

## Site Visit Observation

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| Date:                      |  |
| Site Name:                 |  |
| Site Address:              |  |
| Photos? Y/N:               |  |
| OK to blog? Y/N:           |  |
| Person(s) Met and Role(s): |  |

Broadly, look at six areas:

- **Knowledge/Competencies/Habits of Mind** - What are the skills, knowledge and habits of mind which students are learning in this school?
- **Pedagogy** - How are these skills, knowledge and habits of mind being learned? What is the teacher's/parent's community's role in designing and facilitating the learning?
- **Assessment** - How are these competencies, habits of mind and acquiring of knowledge being assessed? Formatively and summatively?
- **Space** - How is the physical learning environment structured to support the learning?
- **Talent** - How does the school find, develop and retain its teachers?
- **Scale** - What are the plans to scale (if any)?

**Knowledge/Competencies/Habits of Mind** - What are the skills, knowledge and habits of mind which students are learning in this school?

What is the learning model?

What is working? What are the challenges of the model?

What are the biggest objections you hear regarding the model?

Which students thrive here? Which do not? Why?

**Pedagogy** - How are these skills, knowledge and habits of mind being learned? What is the teacher's/parent's community's role in designing and facilitating the learning?

**Assessment** - How are these competencies, habits of mind and acquiring of knowledge being assessed? Formatively and summatively?

Capture assessment methods, evidence of learning.

What are the challenges of assessment?

What is the student/teacher/parent role in assessment?

**Space** - How is the physical learning environment structured to support the learning?

Inventory how space is used to support the learning. Take photos if permission is given to do so.

**Talent** - How does the school find, develop and retain its teachers?

What are the skill, knowledge and habits of mind the school looks for in its teachers?

What is the role of teachers at the school?

How does the school develop its teachers?

What is the average tenure of teachers at the school?

**Scale** - What are the plans to scale (if any)?

Note historical experience of scaling the learning model (if applicable).

**Additional Notes:**