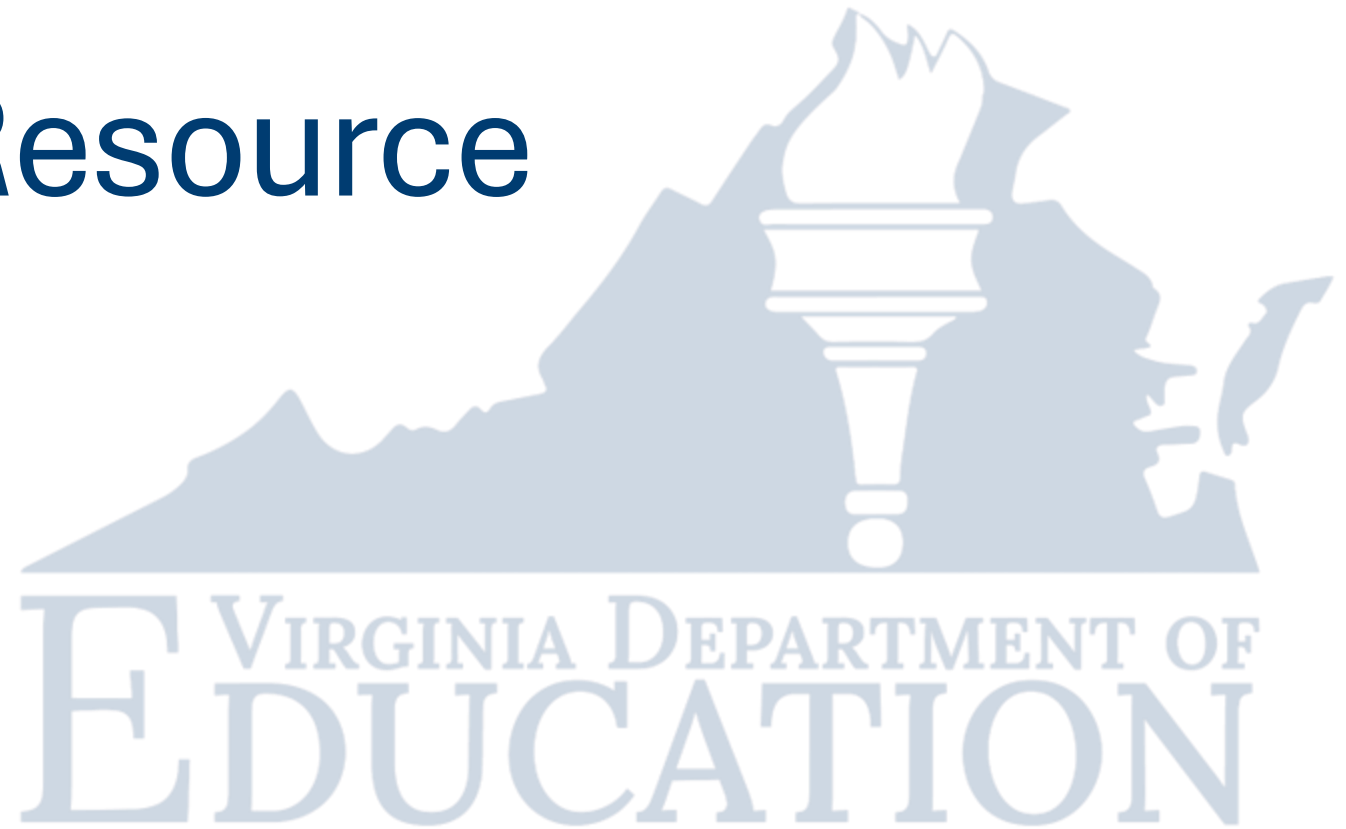


VQB5 Data Verification Resource Guide

2025-2026



VQB5 Data Verification: 2025-2026

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- Data Verification will provide sites with the final opportunity to verify information, review rating results, or request corrections. At the conclusion of the data verification process, VDOE will make changes to quality profiles as necessary before finalizing.
- Ready Regions and VDOE's VQB5 team will provide support to site administrators during the verification period.
- The process will be done through LinkB5 and an online form.
- The verification period for 2025-2026 is **July 13 – July 24.**

VQB5 Data Verification: The Why

Data verification helps ensure accuracy and build credibility for VQB5 by enabling every site to verify their individual information before it is public.

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- At the conclusion of the annual data verification process, VDOE will make changes to quality profiles as necessary, and finalize quality profiles before publication. The public release of VQB5 ratings and quality profiles will be in Fall 2026.
- The data verification period begins on or around July 15 every year and will remain open for at least 10 business days.

Timeline of Events for Data Verification: July 13 – July 24

Monday, July 13

- 2025-2026 site quality profiles will be posted in LinkB5 at 12:01 a.m.
- Site administrators and Ready Regions leads will be notified by email that profiles are live on Monday morning.

Monday, July 13 – Friday, July 24

- Site administrators will log in to LinkB5 and navigate to the Reports tab to download and view the **VQB5 2025-2026 Profile** report.
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Friday, July 24

- Data verification will end and LinkB5 will close at 11:59pm.


VQB5 2025-2026 Data Verification Timeline

July 2026						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
	13	14	15	16	17	18
	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		

July 13, 12:01 a.m.:
Data Verification
Profiles Posted in
LinkB5

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Data Verification
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Overview of 2025-2026 Quality Profile for Data Verification - Pages 1 and 2



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Additional Site Information – Pages 3 and 4



To: **SITE NAME – SITE ID**

Subject: Score Comparison and Replacement Information 2025-2026

Congratulations on completing your 2025-2026 CLASS observations as part of VQB5. This letter is to notify you that based on the data collected from VQB5 observations as of June 2026, there will be a score replacement in at least one classroom observation at your site.

What is Score Comparison and Replacement?

To ensure the consistency, quality, and credibility of ratings and performance profiles, VQB5 will use a local-external score comparison and replacement protocol to address comparable observations with significantly different scores.

Throughout the fall and spring observation windows, the VDOE will compare all local and external observations that are completed in the same classroom during the same observation window. VDOE will use the following protocol to identify significant discrepancies for score replacement ([please see VQB5 Guidelines Section 4.7 for more information](#)):

- Domain scores that are within one point are considered consistent. In these cases, no scores will be replaced, and local domain scores will be used.
- Domains where the scores differ by more than one point will be replaced.
 - The external domain score is used in place of the local domain score for purposes of calculating the VQB5 quality rating for the site.
 - This will only impact domains where the score is off by more than one point. All other consistent domains use the local observation score.

2026 Local-External Score Comparison and Replacement at Your Site

Preliminary results indicate that there will be a domain-level score replacement in the following classroom observation scores:

- **Toddler Room A – ID: 123**
- **Infant Room A – ID: 246**

To understand how score replacement will affect these classroom results, follow the steps below:

1. Gather your 2025-2026 CLASS scores. Local Observation CLASS scores can be found in your [LinkB5 Account Reports](#). External Observation score reports were sent to primary site administrators via email from the Virginia Teachstone External Observation Team.
2. Enter both the local and external fall observation scores in the classrooms listed above in the [Score Comparison Calculator](#). For additional support, please contact your Ready Region.
3. If you need another copy of your external observation score report, please email vaexternalobservations@teachstone.com.

If you have any questions, please reach out to your [Ready Region](#) or contact the VDOE at vqb5@doe.virginia.gov.

Pages 3 and 4 are provided for informational purposes only. No action is needed for Data Verification.

Page 3 - 2025-2026 Score Comparison and Replacement summary

Page 4 - Changes to the VQB5 Ratings for 2026-2027



Changes to VQB5 Ratings in 2026-2027

Beginning in the 2026-2027 program year, there will be **two changes** to VQB5 ratings: 1) VQB5 will shift from a three-level to a five-level rating system, and 2) Curriculum points will be awarded only to sites who choose to use approved curriculum in every classroom.

VQB5 Quality Ratings – Summary of Changes

	2025-2026 (Released in fall 2026)	2026-2027 (Released in fall 2027)
Interaction Points (700 points)	Average of all local CLASS scores from the fall and the spring (all VQB5 eligible classrooms at a site) x 100*	
Curriculum Points (100 points)	Programs using a VDOE-approved curriculum in <i>at least one classroom</i> , by May 31 receive 100 points added to their score.	Programs using a VDOE-approved curriculum in <i>every classroom</i> by May 31 receive 100 points added to their score.
Total Points	Interactions Points + Curriculum Points = Total Points	
Quality Rating	Fall 2026 Profiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Exceeds Expectations: 700-800 pts • Meets Expectations: 400-699 pts • Needs Support: 100-399 pts 	Fall 2027 Profiles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distinguished: 700-800 pts • Exceeds Expectations: 600-699 pts • Meets Expectations: 500-599 pts • Approaching Expectations: 400-499 pts • Needs Support: 100-399 pts

* If score replacement is necessary in one or more classrooms, external observation scores will be used when calculating the interaction points for the total as outlined in Section 6.2.1 in the VQB5 Guidelines

What does this mean for my site?

To help sites understand the rating changes, VDOE used CLASS scores and curriculum use information from the 2025-2026 year to create 'mock' rating results to show what ratings would look like based on the changes described above.

The information below is based on VQB5 2025-2026 CLASS and Curriculum use data and is for informational purposes only. There is no change to your official VQB5 2025-2026 rating. The rating on Page 2 is your final VQB5 2025-2026 rating.

Below are your 2025-2026 results compared to what your site *would receive* in the updated five-level system, based on the 2026-2027 criteria listed above.

Official 2025-2026 Rating	'Mock' 2026-2027 Rating
XXX Curriculum Points	XXX Curriculum Points
XXX Interaction Points	XXX Interaction Points
XXX Total Points	XXX Total Points
[Rating Level]	[Rating Level]

Why are the Quality Rating Levels Changing?

Transitioning from three to five rating levels gives sites and families clearer information and more helpful distinctions in quality, leading to better experiences for children across Virginia. This change reflects VDOE's commitment to fostering emotionally responsive, meaningful early learning experiences that better prepare all children for kindergarten.

Why is Curriculum Recognition Changing?

Awarding curriculum points to sites who choose to use an approved curriculum in every classroom supports VDOE's commitment to supporting high-quality instruction in all VQB5 classrooms. Curriculum use will continue to be optional in VQB5, and sites will continue to have a large selection of curriculum options.

To help you prepare for next year and to learn more about the rating changes for 2026-2027, we encourage you to watch the [March 23 webinar](#) for an overview of key updates to the [VQB5 Guidelines for 2026-2027](#).

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How To Complete Data Verification

A Step-by-Step Guide

Data Verification: Step by Step Summary

Step 1

- Log in to [LinkB5](#) to and navigate to the **Reports** tab.
- Download and open the **VQB5 2025-2026 Quality Profile** report.

Step 2

- Review the Quality Profile & determine if the *Site Information* is accurate.
- **If the *Site Information* is accurate**, there is no further action needed. **If it is not accurate**, continue to Step 3.

Step 3

- Click the link in the Quality Profile and go to the **Data Verification Form**.

Step 4


- Complete and submit the **Data Verification Form** for data elements in the *Site Information* section in need of updates.
- **NOTE:** Each site may only submit the form once.

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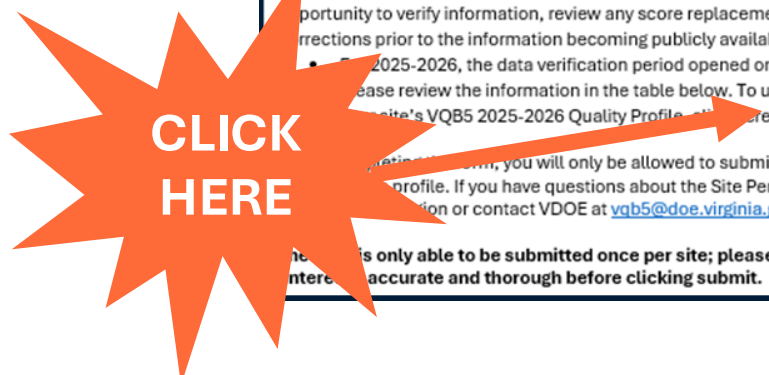
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* Site phone number:

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- Drop-in
- Overnight
- Extended Hours
- Afterschool
- None of these

* Age levels served:

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- 3 year olds
- 4 year olds

* Site website:

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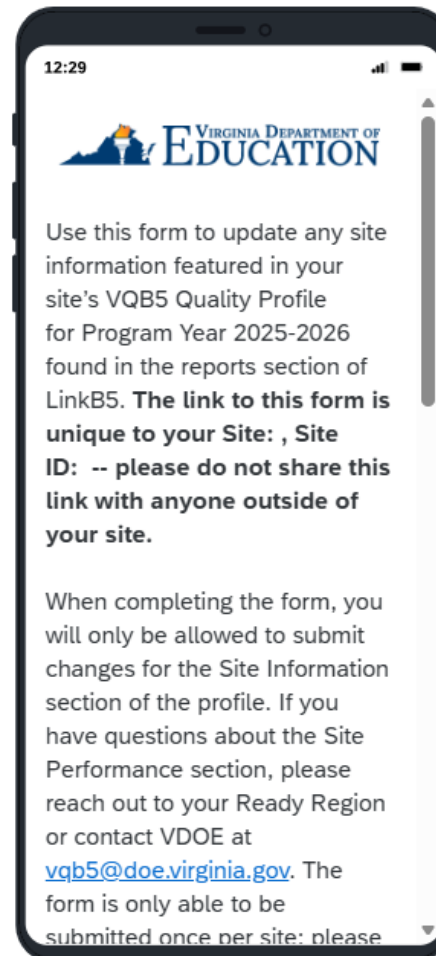


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Thank you for taking the time to submit the Data Verification Form for 2025-2026.

Completing the Form on a Mobile Device

For convenience, the Data Verification Form may be submitted on a mobile device. All steps and information for completing the form, including the information in this guide, will remain the same.



Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs About the Data Verification Process

- What should a site do if all the information in the *Site Information* section of their quality profile is correct?
 - They do not need to do anything and should not complete the Data Verification Form.
- What if a site disagrees with or has concerns about the *Site Performance* section of the quality profile?
 - Sites should review the information in the [Rating Guide](#) for detailed information about how site performance ratings are determined. If concerns remain, they should email vqb5@doe.virginia.gov.
- I missed the July 24 deadline. What should I do?
 - When LinkB5 opens for VQB5 registration, update site information during registration.
- I submitted changes on the Data Verification Form. Will those changes be reflected in LinkB5?
 - No, you will **only** see the updates reflected in the final Quality Profiles. You will need to make sure that information in LinkB5 is correct during the 2026-2027 VQB5 registration process in LinkB5.

FAQs About the Data Verification Process

- The link to the Data Verification Form isn't working. What should I do?
 - Please email vqb5@doe.virginia.gov **ASAP** and VDOE staff will reset the link. Please include the Site ID on your quality profile.
- I am a multi-site administrator. Do I need to complete one form per site?
 - Yes. Each site has its own unique link. If each of your sites has corrections, you will need to complete one form per site.
- How many times can I complete the form?
 - Once. You may use the link provided to return to the form, but you may only submit the form one time.
- Who will have access to my site's Data Verification Form?
 - Every site administrator in LinkB5 will have access to the Quality Profile and data verification instructions. However, the form may only be submitted **once** per site. We suggest that sites designate one person to oversee submission of the Data Verification Form.

Questions?

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