

# Preschool Observation Tools Alignment

## Supportive Learning Environments

ICP Items	Classroom Coach (formerly PQA-R)	CLASS	TPOT
<p>1. Adaptations of space and materials/ equipment</p> <p><b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Accessibility, independent use, and intentional support of areas and materials for children with disabilities.</p>	<p>Learning Environment, I-B, I-E, I-A</p> <p>Teaching and Learning Routines II-D, II-K</p>	<p>Instructional Learning Formats</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Variety of Learning Modalities and Materials</li> </ul>	<p>1. Schedules, Routines, and Activities</p> <p>Red Flags 27 and 28</p> <p><b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> None, may be more lenient than PQA-R and does not address accessibility or independence.</p>

## Adult Involvement in Peer Interactions

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<p>2. Adult involvement in peer interactions</p> <p><b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Focus on use of evidence-based practices and sustained interactions and cooperation with typical peers and children with disabilities.</p>	<p>Teaching and Learning Routines II-H, II-I, II-J, II-K</p>	<p>Positive Climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationships</li> <li>Language Modeling</li> <li>Frequent Conversations</li> </ul>	<p>4. Promoting Children's Engagement</p> <p>8. Teaching Social Skills and Emotional Competencies Conversations</p> <p>9. Teaching Friendship Skills</p> <p><b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Explicit teaching of social skills and friendship skills.</p>

## Adult Guidance of Engagement in Activities

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3. Adults' guidance of children's free-choice activities and play  <b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Assisting children with disabilities to extend and sustain engagement while showing enjoyment and availability.	Teaching and Learning Routine II-B, II-I II-J	Instructional Learning Formats <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Effective Facilitation</li> </ul>	4. Promoting Children's Engagement 5. Providing Directions 8. Teaching Social Skills and Emotional Competencies 9. Teaching Friendship Skills  <b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Explicit teaching of social skills and friendship skills.

## Conflict Resolution

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4. Conflict resolution  <b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Focus on how adults handle conflicts between typically developing children and children with disabilities.	Teaching and Learning Routines II-F	Behavior Management <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Redirection of Misbehavior</li> <li>Student Behavior</li> </ul> Teacher Sensitivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Addresses Problems</li> </ul> <i>*CLASS does not have a specific conflict resolution piece; however, behavior management focuses on the prevention and teacher's use of redirection strategies</i>	7. Teaching Behavior Expectations 11. Teaching Problem Solving  <b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Explicit instruction of behavior expectations or rules and problem-solving skills.

## Membership

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<p>5. Membership</p> <p><b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b></p> <p>Focus on materials that promote individual differences related to disability (diverse strengths and needs) and adult behaviors intentionally promote a sense of belonging and membership of children with disabilities.</p>	<p>Learning Environment, I-D, I-F</p> <p>Teaching and Learning Routines II-A</p> <p>Adult-Child Interactions II-F</p>	<p>Positive Climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Respect</li> </ul>	<p>8. Teaching Social Skills and Emotional Competencies</p> <p>9. Teaching Friendship Skills</p> <p><b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Explicit teaching of initiation and response and social skills and emotional competencies.</p>

## Adult-Child Relationships

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<p>6. Relationships between adults and children</p> <p><b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Focuses on the interpersonal interactions between adults and children with disabilities throughout the day.</p>	<p>Adult-Child Interactions II-D, II-E, II-F, II-G, II-H, II-I, II-J, II-K</p>	<p>Positive Climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Relationships</li> <li>Positive Communication</li> </ul> <p>Teacher Sensitivity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Responsiveness</li> <li>Student Comfort</li> </ul> <p>Regard for Student Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Student Expression</li> <li>Flexibility and Student Focus</li> </ul> <p>Quality Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Scaffolding</li> <li>Feedback Loops</li> <li>Prompting Through Processes</li> <li>Providing Information</li> <li>Encouragement and affirmation</li> </ul> <p>Concept Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Analysis and Reasoning</li> <li>Creating</li> </ul>	<p><b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Aligns well. Nothing unique besides maybe teacher using children's names.</p>

## Supporting Communication

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<p>7. Support for communication</p> <p><b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Alternative means of communication for children with disabilities and actively facilitate communication with children with disabilities between typically developing children and children with disabilities.</p>	II-F, II-K	<p>Positive Climate</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Positive Communication</li> <li>• Relationships</li> </ul> <p>Regard for Student Perspectives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Student Expression</li> </ul> <p>Language Modeling</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Frequent Conversations</li> <li>• Open-Ended Questions</li> <li>• Repetition and Extension</li> <li>• Self-and Parallel Talk</li> <li>• Advanced Language</li> </ul> <p>Quality of Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scaffolding</li> <li>• Feedback Loops</li> <li>• Prompting Thought Process</li> <li>• Providing Information</li> <li>• Encouragement and Affirmation</li> </ul>	<p>3. Teachers Engage in Supportive Conversations with Children</p> <p>This does not focus on communication support specifically, but one indicator aligns with this.</p> <p><b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> none</p>

## Adapting Group Activities

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8. Adaptations of group activities  <b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Differentially support learning and participation in group activities for children with disabilities.	II-C, II-E	Teacher Sensitivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Responsiveness</li> </ul> Regard for Student Perspectives <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Flexibility and Student Focus</li> <li>• Support for Autonomy and Leadership</li> <li>• Student Expression</li> <li>• Restriction of Movement</li> </ul> Quality of Feedback <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scaffolding</li> </ul>	4. Promoting Children's Engagement  5. Providing Directions  <b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Aligns well with ICP to support active engagement, but focuses on individualizing for children with challenging behavior when needed.

## Transitions

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9. Transition between activities  <b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Focus on supporting transitions of children with disabilities and prevent frustration.	II-A	Productivity <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transitions</li> </ul>	2. Transitions Between Activities are Appropriate  Red Flag 16  <b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Aligns well with ICP with focus on individualized support when needed.

## Providing Feedback

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<p>10. Feedback</p> <p><b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Focus on feedback to children with a disability that is sensitive and effort based. Creating opportunities for children with a disability to reflect on their work.</p>	II-J, II-K	<p>Quality of Feedback</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Feedback Loops</li> <li>• Prompting Thought Processes</li> <li>• Prompting Thought Process</li> <li>• Providing Information</li> <li>• Encouragement and Affirmation</li> </ul>	<p>Descriptive Comments are part of the following practices:</p> <p>3. Teachers Engage in Supportive Conversations with Children</p> <p>5. Providing Directions</p> <p>8. Teaching Social Skills and Emotional Competencies</p> <p>9. Teaching Friendship Skills</p> <p><b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Specific focus on feedback for the above behaviors.</p>

## Family-Professional Partnerships

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11. Family-professional partnership  <b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Families provide feedback on quality of the inclusive program and programs provide opportunities for families to connect (focus on inclusive community).	III-E	NA	13. Connecting with Families  14. Supporting Family Use of the Pyramid Model Practices  <b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Focus is on social-emotional development, challenging behavior, and prosocial behavior

## Monitoring Learning

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12. Monitoring children's learning  <b>Unique ICP Indicators:</b> Individualized intervention plans for children with disabilities that are regularly adjusted based on progress monitoring.	III-B, III-C	NA	12. Interventions for Children with Persistent Challenging Behavior  <b>Unique TPOT Indicators:</b> Focus is on a functional behavior plan specifically.





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