

school search parent checklist | finding the best school for the littles we love

	Answer	Notes
Location:		
How far is the school?		
How long is the commute?		
How easy is parking?		
Does the school feel welcoming?		
Are classrooms clean, airy, and open?		
Frequency:		
How often will class meet?		
How long is the class day?		
Are there before care or aftercare options?		
Are there 'lunch bunch' options?		
Teachers:		
Are the teachers state-certified educators?		
How often do the teachers have professional development opportunities?		
What is the teacher-student ratio?		
Are parent volunteers permitted in the classroom?		
What safety precautions are taken at the school? Are all teachers and volunteers fingerprinted and given background checks?		
Who is the director? What is his/ her background?		
Curriculum:		
How are classes organized? What is the daily schedule?		
What is the school's educational philosophy?		
How do I feel about school's educational philosophy?		
Are lessons age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate?		
Does the school take field trips?		
Other:		
Are doors locked after drop-off? What is the sign-in/ sign-out procedure?		
How is tuition processed each month?		
Is there a discount for paying in full, upfront?		
What is the sibling discount?		
What are my fundraising obligations?		
How are snacks handled--by the school or by parents?		
What is the school's allergy policy?		
How does the school handle birthdays? Holidays?		
What is the school's potty training policy?		
How does the school handle hitting/ biting/ bullies?		

