Early Childhood Observational Tool (ECOT) - Rubric Rating

Beginning of Year (Fall)	Middle of Year (Winter)	End of Year (Spring)
Educators have 45 calendar days to complete their rubric ratings from program's start date. Administrative Designee must finalize rubric ratings in Nova/EPICS by October 13, 2023 (including portfolio forms and creativity sample). Beginning of the Year data collection window opens July 1, 2023 and closes October 13, 2023.	Rubric ratings must be finalized in Nova/EPICS by February 2, 2024. Portfolio forms and creativity sample are required for 1080- hour programs only; portfolio forms and creativity sample are optional for 540-hour programs. Middle of the Year data collection window opens October 15, 2023 and closes February 2, 2024.	Rubric ratings must be finalized in Nova/EPICS within the last two weeks of the child's program (including portfolio forms and creativity sample). End of Year data collection window opens February 4, 2024 and closes June 14, 2024.
ECOT is used for the Early Childhood Outcomes (ECOs) Special Education teachers have 30 days to complete their ECOT and their ECO Observations. Every child with an Individualized Education Plan (IEP) who begins the school year or enters program.		