What is a parent’s right to observe classes?

Parents have the right to observe any program(s) proposed for their child if the child is identified as eligible for special education services.¹

Who else has this right?

This right extends to parent-designated independent evaluators and educational consultants.²

May schools place limits on the right to observe a child in class?

State law limits the restrictions or conditions that schools may put on the ability of parents, evaluators or consultants to observe a child in class.³ The purpose of this law is to ensure that parents can participate fully and effectively in determining the child's appropriate educational program.⁴

What process must exist regarding observations?

School committees must have an efficient and effective process in order to provide timely and sufficient access to classroom observation.⁵

Resources:


¹ 603 CMR 28.07(1)3.
⁵ G.L. c. 71B, § 3 (as amended by Chapter 363 of the Acts of 2008).