

# Town Hall Meeting

Tuesday, June 26, 2018

## Questions from Q&A Session:

1. Q: How will we be exempt before assessments? What are exemption standards?  
A: Still in rule making stage.
2. Q: Will our validations count  
A: There will be a shift as to how the Guiding Stars validations will be conducted going forward, but our current Guiding Stars of Duval 3.0 is in effect until 2019. We are putting together a work group to see how we can merge Guiding Stars with 1091. There will be some changes as Guiding Stars only completes 3 cycles and 4 cycles are needed for 1091.
3. Q: Will CLASS outdoors?  
A: Infant and Toddler- yes. PreK only if it is a part of the curriculum, or an extension of a classroom activity that must be completed outside. OEL- Still in rule making. Draft being made to clarify.
4. Q: How will you decided who goes first and who goes last for the assessments starting in August?  
A: We will be working on this with a work group so we can come up with the best solution. It will most likely be randomized but will certainly provide plenty of notice.
5. Q: Will we all get Teachstone?  
A: Yes
6. Q: Is the extra pay for higher quality will it be just for the classrooms assessed or all SR children in center?  
A: The CLASS Assessment score will be a composite center score, not an individual classroom score. The CLASS assessment will be completed for all SR providers regardless of the number of SR children in a classroom. The payment differential is based on the composite score.
7. Q: What is the differential for?  
A: OEL is still establishing the minimum score for the payment differential. Centers that meet or exceed the score that is established will be eligible for an up to 10% payment

differential. Centers that choose to complete the Child Assessment will be eligible for an additional 5% payment differential.

8. Q: How will payment come? Will it be with our other money?

A: All together

9. Q: How does 1090 work with Drop in care?

A: Classrooms are selected randomly. CLASS is based on teacher child interactions, not on individual children.

10. Q: What about drop in care and the child assessment piece?

A: In rulemaking

11. Q: Are other counties doing this already?

A: 1091 is brand new and is Florida legislation. All ELC's are on the same timeline.

12. Q: Who is part of the decision making? Who made up all this?

A: Florida Legislature passed the bill. OEL is implementing the legislation in partnership with all local coalitions.

13. Q: Will we have coaches?

A: We are still figuring that out. Centers who are placed on a Quality Improvement Plan may receive coaching.

14. Q: When assessments start will this lower our current rating?

A: For now, all current Guiding Stars 3.0 star ratings will remain in effect until 2019. After that time, some changes will be made to the Guiding Stars validation process as we move from 3 cycles of classroom observation to 4 cycles.

15. Q: So CLASS will be 4 cycles?

A: Yes, assessments will include 4 cycles of observations.

16. Q: CLASS takes 2 years to train for. Are you telling me that now our teachers will be assessed without training? How is this fair?

A: The state will be providing free resources to assist in preparing teachers for the CLASS assessment. ELC of Duval is also planning to host trainings with directors being the target audience. Not sure about fairness, but it is the new legislation so we are mandated to follow the requirements.

17. Q: Who is responsible for child assessments? Will it be the teachers?

A: Currently the plan is that the teachers will be responsible for the child assessments. Since the teachers will be the assessors they will have to be reliable on the child assessment tool.

18. Q: Is CLASS money going to be the same as Gold seal?

A: No Gold seal will be its 20% and CLASS and Child Assessment will be separate payment differential.

19. Q: I am a FCCH and I have an SR contact but no SR children. Will I be assessed?

A: Yes, all SR providers will be assessed unless deemed exempt (to be determined in rule making). CLASS measures the overall quality of teacher child interactions and is not based solely on individual children. This means that the FCCH could be assessed without an SR child in attendance.

20. Q: Is this the same as performance funding? Will this continue?

A: This is the last year for performance funding and yes this will take its place.

21. Suggestions from provider: Allocate some money for CLASS training for all or some staff to become CLASS Reliable observers. After discussions with coalition staff, this may be something we pursue in fall 2019. We have allocated some money in our budget for this kind of thing as we knew this change would be coming.

22. Q: Is this similar to Head Start? Will there be a curve?

A: No, there will be no curve. There will be a minimum score that must be met. The Score is being established now in rule making.

23. Q: How many days does the teacher have to be employed in the classroom to be assessed?

A: This is in rule making.

24. Q: What qualifies a FCCH to be exempt?

A: In rulemaking now. Will have to have an SR contract.

25. Q: Will child assessment be for SR children only or whole center?

A: Not sure. This is still in rule making.

26. Q: When will we know all the answers? When is rulemaking over?

A: Working for October when they meet again. It is a process that takes months of calls, webinars, and meetings.

27. Q: If we are a provider for Clay and Duval will we be assessed by both coalitions?

A: No we will work with other Coalitions so make sure you are only assessed once.

Suggestion made to put questions and answers on social media as well as ELC website and Provider e-blast

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28. Q: How many classrooms per center?

A: It is still in rule making, but most likely will be 50% of all classrooms in each care level. For example, if a center has 4 toddler classrooms, 2 will be assessed.

29. Q: What about private homes? How will they be monitored?

A: All providers with an SR contract will be assessed.

30. Q: What kind of trainings are you going to offer to familiarize us with CLASS?

A: We are working on that now. The state will be providing free resources to assist in preparing teachers for the CLASS assessment. ELC of Duval is also planning to host trainings with directors being the target audience. Please email Denise Marzullo your suggestions – [dmarzullo@elcduval.org](mailto:dmarzullo@elcduval.org)