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CHAPTER 2

Attending School In The United States

FAMILY AND STUDENT RIGHTS

All school-age children may access a free public school education!

- Schools **must provide** a safe and supportive environment for all students.
- Schools **must provide** a setting free of bullying and harassment.
- Schools **cannot** discriminate based on:
  - Race
  - Color
  - National Origin
  - Sex
  - Disability

What Students May Do at School

At School, your child may:

- Have more than one teacher;
- Have classes in different rooms;
- Be in class with both boys and girls;
- Have to wear uniforms;
- Eat lunch at school;
- Work together with other students;
- Be allowed to use cell phones;
- Need to raise their hand to ask questions; and/or
- Line up in a row when leaving the classroom.

Ask These Questions at Your Child's School!

- Does my child need a uniform for school?
  — If so, where can I buy or obtain it for free?
- Who are my child's teachers?
  — What is their contact information?
- Who is my child's guidance counselor?
  — What is their contact information?
- Is there someone in school who works with families?
- Does the school have a family-teacher organization?
  — If so, how do I join?

- In what grade will my child be placed in this school?
- What do I do if my child needs to miss school?
- Will my child have homework?
- Can my child receive help with homework?

- What does my child eat for breakfast/lunch?
- Where does my child eat breakfast/lunch?
- Do I need do pay for breakfast/lunch?
  — If so, how much?

- How can my child receive free or reduced price meals?

For more information please access the full version of the English Learner Family Toolkit.