Preschool Outdoor Environment Measurement Scale (POEMS)®

POEMS® is an assessment tool for evaluating the quality of outdoor environments for children 3-5 years old. It is:

- a tool to assess the quality of early childhood outdoor environments,
- a self-study resource for teachers and administrators, and
- a design and planning guide for those intending to improve the quality of children's outdoor preschool environments.

POEMS® contains 56 items grouped in five domains:

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<th>Domain</th>
<th>Items</th>
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<td>Physical Environment</td>
<td>13 items</td>
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<td>Interactions</td>
<td>13 items in 4 categories (Interactions with the environment, Child-child interactions, Teacher-child interactions, Parent-child interactions)</td>
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<td>Play and Learning Settings</td>
<td>13 items in 2 categories (Features, Materials and loose parts)</td>
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<td>Program</td>
<td>9 items</td>
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<td>Teacher/Caregiver Role</td>
<td>8 items including an interview</td>
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POEMS® Features

- User guide
- Scale items and scoring protocol
- Key learning points for each domain
  - provides users with additional information and suggestions to develop high quality outdoor environments.
- Self-Improvement Plan
  - A blank and a completed example to use as a self-planning and self-study guide.
- Glossary of key terms
  - Defines terms used in the scale that may be unfamiliar to some individuals
- Reliability and validity information
  - Reliability established through a research study with 41 programs and 162 children. Details include inter-observer reliability, internal consistency and concurrent validity (NC Star Ratings and time-sampling observations of child and teacher behavior). Expert review documented content and face validity.

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