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The ABCs on Michael J. Perkins School Community Expectations for Students & Families 2017 - 2018 SY

Attendance

Students are expected to *arrive on time at 8:15 a.m.* with their completed class work, homework, and supplies—*Ready to Learn*. Students are considered *tardy at 8:40 a.m.* Students who have perfect or almost perfect attendance receive awards, prizes, and other incentives.

BPS Policy indicates:

- Absences require a parent/guardian note or verifiable doctor's note provided within a week of an absence. Parent notes after a week following an absence will not be accepted.
- 4 unexcused absences in 1 term can lead to your child receiving "No Credit" or "1" for that term.
- 2 or more terms with all "1s" will lead to automatic retention declaration.
- 12 unexcused absences in a year can lead to your child failing for the school year.
- 5 or more unexcused absences in 1 term will lead to a meeting with the Principal, BPS Social Worker, and a possible Court Filing.

We know that students who arrive on campus ready to learn and are fully present for learning have a greater chance of success. **Our final period of learning ends at 3:05 p.m.** During this time, students are receiving their homework, completing exit tickets for what they learned during their day, and we strongly encourage families to communicate ahead of time if their child needs to be dismissed earlier.

All parents/guardians must communicate in writing by noon of a school day about changes in how their children are going home at the end of a school day. This is a safety measure specifically designed for your child's well being. **We will only accept emails, faxes, and/or written notifications from the legal parent/guardian(s) about changes in dismissal.**

Bus Transportation

Students are expected to demonstrate great respect and responsibility while riding the school bus. Students who make good choices on the bus will be rewarded. **The bus driver is the authority figure on the bus.** If a student is named in a written report for misbehavior, they will be denied transportation for up to 2 weeks, pending investigation. If a student intentionally continues to be disrespectful to the bus driver, his peers, the bus attendant, and/or the drivers and people walking the streets of our neighborhood, they will be removed from the bus indefinitely.

Cell Phones

Any parent who is sending their child with a cell phone must register it with the main office by [completing our form](#) and return it school ASAP. Students are expected to come to school with their cell phone turned off. **They are expected to give it to their teacher upon entering into the classroom. Failure to do so will result in disciplinary action.**

Dress For Success

MJP Students will come to school dressed in their appropriate school uniform each day. They earn individual points and class points for full participation. *See the MJP Uniform Policy for specifics.*

Excellence in Scholarship, Citizenship, and Leadership

MJP Students will be rewarded regularly for coming to school prepared to learn, demonstrating great citizenship and leadership, and showing their Perkins Pride. *We host Community Day of Scholars Awards Programs on December 15, March 29, and June 14th to highlight student achievement and success.* Parents and community partners are invited to participate in this very lively and motivating experience.



Fun Fridays

On the first Friday of each month, we will be selling fun and healthy snacks during our students recess block. Teachers may also host exciting games and enrichment activities for those students who earn the privilege by performing well on class work and homework, good behavior, and wearing their uniform consistently.

Groups

- MJP Perkins Pride Ambassadors support school recycling, urban gardening, and more
- Boys' Group (Brothers of Distinction)
- Girls' Group (Wonderfully Made)
- MJP Solution Team (Anti-Bullying & Peer Advisory Support)

Homework

It is **your child's responsibility to get their homework completed and brought into their classrooms on time.** Homework **does** count towards your child's report card grade. If your child needs homework assistance, please let your child's teacher know.

Invest Your Time, Talent, & Treasure

- Will you donate at least 2 hours during the school year to support your child and his/her school?

- Are you willing to share your talents of event planning, cooking, reading, architecture, gardening, and/or organizing to support our school?
- Are you willing to donate \$ to support our arts programs, student groups, and/or school community events that ultimately helps the entire school?

If you said “Yes” to one or more of these questions, please come see us or contact us to get started!

Just Take 10!

Even if your child says they did their homework at after school or on the bus. Take at least 10 minutes to review their work with them. Ask them to explain how they got the answers they did. Did they make sense? Do they believe this is the best work they could do to be successful? 10 minutes or more each night is a healthy investment in your child’s future!

Knowledge is Power!

Research indicates that children who read at [least 20 or more minutes each night with a text on their reading level are likely to grow by 1.5 years.](#) The more you read, the more you know, the more you know, and the more you grow!

Leadership (School Site Council)

We are looking for Parent Leaders who are willing to help us move our school to greater heights. We are seeking parents who are lively and love to cook, fundraise, advocate for their child and our school community, and will help us make decisions that put our children first. If you are interested in [joining our School Site Council](#), please contact Ms. Correa-Gonzalez, MJP Director of Engagement.



Michael J. Perkins Social Media

Please stay connected with us on Twitter, Facebook, and Blogger!

<http://michaeljperkinsschool.org>

<http://twitter.com/mjperkins2014>

No Excuses Atmosphere!

The Michael J. Perkins School has high expectations because we want your child(ren) to have the best life options available to them! Lets work together on this!

Open Door Policy for Purposeful 2 Way

Communication & Collaboration

We will do our best to keep our doors and lines of communication open for purposeful discussions that support the best options for our students.

[Perkins Parent Power](#) (←click link)

We expect our Perkins Parents to use their Power by donating at least 2 hours of service to the MJP School Community during the year. We will honor Perkins Power Families who have achieved at least 50 or more hours over the course of the year at the June Community Day of Scholars Program.

Quality Education For *Every Student, Every Day!*

Reports & Communications

We are committed to providing weekly communications to families on student conduct, effort, and progress using our new *MJP Communication Agendas*. These have been purchased to keep the lines of communication open between students, families, and MJP staff about student achievement, performance, and behavior! *We will provide families with 3 mid-term progress reports in October, January, and May and 3 semester report cards in December, March, and June.* Please take advantage of this opportunity to stay plugged into your child's education at the Michael J. Perkins School.

School Site Council

We invite and encourage families to participate in one of the Most Powerful Forces at the MJP—our School Site Council. The MJP School Site Council is a team comprised of teachers, parents, community partners and the principal. We work together to create programs and initiatives that will advance the needs of our children and their education. The School Site Council also leads & supports fundraising, school budget recommendations, school events, the hiring process, and more.



Transparency & Trust

With our children's best interest first, we want families to have access to information and/or resources as soon as it's available to make the best decisions we can. It requires a true partnership between the school and family.

United with Community Partners

We are partnered with organizations such as BOKs, Boston Children's Hospital, Boston Children's Museum, Boston Housing Authority, Boston Public Schools' Office of Engagement, Boston Public Schools' Opportunity & Achievement Gap Office, Boston University Dental School, Boys & Girls' Club of South Boston Children's Services of Roxbury, Community Music Center of Boston, Excel High School, Handel & Haydn Society, J.P. Licks, L & M Bargain Stores, Lesley University, Mass Mentoring Inc., MassSTART/Wediko, New Balance Foundation, Paraclete Foundation, Star Market @ Morrissey Boulevard, South Shore Mental Health, The Spot Clothing, Tierney Learning Center, and many many more.

Voices will be heard

We provide various means of communication so that our students, staff, and families can contribute to fruitful decisions about our school. We invite families to participate in School Site Council, Parent Council, volunteer, participate on surveys and school wide activities, and more. We encourage our students regularly through our student groups to help make decisions that make the Michael J. Perkins School a great "home away from home".

Welcoming Environment

We want each and every member of our MJP Community to be invested partners in the business of educating our children!

eXcellence

is eXpected of ALL Students & Staff Everyday!

YOU MATTER!

Zero Tolerance for Bullying!

We strongly encourage the MJP Community to stamp out bullying. We do not want a single child to endure cruelty, meanness, or abuse. We will do everything in our power as a community to ensure that every child is respected as individuals. We will need your support and the help of everyone to make this a reality!

MJP Uniform Policy 2017 – 2018 SY

*We must dress to show the world that we love who we are!
We represent greatness, integrity, and tremendous character.
United we will change the world!*



Every MJP student is expected to arrive on campus dressed to impress in his or her uniform for an amazing day of learning. Students who illustrate the expectation are rewarded.

Boys	Girls
M.J.P. Logo T-shirts	
White and Royal Blue Polos with(out) MJP Logo.	
White button-up dress shirt	White dress blouse
Belt around waist	Black Uniform Skirts/Jumpers (knee length)
No fitted caps in building	Black Uniform Skorts (at least mid thigh)
Black Uniform pant (no denim jeans), shorts and/or sweat pants.	
Black sweats with MJP logo only	
Black cardigans, sweaters, vests	
Ties desired but optional	

Other MJP Uniform Policy Expectations

- Students who fully participate in the uniform policy will earn points towards weekly and monthly prizes for themselves and their class.
- Students will not be able to participate in any field trip or field experiences if they do not fully participate in BPS & MJP uniform policy expectations due to safety concerns.
- If families have any questions and/or concerns about the school uniform and/or its policy, please contact Ms. Correa-Gonzalez.

Michael J. Perkins Elementary School
Home of Outstanding World Learners & Leaders



School Based Expectations

All Michael J. Perkins Students will:

- ★ Come to school everyday, *on time*, Ready to Learn!
- ★ Respect all people, property, and different perspectives.
- ★ Show us the best “You” everyday in all you do and all that you are.
- ★ Take responsibility for your behavior, actions, and learning.
- ★ Be prepared to be rewarded for Academic, Behavioral, Citizenship, and Leadership Excellence when demonstrated consistently.