

Citizenship at School

During the school year, you spend a big part of your day at school. You have many chances to show good citizenship during this time.

To begin with, you can obey the rules. Schools have rules for the same reason that communities have laws. Rules help people get along. They protect both the common good and each person's rights. For instance, your school probably has rules about treating other people and their property with respect. And you have the right to be treated with respect, too.

Taking part in making decisions is a big part of citizenship. Do you elect leaders for your class, or for clubs or groups? Do you sometimes get to vote on projects or rules for your class or your school? Do you listen carefully to other people's points of view? If so, you're practicing good citizenship.

Voting is a big part of citizenship.





Helping other students is one way to be a good citizen at school.

You can also do things for the common good. Could some of your schoolmates use a helping hand? Are there problems at your school that you can help solve? Here are a few examples of things that students like you have done:

- Students at one school created illustrated books for kindergarteners. The books helped the young children learn about their new school.
- A group of third graders had a problem with bullies on the school bus. The third graders designed a program for bus safety. They worked together with older students, school officials, parents, and bus drivers.
- Many students tutor younger students in reading and other subjects.

Your school may have other projects or programs you can get involved in. Or you could start one yourself. Being a leader is another way to show good citizenship.

Complete the web to tell ways you can be a good citizen.
One example has been done for you.

