

# 15 Suggestions for Parents to Help Children Do Well in School

- ♫ Send your child to school on time each day. Schedule appointments after school hours if possible and plan vacations when school is not in session.
- ♫ Expect your child to be honest, but don't automatically believe his or her account of what happened without talking to someone at school first.
- ♫ Make every effort to follow the "chain of command" if you have a concern about our school.
- ♫ Maintain high expectations of your child. Encourage your child to work hard and stay on task, even when things seem difficult.
- ♫ Talk positively about the school and teachers. Your child's attitude will be greatly influenced by how you feel about things.
- ♫ Get to know your child's friends and acquaintances.
- ♫ Ask the school for help if needed. We may be able to assist you or refer you to someone who can help.
- ♫ Understand that "home rules" and "school rules" may be different, and help your child understand why. Teach about "Authority" at home and why rules are important.
- ♫ Talk to your child daily about what they did in school. Ask specific questions. Ask to see graded work and homework.
- ♫ Encourage your child to get involved with extra-curricular activities and be supportive of the programs they join. Attend after-school functions, Open House, PTSA meetings, etc.
- ♫ Accept the role as parent. Don't be their buddy.
- ♫ Use consequences for inappropriate behavior at home. Children need rules.
- ♫ Limit the amount of time that your child spends watching television, playing computer games or on the internet.
- ♫ Limit the amount of time your child works each week. Kids cannot work full-time and be a full-time student.
- ♫ Remind them daily to be kind and to show respect.
  - ✦ Model and teach about respect at home.
    - Respect is more than obedience, it is an attitude.
    - A respectful student can learn from mistakes.
    - A respectful student accepts responsibility for their actions.
    - A respectful student gets along with peers as well as authority figures.

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Over the years, Harrison faculty & staff have worked very hard to create a school you can feel proud to send your children to. With the help of the Harrison community, Harrison has developed many traditions of excellence in the areas of academics, athletics, citizenship, and behavior. Harrison is a safe place for students to learn and grow. We have developed a very clear and concise set of rules that are essential for us to maintain order. The following are highlights of some of those rules:

**Respect/Harassment:** The student body at Harrison is very diverse. We feel very strongly about our students' right to feel good about coming to school. Students and parents are encouraged to report any incidents of harassment. Students involved in harassment of any kind can expect to face severe disciplinary action.

**Defiance:** Students are expected to identify themselves upon request, comply with directions of teachers or other school personnel, and consent to a lawful search when asked. Failure to do so will be seen and dealt with as defiance.

**Electronic Equipment:** Students shall not bring electronic equipment or other objects to school or school activities, which can be considered disruptive and/or not being used in the educational process. Examples are, but not limited to: radios/CD players/Walkmans, electronic games/toys, laser pointers, pagers, and cell phones.

**Open Containers:** Students are reminded that open containers are not allowed in the building. Students wishing to bring drinks for lunch should make sure that the seal is not broken on the container and that it remains in their locker until lunch. Water bottles should not be carried to classes.

**Attendance/Tardies:** If a student is ill, parents should contact the school office. Students needing to leave school at any time once they have arrived must obtain clearance from the school nurse or administration. A parental contact must be received prior to the student leaving the building. Harrison seeks to encourage students to be prompt to school and classes. Understanding that an isolated incident of tardiness can occur, Harrison does not offer a penalty until a total of three regular tardies is accumulated. When students are more than five minutes late, they will receive a "Super Tardy." Students may receive Saturday School after their second "Super Tardy."

**Personal Property:** Students should NOT bring valuables or large sums of money to school.

**Hallway Congestion & Behavior:** Due to the layout of our building it is important that students keep moving in the hallways during each passing period. Two or more students congregating stop or slow the traffic flow causing other students to be tardy. Hallway congestion and horse-playing/rough-housing can cause serious injuries.

**Computers:** Students are expected to know and follow all federal, state, local and classroom laws/rules/guidelines involving the proper use of school computers.

Students are given a copy of the EVSC/Harrison High School rules and policies. All students are responsible for knowing and observing these rules and policies. If you did not have a chance to review the rules and would like to have a copy, please contact the school office.

The need to maintain appropriate discipline in schools favors more administrative discretion than might be permitted in other parts of society; therefore, each of the EVSC high schools seek to develop within each student an understanding and an appreciation of appropriate dress and grooming. Appropriate school dress is considered to be those articles of clothing which are clean, safe, modest and do not disrupt the learning environment.

#### **Schools prohibit:**

- ✘ clothing that contains symbols and/or words that promote values that are fundamentally contrary to the schools' mission.
- ✘ clothing that contains offensive illustrations and/or drug, alcohol, or tobacco slogans.
- ✘ shirts without sleeves and those that are not of an appropriate length so that they cover the midriff. (Shirts must be long enough so that they may be tucked into pants/skirts.)
- ✘ shirts of any kind that reveal the shoulders, chest or back.
- ✘ shorts and skirts that are not at least finger-tip length when arms are resting at the side of the body.
- ✘ low-rise, baggy or sagging pants that reveal any skin or undergarments.
- ✘ see-through or sheer garments.
- ✘ clothing worn differently than the manner for which it was designed.
- ✘ costumes or other garments that disrupt the learning environment.
- ✘ head coverings and sunglasses worn inside the school buildings.
- ✘ pajamas and house slippers.
- ✘ the wearing or display of any object, symbol, or clothing that could reasonably be considered gang-related or could be used as a weapon.
- ✘ chains or sharp objects.
- ✘ body piercing and/or unnatural hair coloring that disrupts the learning environment and/or is unsafe.

#### **Furthermore:**

We ask that our students use good judgment when they select shoes. In doing so, they should consider the various activities they participate in and recognize the necessity for health and safety.

It is required that coats and backpacks are secured in lockers upon arrival to school and remain there until the end of the school day. Students are permitted to wear sweatshirts, sweaters, and light warm-ups to class; anything heavier than these should be placed in lockers.

**All decisions about appropriate dress and grooming will be made by the schools' administrators. Students found to be in violation of the dress code will be asked to correct the article found to be in violation prior to returning to the classroom and could face further disciplinary action.**