

Global Guides



Parents

1. Let kid business be kid business.
2. Trust the process.
3. Realize that not every child deserves a cookie, and your child may not get one.
4. Be on time for school in the morning and when picking up your child.
5. Be more focused on your child getting a good education rather than your child getting good grades.
6. Realize that we are guaranteeing to provide your child with an education. Nothing else is promised or guaranteed, and anything extra should be seen as a bonus.
7. Allow IS to push your child.
8. Keep social media posts positive.
9. Take ideas to Mr. Byard or Mrs. Vick before acting on them.
10. Show appreciation to the teachers and staff often.
11. Speak positively about staff members and the school in front of your child at all times.
12. Don't email when you're angry.
13. Realize grades aren't given; they are earned.
14. Encourage your child not to complain; tell them to "get over it" and move on.
15. Don't make excuses for your child.
16. Read your emails from the school thoroughly.
17. Avoid nagging sessions at carpool. Don't become a negative voice in your class- there is usually one.
18. Run when you see that person coming.
19. Contribute no more than 15% of the ideas and work to any of your child's projects or papers.
20. Don't be a "penny" parent. You can't come into IS and show a face of appreciation and love and then go into the community and show a different side.
21. Don't be a helicopter parent. Don't save your child every time. It is when they have to handle issues themselves that they learn to fight their own battles.
22. Recognize that we treat every child fairly, but they may not all be treated equally. At IS, the best players are put in the game, the ones who deserve it receive the recognition, and the ones who impress us receive the praise. We are not trying to reward them all equally because, quite frankly, it's not deserved equally.
23. Realize that all children have the capacity to lie, even yours.
24. Attend IS games and events and cheer with wild abandon, but also support our competitors. No yelling at refs, other schools, free throw shooters or present yourself in any negative way at any time.
25. Never pick up your child early from school unless it's a doctor's appointment or other major event.
26. Breathe.
27. Realize that we are about your kids. We have dedicated our lives to nurturing them, supporting them, loving them, and guiding them. It is our purpose, and it is our vow to you.

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