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MEMORANDUM

TO: Early Learning Coalition (ELC) Executive Directors
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FROM: Matthew H. Mears

DATE: June 17, 2022

SUBJECT: VPK Program Assessment Requirement and Training Opportunities

In accordance with legislative changes to [s. 1002.68, F.S.](#), following the passage of 2021 Legislative Session [House Bill \(HB\) 419](#), each private and public school VPK program must participate in a program assessment of each VPK classroom beginning with the 2022-2023 VPK program year. The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS) will be used as the program assessment to measure the quality of adult-child interactions including emotional support, classroom organization and instructional support for children ages three to five years.

The following online trainings and resources are available at no cost for VPK administrators, teachers and assistants to become familiar with the CLASS tool and related resources. These trainings are optional, but participation is highly encouraged.

CLASS Trainings	Course Description	Training Dates
Instructional Support Strategies (ISS) (instructor-led virtual training)	<p>The Instructional Support Strategies training is available as part of these opportunities for teachers, directors, support staff and specialists to continue to deepen their knowledge to best support the children they serve.</p> <p>Note: This training is recommended for individuals with in-depth CLASS content knowledge.</p>	<p>For training dates and availability, click here.</p> <p>Register here.</p>

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CLASS Resources	Resource Description	Requests
myTeachstone (online learning platform with independent access)	myTeachstone is a digital library of over 1,200 research-based resources that enables individualized professional development opportunities that target best practices in areas such as literacy, classroom management and more.	Request it here .
CLASS Dimensions Guide (soft-cover book)	The CLASS Dimensions Guide serves as a foundation for all myTeachstone CLASS-based programs, reminding educators how effective interactions are organized and how they impact learning. Teachers will find it easy to use, and coaches will find it a helpful reference as they provide feedback to their teachers. Available in English and in Spanish.	Request it here .
CLASS Group Coaching (formerly Making the Most of Classroom Interactions (MMCI)) Participant Training Kit	This kit includes a CLASS Group Coaching Participant’s Guide and CLASS Dimensions Guide.	Request it here .

More training opportunities will be available in the Fall of 2022. Information about additional upcoming trainings will be shared when available. The Division of Early Learning will reach out to District CLASS Leads and ELC CLASS Leads to arrange access, per request.

Please direct any questions regarding CLASS requirements, 2022-2023 trainings or resources to VPKCLASS@oel.myflorida.com.

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