

<b>NORTH PROVIDENCE PUBLIC SCHOOLS CLASSROOM OBSERVATION POLICY</b>	<b>Approved: 4/29/2020 Updated: 8/27/2025</b>

## **I. PURPOSE**

This classroom observation policy aims to establish appropriate guidelines for observing students in educational settings while safeguarding the confidentiality and privacy rights<sup>1</sup> of all students and ensuring minimal interruption to the learning environment.

North Providence Public Schools hereby establishes guidelines to facilitate and govern observations of students and their educational program, whether conducted by parents/guardians themselves or by consultants or evaluators they have engaged.

## **I. POLICY**

Parents/guardians of students enrolled in the School District, as well as educational consultants or evaluators retained by parents, may conduct classroom observations of students provided they comply with the procedural requirements established by the School District. When considering such observation requests, the District will prioritize safety considerations, confidentiality concerns, and the maintenance of an effective educational environment for all students and staff.

The Superintendent or designee shall develop comprehensive protocols to regulate and facilitate classroom observations, and either the Superintendent or the designated representative will oversee the implementation of these protocols in accordance with this policy.

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<sup>1</sup> As guaranteed by the IDEA, Section 504, FERPA, the PPRA and Rhode Island General Law.