# Early Learning Answers On the Go – English Version

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| **What is Program Assessment (CLASS)?** |
| In an effort to increase quality and accountability in the School Readiness and Voluntary Prekindergarten Programs, early education and care providers are assessed based on the Classroom Assessment Scoring System, or CLASS. The CLASS is the Division of Early Learning’s measure for program assessment and is used to examine the interactions between teachers and children. These interactions impact children’s developmental, language, and early numeracy skills.  All School Readiness Program and Voluntary Prekindergarten providers are required to have a CLASS score. Scores range from one to seven, with one as the lowest possible score and seven as the highest. The scores of 1 to 2 mean the quality of teacher-child interactions is low. Scores of 6 to 7 mean that effective teacher-child interactions are consistently observed throughout the observation period.  Parents may ask for their provider’s CLASS scores to help understand the quality of their children’s early education setting. That information can be used as a consideration when choosing a provider.  For more information about program assessment, call the Division’s toll-free number at one-eight-six-six, three-five-seven, three-two-three-nine.   * Show DEL’s toll-free number onscreen: 1 (866) 357-3239. |