool to set goals for improvement
- Data collection process is conducted and monitored for fidelity (reliability test)

Distinct but Complementary Features

	HighScope Program Quality Assessment (PQA)	CLASS Assessment	
Focus	Comprehensive focus on indicators of program quality centered around four domains (learning environment, daily routine, adult-child interactions and curriculum planning and child observation/assessment).	Specific focus on indicators of program quality associated with teacher-child interactions and effective teaching practices.	
Use	Primary use is to assess and improve the quality of program practices and curriculum implementation. Other uses are self- assessment, ongoing coaching, observation-feedback, identifying preservice and in-service training, research and dissemination of the effectiveness of program practices.	Used to assess and improve the quality of classroom practices	

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Purpose	Intentionally developed to support the needs of professionals, administrators, and private/public funders to improve all aspects of program quality and provide high quality early learning experiences for all children as well as attaining HighScope certification (teacher, trainer, program).	Intentionally developed to support the needs of professionals, administrators, and private/public funders to improve teacher- child interactions and provide high quality early learning experiences to all children.
Resources	Continuous quality improvement supports and quality assurance functions are provided through comprehensive observer support and professional development resources including online and face-to-face training, online reliability tests, print and online instruments, and coaching training.	Continuous quality improvement supports and quality assurance functions are provided through comprehensive observer support and professional development resources including online courses, face-to-face and hybrid training, train-the-trainer programs, and coaching.
	Various resources are available at <u>www.highscope.org</u>	Various resources are available at <u>www.teachstone.com</u> .
Methods	Sample size of classrooms/groups observed vary depending on program or organizational quality improvement goals.	Sample size of classrooms/groups observed vary depending on program or organizational quality improvement goals.
	PQA scores reflect the quality of the classroom being observed; program- wide sampling process may be used to assess all aspects of quality including adult-child interactions in the whole program.	CLASS scores reflect the quality of the classrooms being observed; program-wide sampling process may be used to assess the quality of the teacher-child interactions in the whole program.
Criteria	Source of evidence is observations (anecdotes; posted routine; lists/photos of materials; classroom/outdoor diagrams; clarifying questions) and interviews by reliable observers.	Source of evidence is observations conducted by reliable observers.



II. Assessment Crosswalk Percentages for PQA Sections and CLASS Domains

To guide the crosswalk development, definitions were created to determine how closely each PQA item and CLASS dimension aligned. Table 1 represents those definitions ranging from full match to no match.

Table 1. Definitions of "Match" descending to "No Match"			
Full Match	The PQA contains combined rows within an item that together match the CLASS indicator and/or dimension. A classroom scoring in the high range of CLASS within these specific indicators and/or dimensions could potentially also meet those specific rows within an item in the PQA.		
Nearly Full Match	The PQA contains combined rows within an item that together closely match the CLASS indicator and/or dimension. A classroom scoring in the high range of CLASS within these specific indicators and/or dimensions could potentially also meet those specific rows within an item in the PQA.		
Partial Match	The PQA contains some combined rows within an item that together partially match the CLASS indicator and/or dimension. A classroom scoring in the high range of CLASS within these specific indicators and/or dimensions could potentially also meet those rows within an item in the PQA.		
Less than Partial Match	The PQA contains a few combined rows within an item that together less than partially match the CLASS indicator and/or dimension. A classroom scoring in the high range of CLASS within these specific indicators and/or dimensions could potentially also meet those rows within an item in the PQA.		
No match	The PQA does not contain rows/items that match the CLASS indicator and/or dimension at this time or the CLASS does not observe this type of data.		

Match percentages were calculated from PQA to CLASS and CLASS to PQA to check for consistency across each tool. Both calculations are presented in the tables below to show the slight differences in how the match definitions applied in each instrument.

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Table 2. Percentages of Matches for Infant-Toddler PQA and Infant and Toddler CLASS Instruments			
HighScope Infant-Toddler PQA Sections	% Match	Infant and Toddler CLASS Domains	% Match
*Learning Environment	2		
Schedules and Routines	78		
Adult-Child Interactions	100	Responsive Caregiving Engaged Emotional and Behavioral Support Support for Learning	100 88 100
Overall Match with LE* Overall Match without LE*	75 86	Overall Match	92

Table 2 reflects the percentage of matches between the HighScope Infant-Toddler PQA Sections and the Infant and Toddler CLASS Domains. High matches for adult-child interactions ranged from 88%-100% across both instruments. There was a 2% match in Learning Environment reflecting accessibility and use of materials with infants and toddlers, and a 78% match in Schedules and Routines reflecting the teacher-child interaction strategies implemented during the different parts of the daily routine with infants and toddlers.

The percentages of matches show clear connections between both instruments. By identifying the links across these tools, programs utilizing the PQA and CLASS are able to cross evidence when completing both instruments and provide teachers with feedback on their strengths in both assessment measures.





III.Sample Crosswalks

The following section includes a sample crosswalk from PQA to CLASS and CLASS to PQA for Infant and Toddler. For copies of the full crosswalk, please click on the following link (insert link to HighScope and Teachstone).

Sample of the Infant-Toddler PQA Crosswalk with Infant and Toddler CLASS

HighScope Infant-Toddler PQA	Teachstone Infant and Toddler CLASS
III-D. Children's intentions (pg. 57)	
Row 1. Throughout the day children are encouraged to pursue their interests and initiatives and solve problems.	Infant Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness and cue detection • Responsiveness Facilitative Exploration: • Involvement • Infant focused • Expansion of infants' experience Toddler Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness Regard for Child Perspective: • Child focus • Flexibility • Support for independence

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	 Facilitation of Learning and Development: Children's active engagement Quality of Feedback Scaffolding
Row 2. Throughout the day children do things they can do and or wish to do themselves.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: Involvement Infant focused Expansion of infants' experience
	Toddler Regard for Child Perspective: • Child focus • Flexibility • Support for independence
	Facilitation of Learning and Development:Children's active engagement
Row 3. Throughout the day children receive caregiver support for their efforts, ideas, and initiatives.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Involvement • Infant focused • Expansion of infants' experience Early Language Support:
	Teacher talk <u>Toddler</u>
	Negative Climate: Negative affect Punitive control





	Regard for Child Perspective Child focus Flexibility Quality of Feedback: Encouragement and affirmation
Row 4. Children receive encouragement for their accomplishments (caregivers acknowledge children's actions without praising them).	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Involvement • Infant focused <u>Toddler</u> Quality of Feedback: • Encouragement and affirmation

Sample of Infant CLASS Crosswalk with the Infant-Toddler PQA

Teachstone Infant CLASS	HighScope Infant -Toddler PQA
Early Language Support	
 Teacher Talk Self-talk Describes classroom events Verbally label objects Use complete and varies sentences 	 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible Row 3. Teachers refer children to and talk about the routine throughout the day II-D. Bodily care routines include choices for children Row 2. Throughout the day, children are alerted to bodily care before it occurs, are told what care they are in need of, and have some time to come to a stopping point, if necessary, before the care begins.

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	II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next.
	Row 2. Throughout the day children are told by caregivers what comes next.
	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers.
	Row 6. Throughout the day children hear only positive comments from caregivers about themselves and others.
	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers.
	Row 3. Throughout the day children and caregivers communicate in give-and-take exchanges and conversations involving gestures, sounds, and/or words.
	Row 4. Throughout the day children hear few <i>directives</i> from caregivers, none harsh.
	Row 5. Throughout the day children hear many caregiver acknowledgements and comments directly related to their actions, interests, ideas, and feelings.
	III-D. Children carry out their intentions
	Row 3. Throughout the day children receive caregiver support for their efforts, ideas, and initiatives.
	III-E. Children form social relationships
	Row 3. Throughout the day children's communications to other children are interpreted by a caregiver.
Communication support	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers.
Initiates sounds and wordsImitate or repeat sounds	Row 3. Throughout the day children and caregivers communicate in give-and-take exchanges and conversations involving gestures, sounds, and/or words.
	Row 5. Throughout the day children hear many caregiver acknowledgements and comments directly related to their actions, interests, ideas, and feelings.
Communication extension	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers.
 Provide words for infants' communication Expand and extend on infants' communication 	Row 3. Throughout the day children and caregivers communicate in give-and-take exchanges and conversations involving gestures, sounds, and/or words.
Model turn-taking	Row 5. Throughout the day children hear many caregiver acknowledgements and comments directly related to their actions, interests, ideas, and feelings.





Sample of Toddler CLASS Crosswalk with the Infant-Toddler PQA

Teachstone Toddler CLASS	HighScope Infant-Toddler PQA
Language Modeling	
Supporting language use Back-and-forth exchanges Contingent responding Open-ended questions 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers. Row 3. Throughout the day children and caregivers communicate in give-and-take exchanges and conversations involving gestures, sounds, and/or words.
Repetition and extension Repeats Extends/elaborates 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers. Row 3. Throughout the day children and caregivers communicate in give-and-take exchanges and conversations involving gestures, sounds, and/or words.
 Self- and parallel talk Describes own actions with language Narrates children's action with language 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers. Row 5. Throughout the day children hear many caregiver acknowledgements and comments directly related to their actions, interests, ideas, and feelings.
 Advanced language Variety of words and/or descriptive vocabulary Labeling Connections to familiar words and ideas 	 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers. Row 3. Throughout the day children and caregivers communicate in give-and-take exchanges and conversations involving gestures, sounds, and/or words. III-E. Children form social relationships Row 3. Throughout the day children's communications to other children are interpreted by a caregiver.

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IV. Key Takeaways

- The HighScope PQA and the CLASS instruments can be used to support effective teaching practices, curriculum implementation, and boost child outcomes.
- When used together, programs get a clear picture of classroom practices.
- Teachers should score similarly on the PQA and CLASS without adjusting their teaching practices.
- Observational evidence can be used to complete both instruments saving time and cost of collecting data. The crosswalk team recommends conducting CLASS observations to fidelity and utilizing noted interactions to compliment PQA observations.
- Observers would need to be well versed and reliable observers in both instruments and the crosswalks in order to accurately collect evidence that would be viable for both tools.





Infant-Toddler Program Quality Assessment (PQA) Crosswalk With Infant and Toddler Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS)

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I. Learning Environment

HighScope Infant-Toddler PQA	Teachstone Infant and Toddler CLASS
Items I-A., I-B., I-C., I-E., I-F.,	Not observed in CLASS
I-D. Materials for sensory exploration are plentiful an accessible (pg. 12)	
Row 1. More than half of the materials for children to see, touch, mouth	Not observed in CLASS
Row 2. Materials for exploration and play are safe and checked regularly.	Not observed in CLASS
Row 3. Materials for exploration and play are accessible to children throughout the day.	Infant Facilitated Exploration: • Infant focused <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspective: • Child focused • Support of independence
Row 4. Throughout the day children have easy access to their personal comfort items.	Infant Teacher Sensitivity: • Responsiveness <u>Toddler</u> Teacher Sensitivity: • Responsiveness

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Row 5. – Row 12. Not observed in C	ASS
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II. Schedules and Routines

HighScope Infant-Toddler PQA	Teachstone Infant and Toddler CLASS
II-A. Flexible, predictable schedule (pg. 26)	
Row 1. The day is organized around regular daily events.	Not observed in CLASS
Row 2. There is a posted schedule for parents to review and a pictorial	Not observed in CLASS
Row 3. Teachers refer children to and talk about the routine throughout the day.	Infant Relational Climate: • Respect for infants' state Early Language Support: • Teacher talk <u>Toddler</u> Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness
Row 4. The daily schedule flexes throughout the day to accommodate each child's individual needs, rhythms, and temperament.	Infant Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness and cue detection • Responsiveness

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	Toddler Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness Regard for Child Perspectives: • Flexibility
Row 5. Throughout the day children initiate and freely explore actions, materials, and other people.	InfantFacilitated Exploration:InvolvementInfant FocusedExpansion of infants' experienceToddlerRegard for Child Perspectives:Child FocusFlexibilitySupport for IndependenceFacilitation of Learning and Development:Active facilitationChildren's active engagement
II B. Comfortable arrivals/departures (pg. 30)	
Row 1. Children's arrivals and departures are leisurely.	Not observed in CLASS
Row 2. Children are greeted and bid good-bye in a calm, reassuring manner.	Infant Relational Climate: • Emotion expression • Respect for infant's state

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	Toddler Positive Climate: Positive affect Respect
Row 3. Children stressed during separation and reunion have their feelings acknowledged for as long as they need it.	Infant Relational Climate: • Relational behavior • Respect for infant's state Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness and cue detection • Responsiveness Toddler Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness
Row 4. Parents are greeted and bid good-bye in a calm, reassuring manner.	Not observed in CLASS
Row 5. Parents distressed during separation and reunion have their feelings	Not observed in CLASS
II-C. Child-initiated choice times (pg. 32)	
Row 1. Choice or play time is always a part of the day for children	<u>Infant</u> Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness and cue detection • Responsiveness Facilitative Exploration: • Infant focused

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	ToddlerTeacher Sensitivity:• Awareness• ResponsivenessRegard for Child Perspective:• Child focus
 Row 2. Children make choices and carry out their own exploration and play initiatives: What to explore or play with How to explore or play Where to explore and play How to move 	Infant Facilitative Exploration • Infant focused Toddler Teacher Sensitivity: • Responsiveness Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focus Facilitative of Learning and Development
Row 3. Older toddlers converse with caregivers about their choices (plan) and talk about what they did (recall) during the day.	 Active facilitation Children's active engagement <u>Toddler (only)</u> Facilitation of Learning and Development: Expansion of cognition Quality of Feedback: Scaffolding Encouragement and affirmation
II-D. Bodily care choices (pg. 34)	
Row 1. Throughout the day children actively participate and make choices during bodily care routines.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Involvement

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	<u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focus • Support of independence
Row 2. Throughout the day, children are alerted to bodily care before it occurs, are told what care they are in need of, and have some time to come to a stopping point, if necessary, before the care begins.	Infant Relational Climate: • Respect for infants' state Early Language Support: • Teacher talk Toddler Positive Climate: • Respect Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focus
Row 3. Throughout the day children are encouraged to do things for themselves during bodily care routines.	Infant Facilitative Exploration • Involvement • Infant focused <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focus • Support of independence
II-E. Smooth transitions (pg. 36)	
Row 1. Children make choices during transitions.	Infant Facilitative Exploration • Infant focused

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	Toddler Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focus
Row 2. Throughout the day children are told by caregivers what comes next.	Infant Relational Climate • Respect for infants' state Early Language Support
	Teacher talk <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives
Row 3. Children move at their own pace from one eventto the next.	Child focus <u>Infant</u> Relational Climate:
	 Respect for infants' state Facilitative Exploration: Infant focused
	Toddler Regard for Child Perspectives: • Flexibility
Row 4. Children clean up in their own manner/pace and receive caregivers' encouragement and support.	Infant Relational Climate: • Respect for infants' state
	Facilitated Exploration: • Expansion of infants' experience <u>Toddler</u>
	Regard for Child Perspectives: • Flexibility

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	Quality of Feedback Scaffolding Encouragement and affirmation
II F. Child-centered feedings/meals (pg. 38)	
Row 1. Infants drinking from a bottle are always heldand receive the caregiver's close attention.	Infant (only) Relational Climate • Relational behaviors • Emotion expression Facilitative Exploration: • Involvement
Row 2. Parents regularly nurse or bottle-feed their children	No observed in CLASS
Row 3. Children are always encouraged to feed themselves.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Infant focused <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives: • Support for independence
Row 4. Children have a choice about what and how to eat.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Infant focused <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focus



Row 5. Feedings and meal times are leisurely.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Infant focused <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives: • Flexibility
Row 6. Children and caregivers show pleasure in their interactions and communications with one another while seated together	Infant Relational Climate: • Relational behaviors • Emotion expression • Respect for infants' state Toddler Positive Climate: • Relationships • Positive affect • Respect
Row 7. Children are fed/eat when they are hungry, even when	Infant Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness and cue detection • Responsiveness <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives: • Flexibility Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness



Row 8. Children participate in setup and cleanup of meals and receive support for doing so.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Involvement • Infant focused <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives: • Support for independence
II-G. Fluid, dynamic group times (pg.41)	
Row 1. For mobile infants and toddlers, group times are a regular part of the	Not observed in CLASS
 Row 2. Children make many choices during the group time: How to explore and use materials How to communicate Where to sit and/or stand How to move What to sing How to sing 	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Infant focused Toddler Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focus • Support for independence
Row 3. All children use the materials provided in their own manner.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Infant focused <u>Toddler</u> Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focused • Flexibility Facilitative of Learning and Development • Children's active engagement



Row 4. Children's actions and interests determine the length of group time.	Infant
	Teacher sensitivity:
	Awareness and cue detection
	Responsiveness
	Facilitative Exploration:
	Infant focused
	Toddler
	Teacher Sensitivity:
	Awareness
	Responsiveness
	Regard for Child Perspectives:
	Flexibility
II-H. Nature-based outside times (pg.43)	
Row 1. Outside time is a part of each day for all children.	Not observed in CLASS
Row 2. Children have many choices during outside time.	Infant
	Facilitated Exploration:
	Involvement
	Infant focused
	Toddler
	Regard for Child Perspective:
	 Support for independence
	Facilitation of Learning and Development
	Active Facilitation
Row 3. When outdoors, caregivers encourage children to explore natural and play materials with all of their	Infant
senses.	Facilitated Exploration:
	Involvement



	Infant focused
	<u>Toddler</u>
	Regard for Child Perspective: • Support for independence
	 Facilitation of Learning and Development Active Facilitation Children's active engagement
Row 4. When outdoors, children interact and play with caregivers.	Infant
	 Facilitated Exploration: Involvement Infant focused Toddler Facilitation of Learning and Development Active Facilitation Children's active engagement
Row 5. Nonmobile and mobile infants spend little or none of their outside time in playpens, carriages, strollers, swings, or wagons.	Infant Facilitated Exploration: Involvement Infant focused
II-I. Individualized naptimes (pg. 46)	
Row 1. Children nap or rest when they are tired, even when this occurs	Infant Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness and cue detection • Responsiveness <u>Toddler</u> Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness

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	 Responsiveness Regard for Child Perspective: Flexibility
Row 2. Sleeping children hear soft music or no music.	Not observed in CLASS
Row 3. Nonmobile and mobile infants are taken out of their cribs, greeted, cuddled, and changed as soon as they are fully awake.	Infant (only) Relational Climate: • Relational behaviors • Emotion expression • Respect for infants' state Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness and cue detection • Responsiveness
Row 4. During naptime nonsleeping children play on their cots/mats	Toddler (only) Regard for Child Perspectives: • Child focus

III. Adult-Child Interactions

HighScope Infant-Toddler PQA	Teachstone Infant and Toddler CLASS
III-A. Long-term adult-child relationships (pg. 49)	Not observed in CLASS
III-B. Child-adult trust (pg. 51)	

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Row 1. Throughout the day children are touched, held, and spoken to in a warm, attentive, leisurely manner.	Infant Relational Climate: • Relational Behaviors • Respect for infant's state • Lack of adult negativity
	Teacher Sensitivity:Awareness and cue detectionResponsiveness
	Toddler
	Positive Climate: • Relationships • Positive affect • Respect
	Negative Climate: • Negative affect
	Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness
Row 2. Throughout the day children show pleasure in their interactions with caregivers.	Infant Relational Climate: • Emotion expression • Respect for infant's state
	Toddler Positive Climate: • Positive affect
	Teacher Sensitivity: • Child comfort



Row 3. Throughout the day children receive caregiver attention when they demand, signal, or request it, and when they pause in exploration and play.	Infant Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness cue detection • Responsiveness • Infant comfort Toddler Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness • Infant comfort
Row 4. Throughout the day children initiate interactions with caregivers.	InfantRelational Climate:• Relational behaviorsTeacher Sensitivity:• Infant comfortToddlerPositive Climate:• RelationshipsTeacher Sensitivity:• Child comfort
Row 5. Throughout the day children and caregivers interact at the children's pace.	Infant Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness cue detection • Responsiveness Facilitated Exploration: • Infant focused

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	ToddlerTeacher Sensitivity:• ResponsivenessRegard for Child Perspective:• Child focus• Flexibility• Support for independence
Row 6. Throughout the day children hear only positive comments from caregivers about themselves and others.	InfantRelational Climate:• Respect for infants' state• Lack of adult negativityEarly Language Support:• Teacher talkToddlerPositive Climate:• Relationships• Positive affect• RespectNegative Climate:• Negative affect• Teacher negativityQuality of Feedback:• Encouragement and affirmation
III-C. Child-adult partnerships (pg. 54)	
Row 1. Throughout the day children explore or play at their physical level with caregivers.	Infant Relational Climate: • Relational behaviors

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	 Facilitated Exploration: Involvement <u>Toddler</u> Positive Climate: Relationships Facilitation of Learning and Development Active facilitation
Row 2. Throughout the day children play or explore near caregivers who watch and listen to them.	Infant Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness cue detection • Responsiveness Facilitated Exploration: • Involvement • Infant focused Toddler Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness Facilitation of Learning and Development • Active facilitation
Row 3. Throughout the day children and caregivers communicate in give-and-take exchanges and conversations involving gestures, sounds, and/or words.	InfantTeacher Sensitivity:• Awareness cue detection• ResponsivenessEarly Language Support:• Teacher talk• Communication support• Communication extension

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	Toddler Teacher Sensitivity: Awareness Responsiveness
	 Kesponsiveness Language Modeling: Supporting language use Repetition and extension Advanced language
Row 4. Throughout the day children hear few <i>directives</i> from caregivers, none harsh.	Infant Relational Climate: • Respect for infants' state • Lack of adult negativity
	Teacher Sensitivity:Awareness cue detectionResponsiveness
	Early Language Support: Teacher talk
	<u>Toddler</u> Positive Climate: • Relationships • Respect
	Negative Climate: Negative affect Punitive control
	Teacher Sensitivity: Awareness Responsiveness
	Behavior Guidance:ProactiveSupporting positive behavior



Row 5. Throughout the day children hear many caregiver acknowledgements and comments directly related to their actions, interests, ideas, and feelings.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: • Expansion of infants' experience
	 Early Language Support: Teacher talk Communication support Communication extension
	Toddler
	Positive Climate: • Positive affect
	Quality of Feedback:Providing informationEncouragement and affirmation
	Language Modeling: • Self- and parallel talk
III-D. Children's intentions (pg. 57)	
Row 1. Throughout the day children are encouraged to pursue their interests and initiatives and solve problems.	Infant
	Teacher Sensitivity:Awareness and cue detectionResponsiveness
	 Facilitative Exploration: Involvement Infant focused Expansion of infants' experience
	<u>Toddler</u>
	Teacher Sensitivity: • Awareness • Responsiveness

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	Regard for Child Perspective: Child focus Flexibility Support for independence Facilitation of Learning and Development: Children's active engagement Quality of Feedback Scaffolding
Row 2. Throughout the day children do things they can do and or wish to do themselves.	InfantFacilitative Exploration:InvolvementInfant focusedExpansion of infants' experienceToddlerRegard for Child Perspective:Child focusFlexibilitySupport for independenceFacilitation of Learning and Development:Children's active engagement
Row 3. Throughout the day children receive caregiver support for their efforts, ideas, and initiatives.	Infant Facilitative Exploration: Involvement Infant focused Expansion of infants' experience Early Language Support: Teacher talk Toddler Negative Climate:

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	 Negative affect Punitive control Regard for Child Perspective Child focus Flexibility Quality of Feedback: Encouragement and affirmation
Row 4. Children receive encouragement for their accomplishments (caregivers acknowledge children's actions without praising them).	InfantFacilitative Exploration:• Involvement• Infant focusedToddlerQuality of Feedback:• Encouragement and affirmation
ULE Children's social relationships (ng. 50)	
III-E. Children's social relationships (pg. 59)	
Row 1. Throughout the day nonmobile children watch and/or communicate with other children.	Infant (only) Facilitated Exploration: Involvement Infant focused Expansion of infants' experience

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	<u>Toddler</u> Positive Climate: • Relationships • Positive affect Regard for Child Perspectives: • Support of independence
Row 3. Throughout the day children's communications to other children are interpreted by a caregiver.	Infant Facilitated Exploration: • Infant focused Early Language Support • Teacher talk Toddler Positive Climate: • Relationships Regard for Child Perspectives: • Support of independence Language Modeling: • Advanced language
Row 4. Throughout the day children explore, play alongside or, play with, and/or show preferences for other children.	Infant Facilitated Exploration: • Involvement • Expansion of infants' experience <u>Toddler</u> Positive Climate: • Relationships • Positive affect Regard for Child Perspectives: • Support of independence

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III-F. Children's conflict resolution (pg. 63)	
 For Older infants and toddlers Row 1. Each child involved in a conflict receives the positive attention of a caregiver who approaches children calmly and is ready to help if needed. At the start of conflictstop hurtful actions remaining calm. 	Toddler (Only)Teacher Sensitivity:• Awareness• Responsive• Child comfortBehavior Guidance:• Proactive• Supportive positive behavior
 Row 2. After approaching children in conflict calmly, caregivers help children resolve the problem by giving positive and respectful support to each child: Caregivers acknowledge children's feelings Caregivers help nonverbal children communicate For older infants, caregivers offer duplicate or similar materials 	Toddler (Only)Negative Climate:• Negative affect• Punitive control• Teacher negativityTeacher Sensitivity:• Awareness• Responsive• Child comfortRegard for Child Perspective:• Support for independenceBehavior Guidance:• Proactive• Supportive positive behavior
 Toddlers aged 18-36 Row 3. With caregivers' encouragement, each child in a conflict participates in identifying the problem: Children communicate what the problem is 	Toddler Regard for Child Perspective: • Support for independence

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Children affirm or correct the caregiver	Behavior Guidance:ProactiveSupportive positive behavior
Toddlers aged 18-36 Row 4. Caregivers encourage each child in a conflict to participate in finding and choosing a solution for a	Toddler Regard for Child Perspective: • Support for independence
 problem: Children generate ideas for solutions and choose one Children receive follow-up caregiver support 	Behavior Guidance:ProactiveSupportive positive behavior

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Infant and Toddler Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) Crosswalk with the Infant-Toddler Program Quality Assessment (PQA)







Infant CLASS

I. Responsive Caregiving Domain

Relational Climate	
Infant CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
Relational Behaviors Proximity Eye contact Joint attention Affection 	 II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 3 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 1, Row 6 II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 3 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 4 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 1 III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 2
 Emotion expression Smiling Laughing Enthusiasm 	 II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 2 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 1, Row 6 II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 3 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 2
 Respect for infant's state Calm voice Gentle approach Communication of intentions, transitions, or changes Respectful language 	 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 3 II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 2, Row 3 II-D. Bodily care routines include choices for children: Row 2 II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 6 II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 3

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	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 2, Row 6 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 4
 Lack of Adult Negativity Lack of irritation/frustration Lack of verbal harshness Lack of rough handling Lack of negative comments 	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 6III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 4

Teacher Sensitivity	
Infant CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
Awareness and cue detection	II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 4
Visually scan	II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 3
Attend physically	II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 1
Acknowledge verbally and/or physically	II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 7
	II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interests: Row 4
	II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 1, Row 3
	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 3, Row 5
	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4
	III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1
Responsiveness	I-D. Materials for sensory exploration are plentiful an accessible: Row 4
Responds to infants' emotions and needs	II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 4

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• Adjusts actions based on individual needs of the infants	II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 3
	II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 1
	II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 7
	II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interests: Row 4
	II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 1, Row 3
	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 3, Row 5
	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4
	III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1
Infant comfort	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 3, Row 4
Infants are comfortable or content when teachers are present	II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of children and parents: Row 2.
Infants seek out teachers	
 Infants soothed or calmed by teachers' efforts 	

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II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 5 II-D. Bodily care routines include choices for children: Row 1, Row 3
 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 1, Row 8 II-H. Outside times provide nature based sensory-motor learning opportunities: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4, Row 5

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	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 2
	III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1, Row 2, Row 3, Row 4
	III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 1, Row 2, Row 4
nfant focused	I-D. Materials for sensory exploration are plentiful an accessible: Row 3
• Follow infants' leads	II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 5
Allows infants choice	II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 1, Row 2
Support exploration	II-D. Bodily care routines include choices for children: Row 3
	II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next: Row 1, Row 3.
	II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 3, Row 4, Row 5, Row 8
	II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interest Row 2, Row 3, Row 4
	II-H. Outside times provide nature based sensory-motor learning opportunities: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4, Row 5
	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 5
	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 2
	III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1, Row 2, Row 3, Row 4
	III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 1, Row 2, Row 3
Expansion of infants' experience	II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 5
Encourage behavior	II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next: Row 4
Vary intonation	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 5
Adjust experiences	III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1, Row 2, Row 3
	III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 1, Row 2, Row 4



Early Language Support	
Infant CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
 Teacher Talk Self-talk Describes classroom events Verbally label objects Use complete and varies sentences 	 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 3 II-D. Bodily care routines include choices for children: Row 2 II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next: Row 2 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 6 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 3, Row 4, Row 5 III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 3 III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 3
Communication support Initiates sounds and words Imitate or repeat sounds 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 3, Row 5
 Communication extension Provide words for infants' communication Expand and extend on infants' communication Model turn-taking 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 3, Row 5





Toddler CLASS

I. Emotional Support Domain

Positive Climate	
Toddler CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
 Relationships Physical proximity Matched positive affect Reciprocal interactions Peer connections 	 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 6 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 4, Row 6 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 4 III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4
 Positive affect Smiling, laughter Enthusiasm Verbal or physical affection 	 II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 2 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 6 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 2, Row 6 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 5 III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4.
 Respect Warm, calm voice Respectful language and communication Eye contact Body orientation 	 II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 2 II-D. Bodily care routines include choices for children: Row 2 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 6 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 6 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 4

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Negative Climate	
Toddler CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
Negative affect	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 6
Irritability	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 4
Anger	III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 3
Harsh voice	III-F. Older infants and toddler participate in resolving conflicts: Row 2
Punitive control	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 4
Yelling	III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 3
Threats	III-F. Older infants and toddler participate in resolving conflicts: Row 2
Physical actions/punishment	
Teacher negativity	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 6
Sarcastic voice/statement	III-F. Older infants and toddler participate in resolving conflicts: Row 2
Teasing	
Humiliation	
Child negativity	Not observed in PQA
Peer disputes	
Escalating frustration	
Escalating negativity	





Teacher Sensitivity	
Toddler CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
 Awareness Is attentive to children throughout the classroom Notices difficulties or children who are upset 	 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 3, Row 4 II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 3 II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 1 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 7 II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interests: Row 4 II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 1 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 3 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4 III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1 III-F. Older infants and toddlers participate in resolving conflicts: Row 1, Row 2
 Responsiveness Responds to children's bids for attention Acknowledges and accepts emotions Provides comfort 	 I-D. Materials for sensory exploration are plentiful and accessible: Row 4 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 3, Row 4 II-B. Arrivals and departures focus on the comfort of the children and parents: Row 3 II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 1, Row 2 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 7 II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interests: Row 4 II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 1 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4

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	III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1 III-F. Older infants and toddlers participate in resolving conflicts: Row 1, Row 2
 Child comfort Freely approaches and participates Seeks support Genuine problem resolution 	III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4 III-F. Older infants and toddlers participate in resolving conflicts: Row 1, Row 2

Regard for Child Perspectives	
Toddler CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
 Child Focus Follows children's leads Provides choices Elicits children's expression and ideas 	 I-D. Materials for sensory exploration are plentiful and accessible: Row 3 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 5 II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 1, Row 2 II-D. Bodily care routines include choices for children: Row 1, Row 2, Row 3 II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next: Row 1, Row 2 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 4 II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interests: Row 2, Row 3 II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 4 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 5 III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1, Row 2, Row 3



 Flexibility Allows movement and talking "Goes with the flow" Adjusts pacing for individual children 	 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 4, Row 5 II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next: Row 3, Row 4 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 5, Row 7 II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interests: Row 3, Row 4 II-I. Naptimes accommodate children's individual needs for sleep and rest: Row 1 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 5 III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1, Row 2, Row 3
 Support of independence Child responsibility Support of self-care Materials accessible Peer perspective taking 	 I-D. Materials for sensory exploration are plentiful an accessible: Row 3 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 5 II-D. Bodily care routines include choices for children: Row 1, Row 3 II-F. Feedings and mealtimes are child centered and leisurely: Row 3, Row 8 II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interests: Row 2 II-H. Outside times provide nature based sensory-motor learning opportunities: Row 2, Row 3 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 5 III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1, Row 2 III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4 III-F. Older infants and toddler participate in resolving conflicts: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4



Behavior Guidance	
Toddler CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
 Proactive Actively monitors children's behavior Communicates clear expectations Children demonstrate awareness of expectations 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 4 III-F. Older infants and toddlers participate in resolving conflicts: Row 1, Row 2, Row 3, Row 4
 Supporting positive behavior Reinforcement of positive behavior Effective redirection Specificity in redirection and/or directions Positive phrasing of desired behaviors 	 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 4 III-F. Older infants and toddlers participate in resolving conflicts: Row 1 III-F. Older infants and toddler participate in resolving conflicts: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4
 Problem behavior Minimal wandering Minimal waiting Lack of disruptive or potentially dangerous behavior 	Not observed in PQA





II. Engaged Support for Learning Domain

Facilitation of Learning and Development	
Toddler CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
 Active facilitation Teacher provides opportunities for exploration and learning Teacher guides exploration Teacher is involved in children's activities to support learning and development 	 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 5 II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 2 II-H. Outside times provide nature based sensory-motor learning opportunities: Row 2, Row 3, Row 4 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 1, Row 2
 Expansion of cognition Teacher provides and embeds information Teacher relates information to children's lives and experiences Teacher integrates concepts across activities and tasks Teacher encourages thinking skills 	II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 3
 Children's active engagement Manipulation of materials Physical involvement Verbal involvement 	 II-A. The overall daily schedule is predictable yet flexible: Row 5 II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 2 II-G. Group times for mobile infants and toddlers are fluid and dynamic and focus on children's actions, ideas, and interests: Row 3 II-H. Outside times provide nature based sensory-motor learning opportunities: Row 3, Row 4 III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1, Row 2

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Quality of Feedback	
Toddler CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
 Scaffolding Hints Verbal and physical assistance Prompting thought processes 	II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 3 II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next: Row 4 III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 1
 Providing information Clarification of concepts or task Expansion and elaboration 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 5
 Encouragement and affirmation Individualized feedback Specific feedback Recognition of effort or accomplishment 	 II-C. Choice times (play times, awake times) focus on child-initiated exploration and play: Row 3 II-E. Transitions flow smoothly from one interesting experience to the next: Row 4 III-B. Children form trusting relationships with their caregivers: Row 6 III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 5 III-D. Children carry out their intentions: Row 3, Row 4





Language Modeling	
Toddler CLASS	Infant-Toddler PQA
 Supporting language use Back-and-forth exchanges Contingent responding Open-ended questions 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 3
Repetition and extension• Repeats• Extends/elaborates	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 3
 Self- and parallel talk Describes own actions with language Narrates children's action with language 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 5
 Advanced language Variety of words and/or descriptive vocabulary Labeling Connections to familiar words and ideas 	III-C. Children interact in partnership with their caregivers: Row 3 III-E. Children form social relationships: Row 3





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