



EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION

Questions Parents Should Ask When Looking at Potential Pre-Schools

General School Information

What are the class sizes?
What is the child to teacher ratio?
What is a typical day like?
How is discipline handled?
What philosophy do they follow?

Staff Information

What is the turnover rate for the staff?
What degrees are held by the staff?
Do the teachers stay and engage with the children?

Overall Feel

Do I feel welcome here?
Do the children in the setting seem happy?
How does the space feel? Is it open and bright?
What types of activities, toys and materials do they have for the children?

Parent Involvement

Do they require volunteer hours from parents?
Can you visit the school at anytime? Unannounced? Why not?
Are there family interaction days during the year?
How are the parents updated as to a child's successes and challenges?

Safety

Is everyone CPR certified or only a few of the staff?
What kind of background check does the school do during the hiring of staff?
How is the building secured?
Are the classrooms clean and safe?
What are the safety procedures for picking up and dropping off?

Convenience

Do they offer a trial day before you enroll?
Is there flexible or part-time scheduling available?
Is the location convenient?
Is there convenient parking?