

## What Makes a Quality Public School?

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

**❑ College- and career-readiness**

A quality public school must graduate students from high school who are prepared for college and a career.

**❑ 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.