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Individuals are welcome to visit the system's schools provided the principal or designee approves the purpose of the visit.

However, in accordance with State law it shall be unlawful for any person to disrupt or interfere in the operation of any school within the system. Any person violating this provision shall be prosecuted for a misdemeanor.

### **Classroom Observation**

Parent participation in the educational process is encouraged. Generally, parents are invited to confer with teachers, counselors, and principals regarding concerns about a student's progress and well being.

On those occasional instances where parental observation in the classroom is deemed appropriate, the following guidelines shall be strictly adhered to in order that the visit not interfere with the instructional process nor violate privacy rights of other students in the classroom.

1. Observer must be a parent or a legal guardian of the child in the class to be observed.
2. A request for observation shall be approved in advance by the principal.
3. Scheduling shall take place at least twenty-four hours prior to the visit and must be done with the consent of both principal and teacher. The principal or designee will notify the parent.
4. If two-way mirrors or closed circuit television is available, observation must be done via that method.
5. Maximum observation time shall be one period or 45 minutes, whichever is more appropriate to the school's schedule.
6. Observations will be limited to one per semester per child.
7. Under no circumstances is there to be any interaction between the observer and anyone in the classroom.

Exception to this policy must be granted by the Superintendent of Schools or a designee in response to the specific request.

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**Cherokee County Board of Education**