

# Student Privacy

Video Observations in Classrooms: What  
Parents Need to Know





# Video Observations

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# What are video observations?

## Teacher-focused

Videos will be used by school administrators to support teachers' development. Your child will not be the subject of the observation.

## For educational purposes only

Videos will not be sold, released, or otherwise distributed except in rare cases, and then only with your consent. They will be used solely by the school to support teacher performance.



# Why choose video observations?

## Facilitates support

Administrators and teachers are often very busy during school hours. Videos allow them to spend more time on teacher observations, leading to more helpful feedback.

## Strengthens feedback

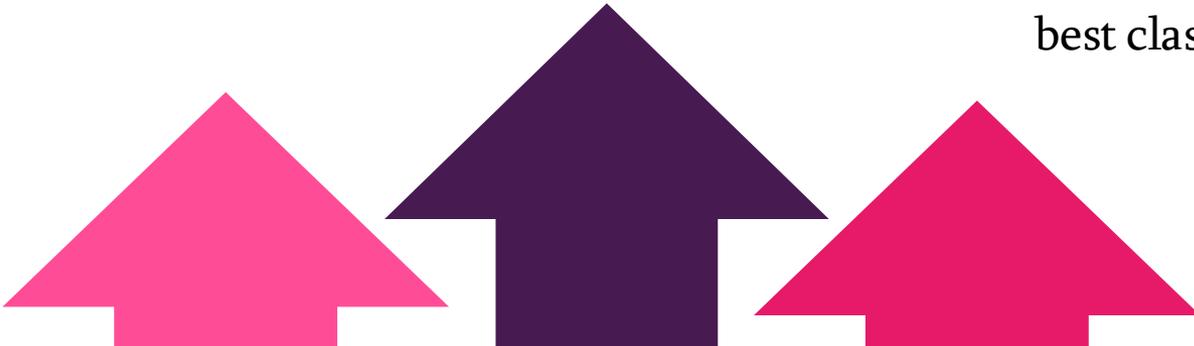
Video observations give teachers and administrators a common record to analyze together, rather than rooting feedback in memory.

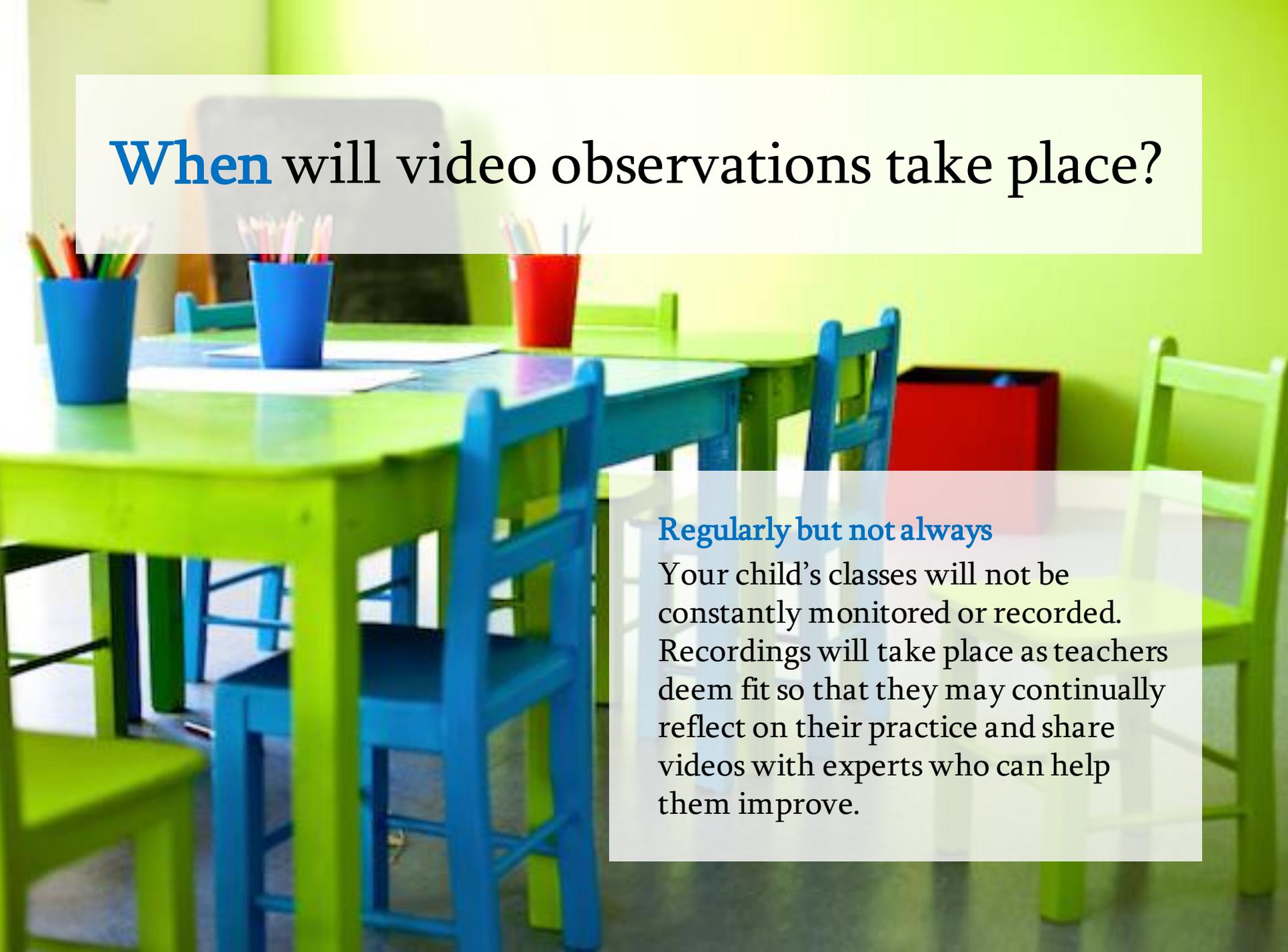
## Fosters growth

Teachers can use videos of their own classes to build on their strengths and address their weaknesses, making sure each student is receiving the attention they deserve.

## Empowers teachers

Video-observation technology helps teachers investigate their own practice. They are encouraged to develop, deliver, and record the best classes possible.



A photograph of a classroom table and chairs. The table is light-colored wood, and the chairs are blue. On the table, there are three pencil holders: two blue and one red, each containing several colored pencils. The background is a plain, light-colored wall.

# When will video observations take place?

## Regularly but not always

Your child's classes will not be constantly monitored or recorded. Recordings will take place as teachers deem fit so that they may continually reflect on their practice and share videos with experts who can help them improve.

# How will video observations be conducted?

## Unintrusively

Video technology will be placed in a non-distracting location. Your child will not experience any disruptions to their normal school routines.

## Safely

Recordings will be uploaded to a secure, password-protected location.

## Privately

Students will not be tracked between videos or classes. No profile will be created for your child, and his or her privacy will be protected to the greatest extent possible.



# Opting Out: Your Rights

- You may refuse permission for these videos to be used for any purpose other than an individual teacher's professional development.
- For example, the district may want to use a video to train incoming teachers. If you would be uncomfortable allowing this, you have the right to opt out.



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