

RIVER VALLEY CHARTER SCHOOL

OBSERVATION POLICY

Unlike many public schools, River Valley welcomes visitors into our classrooms to observe the learning environments. These observations are intended to be opportunities for visitors to learn about the nature of public Montessori education, and what it looks like in practice. Our teachers show great openness and confidence as they welcome visitors, and admirable willingness to demonstrate their work and classroom cultures. As a public school we believe our walls should be transparent, and visitors should be able to see how we are using the trust and funding offered to us by the taxpayers.

River Valley schedules parent observations in all classrooms from mid-October through the end of February each year. From March through June we only schedule professional observations by visiting teachers or other educational professionals. This restriction on the parent observation calendar limits any inclination to “shop” for classrooms for students who are moving up to a new level.

If you'd like to schedule an observation, please call the front desk at 978-465-0065, and we will be happy to set up a time for you to come in.