

2020-2022 NC Pre-K and Durham PreK RFA Q&A

What are the differences between converted seats, new seats and upgraded seats?

Converted seats – Non-subsidized spaces that would become Durham PreK.

New seats – Brand new spaces created for the purpose of Durham PreK.

Upgraded Seats – Existing subsidized spaces currently funded by NC Pre-K, Head Start or Title I

What is CLASS[®] and what does it measure?

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System (CLASS[®]) is an observation instrument that assesses the quality of teacher-child interactions in preschool classrooms. CLASS[®] includes three domains or categories of teacher-child interactions that support children's learning and development: Emotional Support, Classroom Organization and Instructional Support. Within each domain are dimensions that capture more specific details about teachers' interactions with children.

Do you provide CLASS[®] assessment training prior to the RFA process?

We do not provide CLASS[®] assessment training prior to the RFA process. After site selection, we do provide training on using the assessment tools in the classroom. For more information <https://info.teachstone.com/info-sheet/what-is-class>

During your site observations what are you looking for and how does it influence Technical Assistance for the classroom teacher?

We assess the quality teacher-child interactions and developmentally appropriate practices in the classrooms. Are the teacher's responsive to the child? Are there demonstrations of open-ended dialogue between the teacher and students? Based on the CLASS[®] and application rubric scores, our technical assistance team will create an individualized professional development plan for each teacher and director at the site.

Where do I find a copy of the Department of Public Instruction (DPI) Salary Scale?

Page 13 of the Durham PreK Application Addendum has the current salary scales for Durham PreK lead teachers. The rates are subject to change based on the pending salary increase for teachers. Below are the links to DPI and Durham Public Schools' (DPS) salary scales.

DPI – <http://www.ncpublicschools.org/fbs/finance/salary/>

DPS – <https://www.dpsnc.net/domain/148>

What is the contracted school year?

NC PreK's contract is 10 months from August to May.

Durham PreK providers will receive reimbursement payments monthly over a 10-month period. Payments are made September through June. Some sites may be paid on a modified August through May schedule as an accommodation to NC Pre-K practices.