

Expectation Statements for All Students at The Chandler School

All teachers have certain expectations for their students, some written and some unwritten. Teachers in child-centered schools live by the following expectations.

1. This is important. You can do it. As your teacher, I will never quit on you.
2. Your grade on this test is totally dependent on the quality of your effort.
3. The Chandler School is committed to all student achieving certain minimum standards.
4. We expect every student to do quality work at high levels; when students fall short of high standards, we are committed to re-teaching until those standards are attained.
5. Student success is directly attributable to two factors: the expertise of the teacher and the commitment of the student.
6. Committed teachers create committed students.
7. Mistakes help one learn.
8. One is not supposed to “get it” the first time. Hard work is required.
9. Good students work together, ask for feedback, and seek help.
10. All children can do rigorous work at high standards.
11. Consistent effort, focus, and good strategies are the main determinants of success.
12. I set as the goal the maximum capacity that people have – I settle for no less. I make myself a relentless architect of the possibilities of human beings.
13. I do not believe in the gifted. If that have ganas, I can make them do it. The kids are capable. All they need is a chance to do it.
14. Pay attention to the end of the road and not just turns. (Keep an eye on the big picture/the ultimate goal.)
15. A student is expected to find the courage to:
 - i. Make mistakes
 - ii. Ask for help
 - iii. Commit physically and emotionally to their learning
 - iv. “SCREW UP, SUCK IT UP, AND LOVE IT!”
16. All students will be master learners (hence, all teachers will be master teachers).
17. PERSE(R)VERE (and make mistakes in the process)
18. DREAM: about teaching more and learning more
19. Students will commit to learning and teachers will commit to students.
20. On a daily basis, show/tell students the beauty and importance of the material they are learning.
21. Learning will not happen to you; it can only happen with you. “You gotta push *play*.”
22. Teacher Skills + (expectation, confidence, attitude)= Achievement
23. “No Excuses” means that there will be difficulties but that does not relieve our students of accountability; there will be swift responses to both meeting and not meeting responsibility.
24. Each student is pushed toward high standards of excellence, although rates and approaches may vary.
25. The expectation of a teacher is to express compassion towards students and their learning with the understanding that they will be committed to re-teaching until the standards are achieved.
26. Every encounter with a student at The Chandler School will convey they adult believes in him and is there for him.

“You do not merely want to be considered just the best of the best. You want to be considered the only ones who do what you do.” – Jerry Garcia