

**Board Policy ML: Professional Visitors and Observers**

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One of the ways the Bibb County School District ("District") can improve its effectiveness and the quality of the education of its students is through visitation of schools by professional visitors and observers with novel, experimental, or innovative programs. Professional visitors and observers include individuals that visit District schools for the purpose of observing instruction and learning practices, providing consultative services to the District, or experts retained by the District to support the District's mission and goals.

To ensure the continuity of the educational program and guard against classroom interruption, professional visitors and observers desiring to visit our system, or any particular part of it, should make arrangements through the Superintendent. The Superintendent then can make the necessary arrangements to have someone knowledgeable in the area they wish to see assist them in their visit. This will also ensure that the part of the program they wish to visit will be operational on their arrival and will guard against undesirable interruptions in the scheduled programs of students and staff members.

Professional visitors and observers arriving at schools unannounced should be directed to the Superintendent's office. All professional visitors and observers must be approved by the Superintendent or designee. Professional visitors and observers will be accommodated only if the visit does not interfere with scheduled plans of staff members, does not interrupt District operations, and the professional visitor or observer complies with Regulation ML-R(1), Professional Visitors and Observers.

Outside service providers who currently provide private educational or therapy services to a current District student may be granted permission to visit for the purpose of observing the student in the instructional environment, as provided in Regulation ML.

All professional visitors and observers must also comply with Policy KM, Visitors to School, and Regulation KM-R(1), Visitors to School.

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