

SFA Charter School Observation/Staff Development Opportunity

The SFA Charter School is a public school for kindergarteners – fifth graders and has been successfully implementing many highly effective practices such as reading workshop, writing workshop, math workshop (contextual problems), mental math, the Responsive Classroom behavior management approach, and learning centers. Many schools request to observe in our classrooms, and in an effort for these observations to be truly effective and result in change, the following procedures are in place:

- All visits must be scheduled and follow the procedures. Visits are not scheduled during the first or last three weeks of the school year.
- Visits are designed with three components: preview, observation, and review. These components are presented by an observation facilitator and the classroom teacher.
- The visits usually take place from 7:30 am to 11:30 am or from 11:30 pm to 3:30.
- The fee for each observation block (4 hours) is \$400. This fee includes the preview (approx. 45 minutes), observation (approx. 2 hours and a half), and review (approx. 45 minutes) components and also includes further contact information.
- Maximum observation group size is 8.
- Observation requests will be matched to classrooms which offer the most expertise in the requested areas.

If you are interested in visiting with us concerning a possible staff development observation opportunity, please contact Becky Griffith.

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