

Take Your Legislator to School Week

November 11-18, 2022



Goal: to foster connections between legislators and public schools by giving legislators the opportunity to spend a significant amount of time (3+ hours) in a school setting where they can see the challenges and triumphs of the average school day.

Planning the Day

Your legislator has agreed to visit your school for Take Your Legislator to School Week. What's next? Here are some suggestions to plan the day.

Invite your legislator to:

- Ride the bus to or from school
- Participate in drop off or pick up with school staff
- Join the staff doing breakfast duty
- Assist a teacher with a lesson
- Spend time in the teachers' lounge during the lunch period
- Tour the unique features or visit the unique programs in your school
- Attend an assembly
- Accompany staff to recess duty
- Play a game with students in before or after care
- Join teachers' plan time to better understand how lessons are planned
- Schedule a meet and greet for parents and teachers after school
- Take pictures and share them on your social media and/or school newsletters
- Showcase the ways your school partners with the community and/or PTA
- Visit the counselor and nurse's offices
- Shelve books in the library
- Shadow a custodian
- Follow a student's schedule
- Spend time in the office with the school secretary

Once you've decided on the activities that best suit your school, create a schedule for your legislator with the times and locations for each item on the agenda. If you'd like your legislator to ride the bus, it would be best to share that schedule with him/her in advance. See the sample schedule for ideas.

Contacts

Would you like help planning for a legislator's visit? Contact Tammy McCartney, OKPTA VP of Advocacy, vpadvocacy@okpta.org, or Ellen Pogemiller, OEA Legislative and Political Organizing Specialist, epogemiller@okea.org.

Sample Schedule

Take Your Legislator to School Schedule for Senator Scholar

Tuesday, November 15

8:45	Check in at the office
8:50-9:10	Car Rider Drop off, greet and help unload students, Front of School
9:15-9:40	Join the 3rd grade team's plan period to lesson plan, Room 100
9:40-10:05	Visit the counselor and nurse's offices
10:05-10:15	Break time!
10:20-10:45	Assemble model cells with Mr. Science's 5th grade, Room 108
10:45-11:10	Join Ms. Athlete for 2nd grade motor skill circuits, Gym
11:15-12:15	Enjoy lunch in the Teacher's Lounge and meet the teachers
12:20-1:00	Playground duty with Mr. Art
1:05-1:20	Shadow Mr. Clean, Custodian's office
1:25-1:45	Assembly, Gym
1:50-2:25	Shelve books in the library
2:30-3:00	One on one reading with Ms. Novel's 1st grade, Room 115
3:05-3:30	Pictures in the office and get car rider numbers
3:55	Car rider duty

Notes: This schedule is based on an elementary school that starts at 9:10. It asks legislators to arrive at the time staff reports.

Legislators may not want to spend the full day. This schedule can be adapted for half day schedules.