5 REASONS TO EMBRACE CLASS ENVIRONMENT IN HEAD START

Head Start programs have long been recognized for their dedication to providing quality early childhood education. The introduction of the CLASS® tool marked a significant step in ensuring the primacy of high-quality educator-child interactions. Now, a powerful supplement, CLASS® Environment, takes the learning experience to new heights by focusing on the physical setting. In this comprehensive resource, we explore the 5 key benefits of integrating CLASS® Environment into Head Start programs.

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Unified Measurement of Quality:
CLASS® and CLASS® Environment create one system focused on driving the quality of educator-child interactions. CLASS® measures the quality of educator-child interactions, and CLASS® Environment ensures the physical setting where those interactions take place is optimized for effectiveness.

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Standardize Quality & Drive Inclusivity:
CLASS® Environment ensures the physical setting supports the diverse learning needs of all children, mirroring Head Start's commitment to equity while supporting a standard of environmental quality across Early Head Start and Head Start program centers.

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Save Time & Money:
Using CLASS® Environment alongside CLASS® offers a comprehensive approach to assessment. Paring together allows observers to simultaneously evaluate the quality of educator-child interactions and the classroom environment. By consolidating assessments into a single system, observers can efficiently streamline their process, minimizing the time they spend in the classroom. Additionally, the cost-effective and self-paced online training for CLASS® Environment ensures your program saves valuable classroom time and reduces training expenses.

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Learn on Your Own Schedule:
Certified CLASS® observers learn how to observe the key elements of the environment with a 5-hour self-paced online course. Educators can discover how to make the most of their classroom space to promote quality interactions with a 3-hour, self-paced online course.

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Tell a Story with Data:
Combining insights from both CLASS® and CLASS® Environment allows leaders to expand their data-driven strategies further and helps paint a comprehensive picture of quality. With these data points, leaders can tell a story of educational quality and have the actionable insights needed for data-driven improvement.

As we journey together toward improving child outcomes, our partnership with Head Start shines a light on what collaborative commitment can achieve. With CLASS® Environment, there's an opportunity to further enrich the quality of interactions by fine-tuning the spaces where they occur. Together, we are setting benchmarks and ensuring every child gets the best start in life.