

Shadow a Student

Meeting student needs starts with deep understanding.

Experience school in a new way by shadowing a student.

Tips for shadowing:

PLAN YOUR OBSERVATION.

Ask a student if you can shadow them. Share some of your goals with them. Plan to shadow them for at least one hour in their day.

OBSERVE WITH CARE.

You are shadowing so you can learn how it feels to be a student for an hour or a day. Imagine yourself in their shoes. Make sure to let the student know you are there to learn how they feel in their school day, and not as a teacher or to keep an eye on them.

SEE CHALLENGES AS OPPORTUNITIES.

Look for moments of challenge. Reframe them as opportunities for creativity.

Tips for capturing:

TAKE PHOTOS

One artifact photo, one portrait photo, or one environment photo can help bring the shadow experience to life for new audiences. Make sure to get everyone's permission and be subtle.

BUILD IN TIME TO REFLECT

- How did it feel to be a student an hour?
- What were some of the best moments?
- What were some of the most challenging?

