

	3.1.28	PARENT OR GUARDIAN CLASSROOM OBSERVATION POLICY	Effective: 08/26 Revised: Reviewed/Approved by Bd. Of Dir.: 08/26  Teddi Hernandez, President/CEO
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Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to:

- Protect student confidentiality and privacy rights;
- Maintain compliance with applicable federal and state privacy laws and regulations;
- Preserve the integrity of the therapeutic and educational environment;
- Minimize disruption to educational programming and treatment services;
- Promote safety for students, staff, and visitors; and
- Establish consistent expectations regarding visitor access to instructional settings.

Policy

To protect the privacy, confidentiality, safety, and therapeutic learning environment of all students served by Lakemary Center (LMC), parents, guardians, family members, and other non-authorized visitors shall not be permitted to conduct in-person classroom observations during active instructional or treatment programming.

LMC recognizes the importance of family involvement and communication regarding a student's educational progress and treatment needs. However, classroom observations by parents or guardians may create risks related to confidentiality, student privacy, behavioral health information, educational disruption, and overall safety within the therapeutic school environment.

As a Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility (PRTF) and therapeutic educational setting, LMC serves students with significant behavioral, emotional, psychiatric, developmental, and educational needs. Due to the sensitive nature of services provided, maintaining a secure and confidential environment for all students is essential.

Policy Reference: None

Procedure reference: Lakemary Center School Day Student Handbook
PRTF Parent or Guardian Handbook

Application: Lakemary School