

## Expectations from a School: A Parent's Reflection

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### Abstract

*This paper is a reflective account of a parent on expectations from school. As a mother of two daughters and a teacher educator, the author uses personal reflections to share the expectations that a parent has from a school. This holds particular relevance when we send a young child to school for the first time. The significant change in the environment requires a lot of expectation from the child. The child will be well adjusted when the expectations of parents and schools match and the two work together to help the child to learn and grow.*

When I thinking about the perfect school for my child, I see my child getting love, care and all the required attention from the teachers. Being a girl child, before going to school, she would have always had a sense of security and protection at home. As it is said, 'school is a second home for the child', therefore, as a parent, it is an inherent expectation that she should be comfortable and that she feels safe in the school. Also she should feel that she belongs to the school. She can share her feelings with the teacher. She gets appreciated for each effort she makes, each step towards progress should get appreciated so that she is encouraged and motivated to actively participate in school activities, and at the same time, she would look forward to a new day at school. The teacher should be able to identify the child's interests and special talents and help her perform to her fullest potential. The teachers are I think, like role models for the child, so they will inculcate the right values and attitudes in the child. As per my aspect, the school will develop awareness about the environmental issues and sensitize my child towards issues like pollution, widespread diseases, health and hygiene etc. The child will joyfully and willingly learn new things. The learning processes should be joyous, filled with new personal discoveries.

The child would be encouraged to learn and discover something new each day. Learning by stirring the child's curiosity will help making the entire learning process more attention seeking. Parents and teachers interact productively for the betterment of the child. Learning should not be a stress. Teachers will treat my child with respect and help her develop knowledge, character and an amicable personality. The teacher will win trust of my child by respecting her as an individual and believing in her potential. Each student of the class should be respected as a human being, regardless of their talents, abilities and beliefs. When students know that their teachers believe in them and would never abandon them, it can become a source of tremendous courage, enabling them to achieve immeasurable growth. No a days, economically weaker section of the society a part of school admission quote, so my child will be able to respect them and understand and relate to the discrimination free country more than a concept. The school will identify the strengths of the children and share it with the parents. The school will provide the best possible environment through greater communication and teamwork between the school and families to nurture our children.