

Classroom Visits – Expectations & Guidelines For Parents



We are committed to working with “parents as our partners” to positively impact student performance. Parents are always welcome to visit the school and observe their child in the classroom. This will give you a first-hand experience with what is being taught and how it will ultimately benefit your child.

Before you go to school:

- Contact your child’s teacher to schedule a mutually convenient date and time in which to conduct your classroom observation.
- Bring a note pad and a pen or pencil to take notes.
- Please leave siblings at home.

When you are at school:

- Sign-in at the main office and obtain a visitor’s badge. Someone from the office will walk you to the classroom.
- Turn off all beepers/or cell phones when observing.
- Do not visit other teachers if you are not scheduled to observe in their classrooms.
- Respect your child’s teacher, classmates and classroom.
 - Avoid engaging in a conversation or interrupting the teacher while a lesson is being conducted.
 - If you need to speak to your child’s teacher about your child’s academic progress, schedule a parent-teacher conference.
 - Sit quietly when you observe and sit in the place designated by the teacher.
 - Feel free to take notes and speak softly when spoken to.

While you are in the classroom, ask yourself the following questions:

1. Is student class work displayed and does it seem appropriate for the grade level?
2. Is the classroom cheerful?
3. What do you see the students doing?
4. Are students following directions and behaving appropriately?
5. Is the teacher asking questions that stimulate student learning and keep them engaged?
6. Does the teacher seem enthusiastic and knowledgeable about the subject matter?
7. What is the theme or topic of the lesson?
8. What are students expected to learn? Refer to the content standard written on the white board.
9. What activities and resources are used during your observation?

After the visit, ask yourself the following questions:

1. What were your impressions about the class?
2. What did you think of the lesson?
3. Was the class what you expected or not, and why?

Write down questions that you would like to ask your child’s teacher.

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Thank you for your cooperation.