

## School Expectations

*In elementary school, parents/caregivers are often asked if they would like to help with field trips for their child's class or come into the classroom to help with special activities. These are invitations to be a volunteer. If you are able to do this, it is a valuable way to learn about the school system and your child's learning.*



## “What Schools Expect from Students and their Families”

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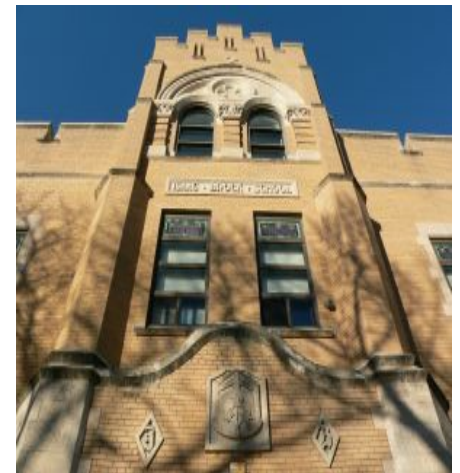
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### For students

- Attend school regularly and arrive on time for the beginning of each class.
- Come to school well rested and ready to learn.
- Eat breakfast and bring a healthy snack and lunch. (See 'Parenting' brochure)
- Dress correctly for school, the weather, and the season.



### For parents/caregivers

- Read notices and letters sent home by the teacher/school, or have someone translate them for you.
  - Return forms or requests to the teacher by the due date or sooner.
  - Inform the teacher if your child does not understand what to do in class or experiences difficulties with other children.
  - Attend parent-teacher meetings.
  - Make an appointment with the teacher for before or after school, if you want to talk about your child or have questions about his/her learning. Always make this appointment ahead of time.
  - It is important to be on time for all meetings.
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- Keep conversations with the teacher short.
  - Talk to the teacher if you have worries or concerns about your child.
  - Tell the teacher what is going well for your child.
  - If you are not sure how you can provide support at home, ask the teacher what you can do to help your child. (Also see 'Ways you can Support your Child's Learning at Home'.)