CLASS® for Beginners: Understanding the CLASS Journey and How to Get Started

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Before we begin:

1) We're recording and you'll receive a link to the recording tomorrow.

2) You'll also receive a certificate of attendance and links to any resources mentioned.

3) Use the Q&A box to ask any questions you may have.

Today's Panel

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Quick Check-In

Who is joining us?

- ○ Program Administrator / School Leader
- ○ District Leader
- ○ State Leader
- ○ Coach
- ○ Teacher
- ○ Other

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Today's Discussion

- Introduction to CLASS® and high-quality interactions

- Overview of the CLASS journey and implementation supports

- Sample pathways for teachers, observers, coaches, and leaders

Reflect

Who was your favorite teacher?

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CLASS®

Single Focus.
Big Impact.

CLASS is the most evidence-based and widely used continuous improvement system for teaching in ECE.

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A Simple Structure for Improving Outcomes

Emotional Support

Classroom Organization

Instructional Support

Emotional Support

Research demonstrates higher Emotional Support scores are associated with:

- Higher social competence

- Decreased conflict with teachers

- Fewer behavior problems

- Higher executive functioning skills

- Higher achievement in language & literacy

Research demonstrates higher Classroom Organization scores are associated with:

- Social-emotional development

- Fewer conflicts with teachers

- Decreased behavior problems

- Improved academic outcomes

Classroom Organization

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Instructional Support

Research demonstrates higher Instructional Support scores are associated with:

- Growth in language, literacy, and math

- Executive functioning skills

- Greater behavioral competence

- Increased social competence

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CLASS Framework

FOCUS
your organization on the importance of high-quality interactions

MEASURE
the quality of your program's interactions on an ongoing basis to inform improvement efforts

IMPROVE
program quality by providing data-driven PD and coaching

FOCUS

Build leader readiness and establish a clear vision of quality

Create excitement and buy-in across organization

Increase confidence and support starting an improvement journey

FOCUS

Build leader readiness and establish a clear vision of quality

- CLASS Primer for Leaders
- CLASS Community

Create excitement and buy-in across organization

- CLASS Primer for Teachers
- Custom Events by Teachstone
- Curricula Crosswalks

Increase confidence and support starting an improvement journey

- myTeachstone Video Library
- CLASS Support Resources
- CLASS Community

MEASURE

Monitor program quality and improvement progress

Report on program quality, improvement progress and make data-driven decisions

Maintain data confidence and reliability

MEASURE

Monitor program quality and improvement progress

- CLASS Observation Training

- Live Observation Services

Report on program quality, improvement progress and make data-driven decisions

- myTeachstone Measurement and Reporting Suite

Maintain data confidence and reliability

- Observer Calibration

- Double Coding

IMPROVE

Strengthen overall program quality with organization PD opportunities

Increase coaching capacity and effectiveness

Support individual teacher development and growth

IMPROVE

Strengthen overall program quality with organization PD opportunities

Increase coaching capacity and effectiveness

Support individual teacher development and growth

- CLASS PD Training

- Powered by CLASS PD

- Coaching Certifications

- Coaching PD

- Coaching Services

- myTeachstone Learning Resources

- Online PD Courses

The Key to Success

CLASS in Action: Teacher

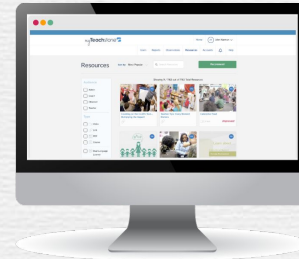**Learn about CLASS and quality interactions**

Engage in needs based program wide PD

See quality interactions in real classrooms

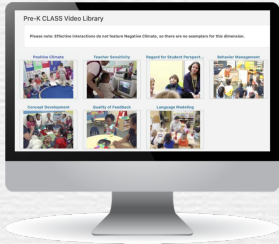**Receive ongoing, data-driven coaching**

Be informally and formally observed
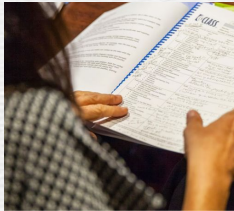

Strengthen knowledge with self-study opportunities

CLASS in Action: Coach

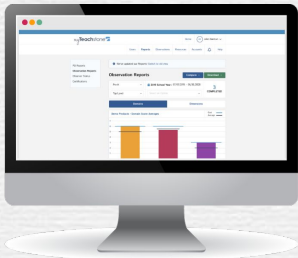Share videos of quality interactions
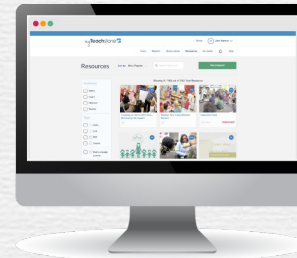
Receive a coaching certification

Learn about CLASS observation and scoring process

Provide ongoing, data-driven coaching

View classroom reports to drive coaching efforts

Assign individualized learning opportunities

CLASS in Action: Observer
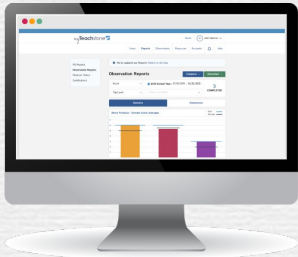

Explore quality interactions

Maintain data integrity

Earn an observer certification

Strengthen reliability and data validity

Observe, collect, and report on quality data

Free Support Resources

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by **Teachstone**®

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BACK TO SCHOOL

WITH MEANINGFUL INTERACTIONS

- **Free, virtual series** supporting early childhood teachers returning to the classroom.
- From CLASS® beginners to experts, there will be **content for everyone**. Sessions will address:
  - Family Engagement and Connection
  - Strategies to Support Dual Language Learners
  - Building Relationships at Center Time
  - Redirecting and Reframing Misbehavior
  - And more!
- Sessions for **Infant, Toddler, and PreK** teachers.
- Sessions available in **Spanish**

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Additional Resources

- Research Summary: Proving CLASS Effectiveness

- Research Summary: Effective Teacher-Child Interactions and Child Outcomes

- Research Summary: CLASS outcomes for Children from Diverse Backgrounds

- Blog: Informal Observations: How They Help Teachers Grow in the Classroom

- Blog: Top 6 Challenges in Implementing CLASS PD– Establishing Teacher Buy-In

- Blog: 6 Challenges of Implementing a New Professional Development Initiative

- Blog: Informal Observations: How They Help Teachers Grow in the Classroom

- Informal observation form

- CLASS Learning Community

Questions?

Why CLASS?

Because every child deserves access to life-changing teaching

Maximize the Potential of Every Child

Focus, measure and improve classroom interactions -- a key factor proven to drive children's academic and life-long success.

Learn More at
Teachstone.com/class

Thank You!