

Early Childhood Laboratory Professional Development Visits and Observational Opportunities

The SFA Early Childhood Laboratory is a public childcare for Infants through Pre-Kindergarten. We are successfully implementing many highly effective practices in the following **areas of focus**:

autonomy and assessment of young children
classroom management and environment
learning centers and academic choice

Many schools request to observe in our classrooms, and in an effort for these observations to be truly effective, the following procedures and options are in place:

Professional Development Visits

Scheduling and Fees:

All visits must be scheduled and follow approved procedures

Visits are limited to **one group per month**

Visits are not scheduled during the first or last three weeks of the school, the weeks surrounding holidays, and during testing windows

Available hours are between **8:00 am and 3:00 pm**

Maximum observation group size is **10 persons**

Visits are designed with three components: **preview, observation, and review** presented by an observation facilitator and classroom teacher

Fee for one professional development block: **2 hours - \$500**

Includes preview (approx. 20 minutes), observation (approx. 1 hour), and review (approx. 40 minutes)

Materials related to the requested area of focus included

Additional professional development block fee: **2 hours - \$500**

Visits matched to classrooms which offer the most expertise in the requested areas of focus

If you are interested in a professional development visit opportunity, please contact Lori Harkness, lharkness@sfasu.edu, 936 468 4006.

Observational Visits

Scheduling:

All visits must be scheduled and follow approved procedures

Allowed only with facilitation by Elementary Education faculty member

Visits are limited to **one group per week**

Visits are not scheduled during the first or last three weeks of the school year, the weeks surrounding holidays, and during testing windows

Available hours are between **8:00 am and 3:00 pm**

Maximum observation group size is **20 persons**

Visits are limited to the **observation booth only**

No classroom teacher access

No materials are included (except one-page information sheet)

Observational visits are **free of charge** for a 1 hour block

Visits matched to classrooms which offer the most expertise in the area requested

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