

Calculating Scores on Your Program Assessment

Video Transcript

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Screen: Maryland EXCELS logo and image of a child care program. A montage of video clips of adults interacting with children and screenshots of the Maryland EXCELS Self-Assessments.

Narrator: Positive teacher-child interactions are at the heart of high-quality early childhood education and school age care.

Through self-assessments, programs have the opportunity to reflect on their current practices, recognize their strengths, and identify areas for professional growth.

Maryland EXCELS has developed a series of self-assessments to help participants meet the requirements of a quality rating 3 in the Accreditation and Rating Scales (ACR) content area.

In this video, we'll guide you through how to calculate the average score for each table in your self-assessment and record it accurately on the Summary Score Sheet.

Screen: A sample of a self-assessment showing 8 rows of indicators and form fields with scores input in the fields.

Narrator: Each table in your self- assessment has several rows. Each row is worth a certain number of points based on your program's practices.

Points given can be 1 (rarely), 4 (sometimes) or 7 (consistently).

Screen: The total points column in the Self-Assessment is highlighted. Then, the table showing the total points of 32 and the average score equation, 32 divided by 8 equals 4.

Narrator: To find the total points, add up the points from each row in the table.

In this example, the total points equal 32 when adding the points from each of the eight rows.

To find the average score for the table, divide the total points by the number of rows in the table.

In this example, we will divide 32, the total points, by 8, the total number of rows for the Communication Teacher-Child Interactions table.

The average score for this table is 4.

Screen: The Summary Score Sheet with empty form fields. The average score of 4 is entered into the Communication row.

Narrator: Record the average score on the summary score sheet, which is the last page of your self-assessment.

In this example, the average score is entered in the Communication Teacher-Child Interactions row.

Screen: The Summary Score Sheet shows that the averages scores for each row have been automatically entered from the self-assessment.

Narrator: If you downloaded a digital copy of the self-assessment and are completing it on your computer or phone, the scores will automatically fill in the summary score sheet.

Repeat these steps for each table in the assessment.

Accurate calculations ensure a clear picture of your program's strengths and opportunities for growth.

If you have any questions about this process, please contact your Program Coordinator or MSDE Quality Assurance Specialist or email info@marylandexcels.org.

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