

Program Evaluation

We've received a few questions and requests regarding the end-of-year classroom observation. As a reminder, the assigned ECS must complete the observation process. From page one of the Program Evaluation section of the Implementation Manual:

Only an ECS who is a Reliable Assessor/Certified Observer completes the observations, interviews and scoring of the program evaluation tool(s). The ECS must be assigned to the classroom that is observed/evaluated/coached. The ECS documents evidence about classroom observations and specific classroom-level grant requirements and uses this data for improvement planning.

Although the CLASS and PQA-R do not require observation of an entire session, this GSRP requirement for the end-of-year classroom observation remains. This is found on page 9 of the ECS section of the Implementation Manual, see below. Please note that based on input from the field regarding lengthening school years, the windows for the observation and submission of end-of-year classroom evaluations have been extended by two weeks.

Between March 1 and May 30, the ECS observes each unique teaching team for one full session to administrate the formal program evaluation tool and document how well classroom grant requirements are met; data are due into the tool's online system on June 15. Following the completion of comprehensive program evaluation in the spring, the ECS and teaching team set classroom-level goals and develop a plan for continuous improvement that may include professional development and modifications to the classroom environment.