

Data Panel
Department of Early Childhood Education
Early Childhood Cluster Initiative

Elementary School	4-Star Quality Improvement System (QIS) Rating (1)		Program Quality Assessment (PQA) Ratings (2)	
	FY 05-06	FY 06-07	FY 05-06	FY 06-07
Barton	4 stars	4 stars	2.6	3.5
Forest Park	4 stars	4 stars	2.6	4.5
Lantana	4 stars	4 stars	4.3	4.7
Northmore	3 stars	4 stars	2.6	3.8
Pahokee	4 stars	4 stars	2.7	4.5
Pioneer Park	4 stars	4 stars	4.0	4.2
Pleasant City	4 stars	4 stars	3.1	3.9
Village Academy	4 stars	4 stars	3.6	4.5
Washington	4 stars	4 stars	4.0	3.4
West Riviera	4 stars	4 stars	2.5	3.9

(1) The 4-Star Quality Improvement System (QIS) Rating ranges from 1 Star, which reflects basic child care licensing requirements, to 4 Stars, which denotes a higher level of quality. The QIS is funded by the Children’s Services Council (CSC) and is implemented through a partnership among CSC, the School District, United Way, Palm Beach Community College, Health Care District, Family Central and the participating private child care centers. The District’s prekindergarten classrooms under the Department of Early Childhood Education, including those in the ECCI program, participate in the QIS program and are assessed annually. The annual assessment includes use of the nationally recognized, research based tool - the Early Childhood Environment Rating Scale (ECERS) - and other quality standard measures for professional development, parent involvement, child assessment, teacher/student ratio, and curriculum implementation. All public and private participants in the QIS program receive technical assistance from CSC funded Early Learning Coaches (who are employed and managed by the School District) except for the ECCI program which has Resource Teachers that provide both QIS coaching and intensive High/Scope curriculum supports.

(2) The High/Scope PQA is an observational assessment tool that measures the fidelity and rigor of curriculum implementation through a formal assessment performed by a trained rater. It is the goal of the ECCI program for all classrooms to become High/Scope certified, which requires that teachers and then classrooms meet specified standards. The chart reflects one classroom per site. For teachers to become High/Scope certified, they must achieve a minimum rating of 4 (out of 5) on every certification subscale and must have an average PQA rating of no less than 4.5. In the ECCI program, one teacher at each of the following schools has become High/Scope certified – Lantana Elementary, Village Academy, Pahokee Elementary, and Forest Park.