

A quality public school prepares all students to succeed. Experts agree that quality public schools share the following characteristics:

High expectations for every student

Quality public schools recognize that all students can learn, and provide the tools, support and connections students need to reach their full potential.

Parent and community support

Parents and community members are actively engaged in supporting their schools in constructive ways. They hold school officials and themselves accountable for results.

Qualified teachers in every classroom

Highly qualified teachers who benefit from continuous professional development strengthen teaching and learning.

Rigorous curriculum and fair assessments

A rigorous instructional program tied to high standards builds student knowledge and strengthens critical thinking skills, while fair assessments monitor progress and truly measure what students know and can do.

Sufficient resources that help all students achieve

Student achievement is the measure of school success. Resources and teaching strategies are tied to this goal at quality public schools.

Safe, healthy and supportive learning environment

Safe, sound facilities and student enrichment activities create an environment where students can learn and grow.

Schools and classrooms equipped for teaching and learning

Students and staff have access to timely, relevant resources including up-to-date textbooks and current technology.

Strong school leadership

Principals are empowered to lead and make informed decisions that promote learning at the school level.