



LIS Site Visit to Blackstone Academy

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

7:45 am – 2:45 pm

334 Pleasant St. #2, Pawtucket, RI

Overview

Blackstone Academy Charter School has implemented innovative approaches to achieve impressive results with students. During this full-day visit, you will have a first-hand look at how students, teachers, administrators, and community members have worked together to develop specific practices that foster a culture that drives equity, learning, and success. You will observe in classrooms, interact with students and faculty, and explore resources and examples. With a focus on personalized, student-centered learning, BACS has much to share about setting high expectations and supporting teaching and learning to achieve them.

Blackstone Academy Charter School:

- 79% students eligible for free/reduced lunch
- Approximately 90% of students are the first in their family to go to college
- 90% of the Class of 2016 was admitted to four-year colleges
- 100% graduation rate for the Class of 2016

Outcomes:

- Observe specific practices and learn about approaches related to building powerful school culture
- Examine how thoughtful school practices and approaches to school culture impact student experiences and outcomes
- Reflect on how building intentional school culture can promote equity and the success of every student.

Agenda:

7:45-8:30	Sign-In, Arrival, Coffee/Snacks
8:00-8:15	Whole-School Morning Meeting (optional to observe)
8:30-8:50	Opening and Welcome
8:50-9:15	Context Building and Framing the Day: BACS students and staff will talk about their experiences at the school and discuss connections to Global Best Practices
9:25-11:30	Classroom Observations: Participants will visit a wide range of classes and content areas and be encouraged to interact with students
11:30-12:00	Catered lunch
12:00-1:00	Student and Staff Conversations & Work: Participants will view work, artifacts, and examples created by staff and students and will have an opportunity to ask questions and engage in conversations
1:00-1:30	Processing Learning: Share observations and dig more deeply into discussions of best practice with other participants and school leaders
1:30-2:15	Reflection & Planning: Reflect and plan with school-based teams and other participants, considering lessons learned and next steps
2:15-2:45	Closing & Feedback