

STUDENT AGENCY LEARNING WALK

OVERVIEW

This document outlines a process for conducting a student agency learning walk. Conduct classroom visits (up to 5 min.) in small groups or individually, observing students, and reflecting on what you've observed.

LEARNING OUTCOMES:

- Engage in a Student Agency Learning Walk in order to:
 - Record data to provoke reflection and dialogue around student agency.
 - Apply and reflect about teaching and learning practices.

DIRECTIONS:

- **Review the learning walk process.**
 - Review the [Noticing Student Actions continuum](#) prior to the learning walk.
 - As you observe, consider:
 - What stands out to you in terms of student behaviors?
 - What do you notice about academic instruction?
 - What are you noticing that relates to student agency – meta-cognition, self-regulation, self-efficacy, learner autonomy?

Note: During each classroom visit you will observe only. Once the visit is over, you will capture what you've observed in the note catcher below.

1. Visit classrooms and gather evidence.

- a. In the classroom:
 - Observe the classroom's physical environment.
 - Observe instructional practices as evidenced by teacher actions.
 - Observe student engagement level as evidenced by student actions.



- If appropriate, ask students questions that help uncover actions and behaviors identified in the Noticing Student Actions continuum.
- b. Take a moment to capture your observations in the note catcher. (This is an individual moment!)

2. Debrief and reflect on the process

a. With a group:

- As a team, take turns **sharing your observations** using the following sentence stem:
 - *I observed...* (Participants can ask probing/clarifying questions to gain clarity about observation statements.)
- Take turns **sharing your interpretations** using the following sentence stem:
 - *I think this means...*
- Identify big ideas related to the inquiry question based on the observations and interpretations.
- Capture next steps based on the experience.

b. Individually:

- Review your observations.**
- Make interpretations** using the following sentence stem:
 - *I think this means...*
- Identify big ideas related to the inquiry question based on the observations and interpretations.
- Capture next steps based on the experience.

LEARNING WALK NOTE CATCHER

Observe:

What do you see the students doing?

What do you see the teacher doing?

What makes you say that? What else do you see?...

Interpret:

What do you think this means?

What ideas or insights did this learning walk spark for you? What are some next steps you might take?