

Number of ERS observations needed for classrooms/groups

Majority age in classroom	ERS Scale Used
0-2 years (35 months)	ITERS-3
3-5 years	ECERS-3
5-12 years	SACERS-U



Number of classrooms eligible for the same scale	Number of observations needed of those classrooms
1-4	1
5-7	2
8-10	3
11-13	4

Reasoning

Definition: Age group is per ITERS, ECERS, SACERS

1, 2, 3, 4 classrooms in an age group = 1 observation of that age group

- 1 classroom = 1 ERS observation
- 2 classrooms x 1/3 = .66 of which 1 ERS observation is required
- 3 classrooms x 1/3 = 1 ERS observation
- 4 classrooms x 1/3 = 1.33 which is .33 closer to 1.0 than 2.0

5, 6, 7 classrooms in an age group = 2 observations of that age group

- 5 classrooms x 1/3 = 1.66 which is closer to 2.0 than 1.0
- 6 classrooms x 1/3 = 2 ERS observations
- 7 classrooms x 1/3 = 2.3 which is closer to 2.0 than 3.0

8, 9, 10 classrooms in an age group = 3 observations of that age group

- 8 classrooms x 1/3 = 2.66 which is .66 closer to 3 than it is to 2
- 9 classrooms x 1/3 = 3 ERS observations
- 10 classrooms x 1/3 = 3.33 which is .33 closer to 3 than it is to 4

11, 12, 13 classrooms in an age group = 4 observations of that age group

- 11 classrooms x 1/3 = 3.66 which is .66 closer to 4 than it is to 3
- 12 classrooms x 1/3 = 4 ERS observations
- 13 classrooms x 1/3 = 4.33 which is .33 closer to 4 than it is to 5