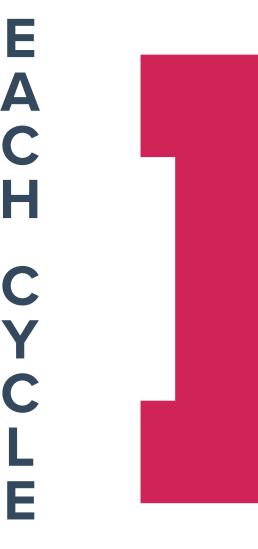
CLASS Coding Process

Use this coding process every time you conduct a CLASS[®] observation.

Frequently check in with yourself to ensure you remain objective and avoid bias while collecting behavioral notes and assigning value to interactions.



otetaking

Observe classroom interactions and **note the behaviors** of both educators and children on your score sheet, **sorting** evidence into the correct dimension as you record what you see and hear during the cycle.

After observing the cycle, repeat the steps below to code each dimension.

dentify "Soft Range"

Refer to the face page in the *CLASS Manual*. Read the **dimension definition** and consider the low-, mid-, and high-range **indicator summaries** to make initial range predictions for each indicator based on the **depth**, **duration**, and **frequency** of relevant behaviors observed.

onfirm Ranges

Reflect on each "soft range" by reading the corresponding **detailed description** in the manual. Read the "next best fit" range description to determine the **most**



characteristic range, then mark the indicator L, M, or H on the score sheet.

valuate and Code

Using the table in Chapter 2 of the manual, align your confirmed indicator ranges with the **scoring guidelines**. Reflect on the **holistic nature** of the dimension and the average experience of the child to assign a score for the dimension.



Time for a self-check! Did you observe and measure "just the facts" without emotion in order to assign an objective score?

