



Welcome to School in the USA!



ESOL Instructional and Multilingual Education Services



Welcome!

This book will help you understand what you need to know about your child's school. You should ask for more information about all of the items in this book.

People to Know

Teacher

Every child has at least one teacher.

Teachers want to help children and meet the parents.

Children should be encouraged to respect their teachers.

Call or visit the school to schedule a meeting with the teachers.



Principal

The principal is in charge of the school.

The principal would like to meet all of the parents.

Counselor

A school counselor or social worker will help your child in school. Parents can meet with the counselor or social worker any time.

Nurse

Each school has a nurse who can answer questions about health and required immunizations. Nurses help families connect with community resources and safety net clinics.

Schools

- Schools are separated into 3 levels.
- Your child will be assigned to a school.

Grade Level

Every child is placed in a grade level, Kindergarten – 12th. In elementary and middle school, grade level is based on the age of the child. In high school, grade level is based on transcripts.

Elementary School

(Ages 4-12)

*Grades Pre-K,
Kindergarten, 1, 2, 3, 4,
5*



Middle School

(Ages 12-14)

Grades 6, 7, 8



High School

(Ages 14-21)

Grades 9, 10, 11, 12



Attendance

- School attendance is required by law for children ages 6 – 18.
- Your child must go to school on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.
- Attendance is not required during teacher meetings, school vacations, and national holidays.
- Sometimes school is cancelled due to bad weather. Watch TV, listen to the radio, or call the school to check if the school is closed. The school may call you if school is closed.

Absence

If your child can't come to school due to illness, call the school.

On Time

It is important that your child arrive at school on time.

Ask the school for start and end times.

Some schools start and end at different times.



School Events

Attend school meetings, parent-teacher conferences, and school events and performances.

Parent-Teacher Conferences are important. Conferences are for parents to meet privately with teachers.

Other events may include fun activities for parents and students.



Look for notes and information from your child's teacher.

Ask your child what is happening in school.

Teachers and parents work together to be sure your child is learning!

Call the teacher or school if you have questions or concerns.

School Day

- Every school has a different schedule.
- The school day is 7.5 hours.

Lunch and Breakfast

Schools serve lunch and breakfast at specific times. Some students qualify for free lunch and breakfast. Students may bring their own food from home to eat at lunch. Students may *not* bring cafeteria food to their home.



Lockers

Students in middle school and high school will have a locker to keep their backpacks and supplies.



Work and Play

Students will learn reading, writing, math, science, and social studies in school.

They may learn other things to like art, music, and physical education.

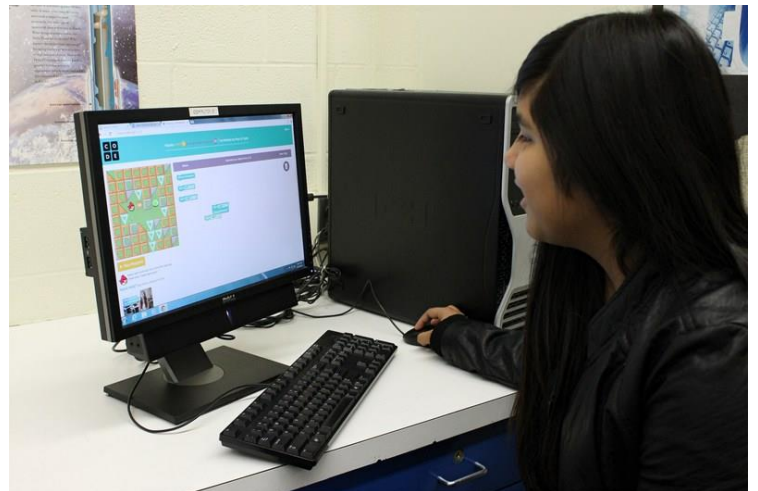
Students will work hard in school and listen to the teacher. At recess, students may talk to friends.



Students will have books to read. Most books belong to the school.

Students may work on computers.

Sometimes students work alone. Sometimes students work together.



HOMEWORK is schoolwork that your child will do at home. The student will bring the work to school the next day.

ESOL

English for Speakers of Other Languages

Teachers will help your child learn to read, write, speak, and listen in English.

Students will learn to communicate basic needs in English in 6 months to 1 year.

It takes several years to be able to read and write academic English proficiently.

ESOL and other teachers will help your child learn English at the same time he or she is learning math, science, social studies, and other subjects.

- Students take an English proficiency test every year to see how they are progressing.
- Talk to the ESOL teacher if you have any questions.

Transportation



Your child may be able to walk to school if the school is nearby. Some students will take a bus to school.

If your child misses the bus, you will have to take them to school. Ask about bus schedules and bus rules.

School Supplies

The school can tell you what supplies your child will need. These are some examples of school supplies your child might need.



Clothes

All schools have a dress code policy. Some require uniforms. Ask your school what students should wear. Ask about special clothes and shoes for gym or PE. Wear shoes and coats in the winter.



Rules for Safety

- NEVER bring weapons to school—even if they are toys.
- No fighting in school. No violence.
- No alcohol or drugs in school. No cigarettes.
- No pills or medicine in school without permission.



Other Rules

- Work hard and do your best.
- Follow school rules.
- Show respect for teachers, principals, school staff, and other students. Respect girls and women.
- "NO" means NO! Do not touch, tease, or bother someone if he or she says "no."
- Be honest.
- Do not take things that are not yours.
- Do not destroy or deface other's property.
- Do not say bad words, call people names, or say bad things about other people.

Tell a teacher or other school staff if you see or hear anything that may be dangerous or harmful!

For more information, please contact:

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