



Bridging Refugee Youth & Children's Services

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Family School Orientation Checklist

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World Relief-Chicago
Youth Services, K-12 Program
Family School Orientation Checklist

Name: _____ Date: _____ Time: _____ Location: _____

Ages children go to school in US

- Pre K optional
- K-12
- Illegal to drop out until age 16
- School name, location

Enrollment process

- Family must bring: I-94, School physical, Lease/gas bill/electric bill, Public Aid number, Social Security cards, Prior school documents

School calendar

- Mon-Fri, 8:30-2:30
- Vacations (winter, spring, summer)
- Show school calendar for other days off: in-services, holidays

School uniforms and supplies

- Blue pants, white shirt
- What World Relief does and does not provide
- Checking and emptying backpack each night, and keeping kids' materials separate
- School fees

Missing school/medical

- Doctor appts, illness or emergencies only
- Must send note to school or call
- Must show school documentation of any immunizations, medications

Helping children succeed in school

- Getting to bed on time - 9-10 hours of sleep for children
- Doing homework - quiet space, daily routine
- Talking with your children about school each day
- Having children eat well at breakfast and lunch

Subjects students take at school

- General subjects: Math, Reading, Writing, Science, History
- Other subjects: Foreign language, technology, gym, music, art
- ESL
- After school activities/tutoring

Behavior in school

- Raising hand
- Asking questions
- Practicing English
- No fighting - proper conflict resolution
- No touching others
- Hygiene - shower daily

Interacting with the school

- Parents welcome to go to teachers with any questions or concerns
- Report Cards
- Worker to provide the family with a contact sheet for the school

Parenting/Student behavior at home

- DCFS requirements
- Appropriate discipline
- Domestic violence

Staff Signature: _____