



# Upcoming School Readiness Changes

## Current Requirements

### Health and Safety Inspection

- Required of all licensed and license-exempt providers.
- Inspections completed by DCF or the local licensing authority.

Optional, providers may receive a program assessment in local quality initiative such as:

- Quality Rating Improvement System (QRIS)
- Early Learning Performance Funding Project

### Optional

- Initiatives offered by early learning coalitions.
- Early Learning Performance Funding Project participants select quality improvement strategies based on assigned participation tier.

Optional

School Readiness  
Provider  
Participation

Program  
Assessment or  
Quality Measure

Quality  
Improvement  
Opportunities

Child Assessment

## New Requirements Effective July 1, 2018

### Health and Safety Inspection and Program Assessment

- Program assessment required for providers serving children birth to kindergarten entry.
- Other exemptions apply.

### CLASS observation and score

- Minimum quality thresholds must be met to be eligible for a School Readiness contract.
- CLASS score determines differential payment level.
- Provider may be placed on a Quality Improvement Plan if minimum quality scores are not achieved.

### Required for providers with a Quality Improvement Plan

- Beginning in the 2019-2020 contract year.
- Optional for all other providers.

Voluntary to qualify for a payment differential

### Questions?

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