

Hello Everyone!

Today's topic is: [Social Skills for American Schools.](#)

In American schools children are taught social skills and are expected to behave appropriately. Collaboration, cooperation and participation are key components of a typical American classroom.

Activities:

1. Review: What social skills are important in American schools?
2. What is expected of children socially?
3. Questions and Comments



# What Social Skills are Taught in American Schools?

Students are expected to develop positive social skills:

Relationship skills

Sharing

Cooperation

Responsible decision-making

Listening (following directions)

Manners

Self-management

Personal space

Eye contact

Collaborating

Patience

Empathy

Respecting boundaries

Positivity!



# What is expected of a student?

Students should:

- Be respectful of the teacher and the other students
- Be friendly (and to make friends)
- Participate in classroom activities
- Be curious – ask questions



# Students are Expected to Develop Positive Social Skills

When in the classroom, the cafeteria or on the playground, students interact with their peers and teachers.

- Students receive immediate feedback from their actions and words.
- Students learn the correct behavior.



# In the Classroom

- Teaching styles are warm, caring and friendly (not strict)
- Classrooms are informal: students often sit at communal tables
- Students are allowed to get up and move around
- Creativity is encouraged



# Extracurricular Activities – Outside the Classroom

## *American schools provide more than academics*

- Further enhance social skills
  - Provide a “well-rounded” education
- Sports (soccer, tennis, swimming, football, water polo, baseball, basketball, etc.)
  - Theater
  - Music
  - Art
  - Clubs (computer, debate, chess, etc.)



## American Schools: Do you know these terms?

Bullying

Field trips

Report cards

Gym class

Recess

Parent volunteers

After school activities

School social functions

Summer camps

Parent teacher conference

“It’s all about the zip code”



# SJPL American Social Skills for English Language Learners

## Schedule February 2023 to end of June 2023

### Six-Week Sessions

February 8, 15:	Small Talk
February 22, March 1:	Manners
March 8, 15:	Talking on the telephone

### **March 22: One Week Break**

March 29, April 5:	Holidays and Celebrations
April 12, 19:	Body Language and Dress Codes
April 26, May 3:	Parenting and Schools

### **May 10: One Week Break**

May 17, 24:	Job Interviews
May 31, June 7:	Corporate Culture, Everyday Communication at Work
June 14, 21:	Meetings and Presentations at Work

