

Tips for teacher-to-teacher observations

Approach the process of teacher-to-teacher observations with professionalism and respect, with a focus on learning and growth. Here are some tips to follow:

1. Define goals

Define the purpose and goals of the peer observations.

2. Collaborate in planning

Work together to plan meaningful lessons.

3. Maintain trust

Make sure the observations are non-evaluative and have a focus on professional learning and growth.

4. Schedule

Coordinate schedules in advance so that there is time for planning and preparation.

5. Feedback

Offer specific, actionable feedback that is aligned with predetermined observation objectives.

6. Reflection

Together, facilitate dialogue that fosters reflective practices. Perhaps have preset questions to answer that encourage reflection.

7. Share

Whether in the planning process or after the observation share best practices, resources, and insight in order to further develop and engage in collaborative planning.