



Journey's School of Teton Science Schools

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Classroom Observations and Volunteering

Parents are welcome to observe or volunteer in classrooms at Journey's School at any level. We encourage parents of younger students to visit not only their child's level but other levels of the school.

Observations

The following requirements help to ensure that the observation is a positive experience for both the student and observer.

- Observations should be passive and not interrupt the class.
- Please inform the teacher and school that you are going to observe. We recognize that this may not always be possible, but it helps us to plan for a visitor in the classroom.
- Do not ask the teacher questions during the class.
- If you feel that your child is distracted by your presence, do not remain in the classroom.
- Keep any observations concerning other students confidential. We value the privacy of our students and classrooms.
- Feel free to ask questions of the teacher during a subsequent scheduled meeting or communication. We value all feedback while recognizing that the trained teacher is responsible for the design and implementation of the curriculum.

Classroom Volunteer

The following requirements help to ensure that a volunteer's time is maximized in the classroom.

- Meet with teachers before beginning to volunteer to clarify your role in the classroom (based on comfort level and skill-set).
- Stick to a predictable time commitment for the class.
- Understand the content taught in the class and the instructional style of the teacher.
- Keep all student information confidential.
- Follow the teacher's lead during the class.
- Let the teacher address any behavioral issues.
- Be positive, warm, and friendly with all students in the class.
- Pay attention to all students and not just your child unless previous arrangements have been made with the teacher.



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