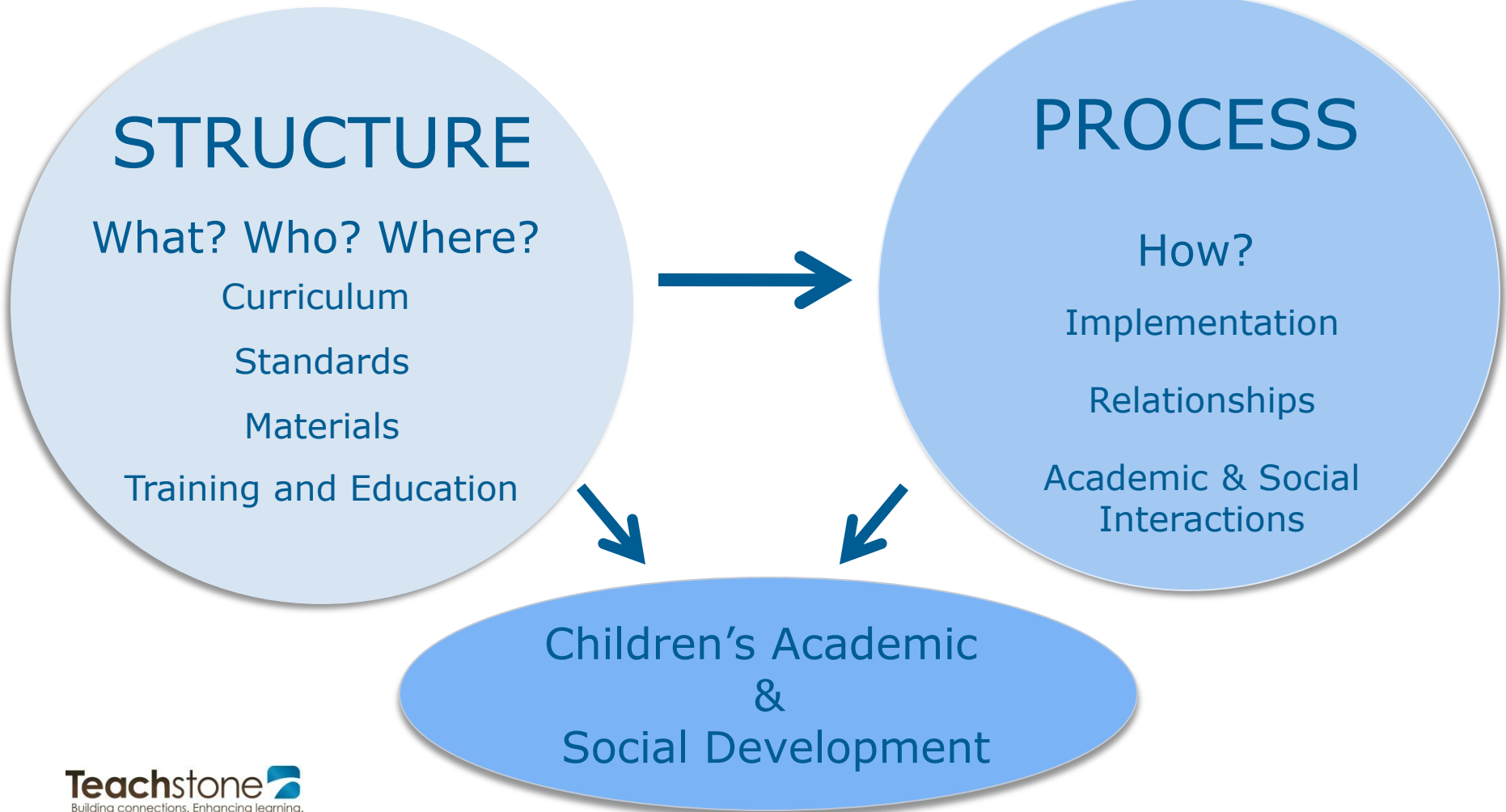


# What makes classrooms effective?

# Elements of Classrooms Influencing Learning



# What is the CLASS?

The Classroom Assessment Scoring System© (CLASS) is a research-based observation tool used to help teachers and schools improve the effectiveness of classroom interactions.

# Teacher-Child Interactions Are Key

Teacher-child interactions are the components of classrooms that matter most to children's social and academic development.



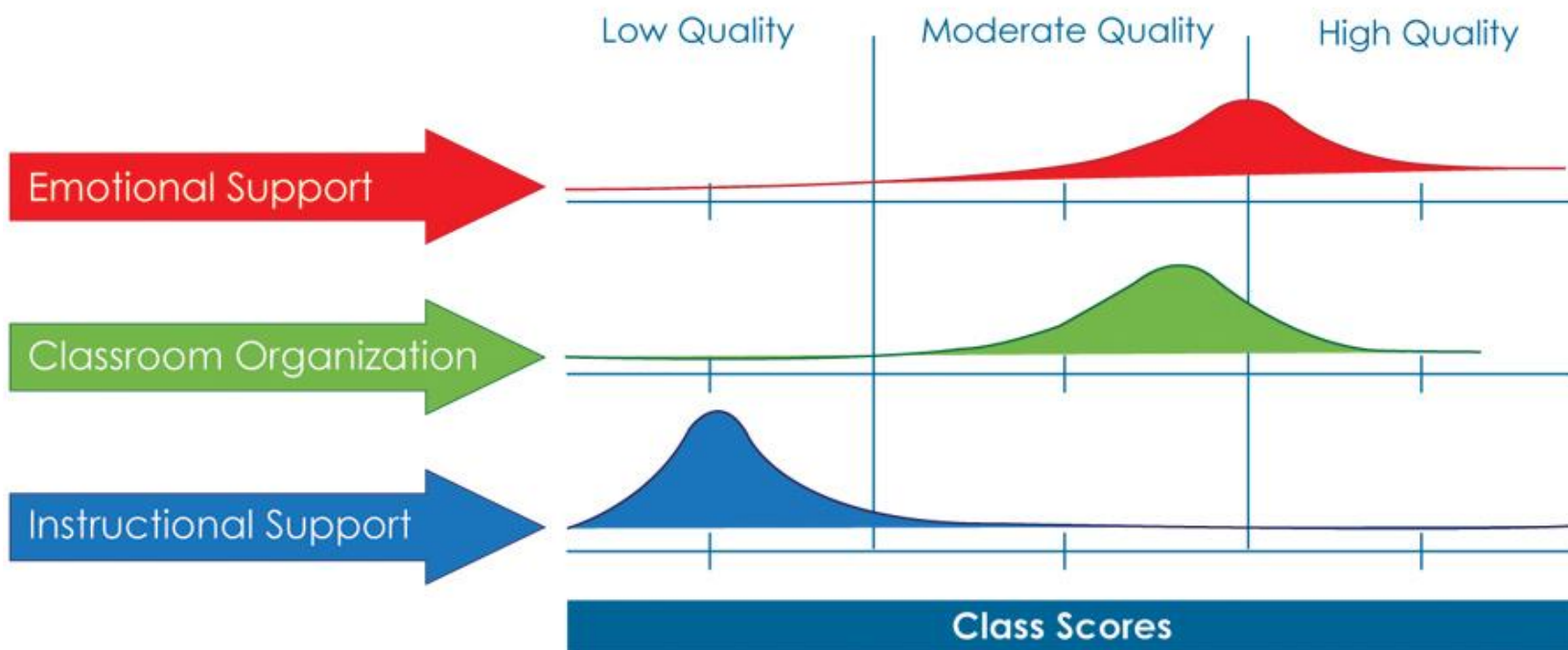
# The CLASS Lens

- Reflects the complexity of classrooms
- Provides a common language for teachers, coaches, observers, and administrators.
- Measures effective teacher-child interactions

# What does the research related to the CLASS reveal?

# CLASS Data by Domain

## Average Ratings of Interactions in Pre-K - 3rd Classrooms





# How does the CLASS impact children's learning and development?

Higher CLASS scores were associated with

- Higher standardized tests of early literacy
- Higher standardized tests of academic functioning
- Lower levels of internalizing behaviors
- More behavioral engagement

Incremental differences in teacher-child interactions net real differences for children's outcomes!

# How is the CLASS Used?



# Uses of the CLASS™

Teacher Preparation and Education

Professional Development

Program Monitoring

Research and Evaluation



# The CLASS™ across the Country

The CLASS™ is widely used by

- The Office of Head Start to observe classrooms, monitor programs, and as a professional development tool
- A growing number of states as part of their Quality Rating and Improvement Systems
- Programs and schools to support effective classroom interactions

# What to Expect During a CLASS Observation

# CLASS™ Observations

- A Certified CLASS™ Observer observes for four 20-minute cycles
- After the 20-minute observation, observers spend 10 minutes assigning codes to each CLASS™ dimension
- Observations generally take place in the morning